

Spring 2025 Newsletter

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Message from the Vice Provost



Amidst these unprecedented challenges and attacks on higher education, our work continues to lift up our community-based research that helps fulfill our public mission as a university to serve all the peoples of our city, state, and beyond. Please join us for these events as you are able and thank you for your continued partnership.

David K. Yoo
Vice Provost & Professor

Race in the Global Past through Native Lenses supported by the Mellon Foundation elevate Native American, Pacific Islander and other Indigenous scholarship on historical articulations of “race” and “Indigeneity”

This April 2025, CMRS Center for Early Global Studies and American Indian Studies Center organized a workshop on our relationship with fire, with special guests, Gladys Tzul Tzul (Maya K'iche'), Elder Diana Almendariz (Maidu/Wintun/Hupa/Yurok), and Nina Fontana (UC Davis).

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UCLA 40th Annual Powwow

The American Indian Student Association presents UCLA 40th Annual Powwow. This event is free and open to the public on Saturday, May 3, 10am–10pm and Sunday, May 4, 10am–6pm, at the UCLA Wallis Annenberg Stadium.

[Learn More](#)



Will Gow “Performing Chinatown” talk on May 14, 4 PM

On Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 4 PM at Charles E. Young Research Library, Level A, Professor William Gow (CSU Sacramento) will have a discussion with filmmaker and professor Renee Tajima-Peña from UCLA's Asian American Studies Department about his new book, *Performing Chinatown* (Stanford University Press, 2024). *Performing Chinatown* “retells the long-overlooked history of the ways that Los Angeles Chinatown shaped Hollywood and how Hollywood, in turn, shaped perceptions of Asian American identity.” This event is generously supported by the Stanley Kwok Lau and Dora Wong Lau Endowment in Chinese American Studies at the UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

Book talk RSVP link: <https://bit.ly/3RSufcr>



Asian American Language Needs in L.A. Wildfires

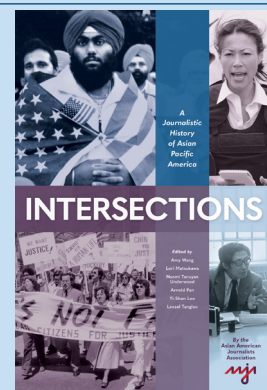
A data brief by AASC, research and community partners reveals that nearly 50,000 Asian Americans resided in the evacuation zone areas, with over 12,000 of them needing language assistance. The report shows that the diversity of the dozens of languages calls for targeted, multilingual emergency preparedness, response and recovery strategies that go beyond a one-size-fits-all approach. Read the data brief at:

<https://www.aasc.ucla.edu/resources/aalanguagelawildfires.aspx>



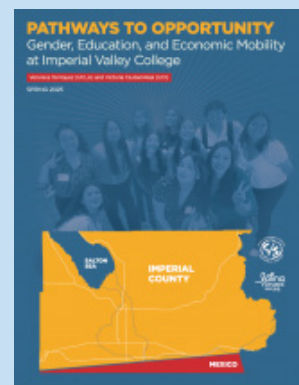
Intersections: A Journalistic History of Asian Pacific America

A new book *"Intersections: A Journalistic History of Asian Pacific America"* chronicles pivotal events where AAPI journalists and AAJA members played crucial roles, often being the first to speak out in newsrooms and public forums. It is composed of 18 chapters and 16 profiles of prominent AAJA members including Connie Chung, Ann Curry, Corky Lee, and Helen Zia. Chapters cover events including the murder of Vincent Chin in 1982, the 1992 Los Angeles Uprisings, September 11th attacks in 2001, up to the Maui wildfires of 2023. The book arrives at a pivotal moment for journalism and academia when matters of truth, accuracy, and the humanizing of voices from within our communities matter for our future.



CSRC Publishes Research on Imperial Valley Youth

To invest in the future, the CSRC is deepening its research on young people—their civic engagement, economic well-being, and aspirations for their families and communities. In partnership with Imperial Valley College students, CSRC recently conducted research that not only highlights the gendered and economic realities of this population but also amplifies their vision for a more sustainable and equitable future. Findings in the reports *"Pathways to Opportunity"* and *"Perspectives of Imperial Valley College Students on Local Investments"* can help guide local policymakers, including those currently discussing lithium-related economic development.



CSRC Welcomes Inaugural HSI STEM Faculty Director

In January, the CSRC was thrilled to welcome its inaugural HSI STEM faculty director, [Osvaldo Gutierrez](#), professor of chemistry. An immigrant from Mexico who was raised in Sacramento and a proud UCLA and UC Davis alumnus ([read his personal essay here](#)), Gutierrez is committed to expanding STEM pathways for scholars from underrepresented backgrounds and will contribute to interdepartmental collaborations on STEM initiatives that advance UCLA's goals of inclusive excellence.



Commemoration: 40th Anniversary of the Making of "We Are the World" and the Creation of USA for Africa

On April 14, 2025, the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies and USA for Africa commemorated the 40th Anniversary of the Making of We Are the World and the Creation of USA for Africa at the UCLA Meyer and Renee Luskin Conference Center. The event included a welcome reception, private documentary screening of *Stand Together As One: The Famine, The Music, The Impact* and a Q&A discussion with guest speakers.

