

Spring 2024 Newsletter

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Message from the Vice Provost



This spring we are bustling with activity, and we hope you may be able to take part – whether in-person, online, or through reading or watching. We are appreciative of your support and partnership as we seek to make a difference through research that advances social justice.

Best wishes,
David K. Yoo
Vice Provost & Professor

UCLA honored as a top producer of Fulbright U.S. Scholars for 2023–24

Fulbright scholar, Kyle Mays, will examine how the University of Edinburgh, Scotland is exploring the history of enslavement and colonialism and how they are imagining ideas of reparatory justice for historical wrongs. Mays is an Associate Professor of African American Studies, American Indian Studies, and History.

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Video “Time Capsule” features American Indian Studies Scholars

In 2011, four Bruins pledged to serve Native communities. In a video produced by the American Indian Studies Center, Native students involved with the center shared personal stories and struggles about their academic journeys.

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2024 AAPI Policy Summit: Moving from Collective Knowledge to Action

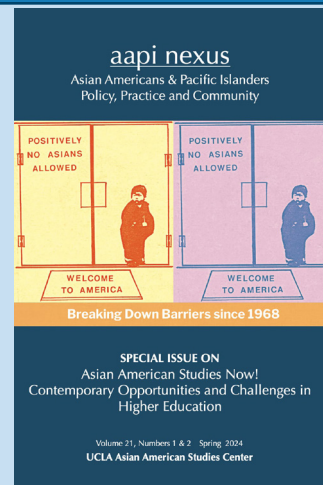
The Summit addressed critical advocacy for higher education, ethnic studies, hidden homelessness, civic engagement and voter participation, and other timely topics. Panel sessions offered dynamic platforms for dialogue, collaboration, and strategic visioning towards the broader goal of transforming communities through collective knowledge, action, and care. The Summit was co-organized with the California Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus and the Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander American Affairs. You can view video recordings of the panel sessions at: <https://www.aasc.ucla.edu/aapipolicy/summit2024/scheduleagenda.aspx>



New AAPI Nexus Journal publication “Asian American Studies Now!: Contemporary Opportunities and Challenges in Higher Education”

AB 1460 made California the first state to require Ethnic Studies as a university graduation requirement, propelling the fields of Asian American Studies and Ethnic Studies front and center to address new and dynamic curricular changes. The new special issue of *AAPI Nexus Journal* features strategies for overcoming obstacles in implementing the Ethnic Studies requirement in the California State University, California Community College, and University of California educational systems, as well as private universities and K-12 public schools.

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Latina Futures Symposium brings together leaders focused on Latinas’ well-being

For [Latina Futures: Transforming the Nation through Law and Policy](#), the largest Latina Futures 2050 Lab event to date, the CSRC worked with the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute (LPPI) and [a national planning committee of experts](#) to bring together over four hundred prominent lawyers, elected officials, and community advocates to foster a shared understanding of the legal challenges and opportunities that impact the well-being of Latinas and their families. Read the UCLA Newsroom story and [watch the symposium highlight reel](#).



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“Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies” now published by University of California Press in collaboration with CSRC Press

To celebrate this new partnership, UC Press is pleased to present the Spring 2024 issue online free of charge! Topics in the Spring 2024 issue range from Chicano murals and television programming, the lasting cultural impact of *Selena*, and the DREAMER narrative to the recovery of Brown histories through digital mapping. The art of Nora Chapa Mendoza is featured. online.ucpress.edu/aztlan

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Persistent gaps for Black Californians would take over 248 years to close

The State of Black California 2024 report analyzes two decades of socioeconomic status data. The report was published by the Black Policy Project, an initiative of the Bunche Center. “The Equality Index’s measures can help our leaders and lawmakers to better understand the lasting impacts of racial inequality on Black Californians’ social and economic opportunities,” said Bunche Center Director Lorrie Frasure. Michael Stoll, faculty director of the Black Policy Project and author of the report, said, “Although there is a long way to go, the data shows that with investment and action, the lives and socioeconomic outcomes of Black Californians can significantly improve.”

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