



Message from the Vice Provost

The 2025-26 academic year is underway, and it is wonderful to see the energy and activity that a new year brings, especially given the troubling times that we are facing now.

Our centers continue to engage in vital work, and we are grateful for your partnership as we keep on keeping on.

Sincerely,
David K. Yoo
Vice Provost & Professor

Dr. Viki Eagle new Director of the Tribal Leadership Academy

The American Indian Studies Center (AISC) is delighted to welcome Dr. Viki Eagle (Sicangu Lakota) as the new Director of the Tribal Leadership Academy (TLA), formerly known as the Tribal Learning Community & Educational Exchange (TLCEE). Originally established in 2003 through a generous \$4 million grant from Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation, the program has been reimagined and is now housed at the AISC. Welcome, Dr. Eagle!



“Special Election November 2025: Redistricting and the Consequences for Asian American Voters”

A new AASC policy initiative report, “Special Election November 2025: Redistricting and the Consequences for Asian American Voters” by Professor Natalie Masuoka provides an objective and detailed analysis of proposed congressional redistricting maps and their impact on Asian American voters. These maps will appear on the November 4, 2025 special election ballot as Proposition 50.

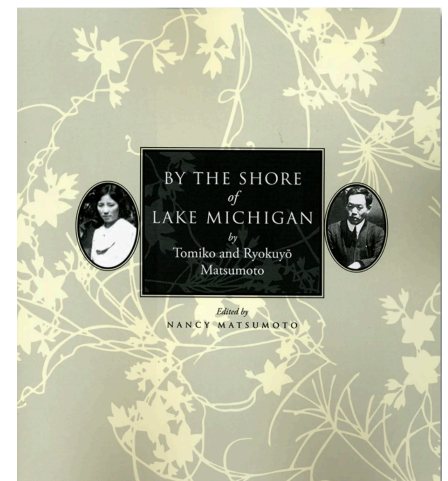
The report is available at:
<https://www.aasc.ucla.edu/resources/policyreports/SpecialElectionsNovember2025.pdf>

By The Shore of Lake Michigan receives “American Book Award” by the Before Columbus Foundation

By the Shore of Lake Michigan, Tomiko and Ryokuyo Matsumoto’s collection of Japanese tanka poetry, is one of the winners of the American Book Award. The awards were created to provide recognition for outstanding literary achievement from the entire spectrum of America’s diverse literary community. The purpose of the awards is to recognize literary excellence without limitations or restrictions. The volume, accessible to English-language readers for the first time offers a rare look into the inner lives of an often-overlooked generation during the most difficult period of their lives.

For more information about the American Book Award, please visit:
<https://www.beforecolumbusfoundation.com>

The book is available at:
<https://www.aasc.ucla.edu/news/bytheshoreoflakemichigan.aspx>



Arthur Ashe Legacy and launch of the Global Youth Leadership Academy

In January 2025, Arthur Ashe Legacy at UCLA (AAL) joined the Ralph J. Bunche Center. Through the leadership of Faculty Director, Robert Cooper, Professor of Education and Director of AAL, announced the launch of the Global Youth Leadership Academy (GYLA) — an ambitious new initiative built on Ashe's (UCLA alum, class of '66) lifelong commitment to equity, education, and social change, inspired by the 50th anniversary of his historic 1975 Wimbledon win. In September, the Global Youth Leadership Academy welcomed its first cohort of students in London, bringing together emerging leaders from the United States, the United Kingdom, and South Africa.



Latina Futures 2050 Lab Supports Dolores Huerta Foundation in Creation of New Educational Lesson Plans

The K–12 resources pay tribute to Dolores Huerta's legacy and expand inclusive education under California's FAIR Education Act. The lesson plans were developed in partnership with the Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas at UC Santa Cruz (UCSC) and funded by the Latina Futures 2050 Lab, a research initiative spearheaded by the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center (CSRC).

[Link to full story](#)

[Link to full lesson plans](#)

Honoring the legacy of Dolores Huerta: New Instructor's Guide and educational lesson plans for elementary and high school students.



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CSRC Community-engaged Research Featured in UCLA's

#ResearchPowersProgress Campaign



The social media posts celebrated Bruins in the CSRC's nonpartisan California Freedom Summer (CFS) project, which is conducting research on youth concerns in California's Central Valley. CFS is supported in part by the Institute of American Cultures, UCLA Gold Shield Alumnae, and individual donors.



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