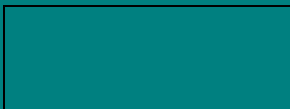


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# Asian Mode

## From the Section Chair

Greetings Asia and Asian America Section members! I hope you're all settling into summer and finding some time to relax before we all meet again in August.

Our section activities at the annual meeting in Denver are shaping up and it should be a busy day of memorable events. Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, will begin with one of our two Section sessions, "From the Boundaries to the Core: New Insights in Asian American Studies" at 8:30am. Come hear about the new scholarly contributions of Eric Fong and his research team's study of early immigrant business clustering, Dana Y. Nakano's investigations of 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Japanese Americans, Amy Yuan Zhou's study of the (de)racialization of health services, and Daniel B. Eisen and his collaborators' insights into Filipino identity. Much thanks to C.N. Le for organizing this terrific panel.

Our next Section session, "Asia and Migration: New Directions in the New Global Economy" is scheduled for 10:30am that day. This panel investigates how the vast numbers and dynamic conditions in the transnational flow of people today have set the stage for new conceptualizations of migration that are closely tied to the rapidly changing realities of the global economy. For instance, in his investigation of the Vietnamese diaspora, Hung Thai focuses on the personal and social consequences of an emergent remittance economy in Ho Chi Minh City. Sharmila Rudrappa examines US American gay men's access to fatherhood through surrogate mothers in India. Bandana Purkayastha's research team offers a

theoretical intervention in the migration literature by incorporating new political economic understandings of forced migrations, in particular sex trafficking. Finally, Min Zhou's work sheds light on the significance of new enclaves of African merchants and traders in Guangzhou, China.

Grab lunch nearby (perhaps with your mentor/mentee for those of you participating in the second year of our program) and come back to the conference by 2:30pm for the Section Roundtables. Then, stay for the Section business meeting, which follows at 3:30pm. And, for the finale, end the day at our Section Reception at 7pm at Wynkoop Brewing Company located within walking distance of the Colorado Convention Center in the "LoDo" neighborhood. Denver is famous for its local breweries and Wynkoop is known for its small batch beers. But, regardless of your drink preferences, come join us to catch up with all your fabulous Section friends, celebrate the Section Award winners and lend your support to the new Section leadership, especially Lynn Fujiwara as she takes over as Chair.

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## About *Asian Mode*

*Asian Mode* is the newsletter of the Section on Asia and Asian America of the American Sociological Association and is edited by Jiannbin Lee Shiao, Section Secretary/Treasurer, Department of Sociology, 1291 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1291; [JShiao@UOregon.edu](mailto:JShiao@UOregon.edu); Phone: 541-346-5366; Fax: 541-346-5026. Contributions to the newsletter are very welcome. Previous issues can be found online at: <http://www2.asanet.org/sectionasia/news-archive.html>.

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This year, we are honoring Miliann Kang and Leland Saito as co-winners of the Book Award. The Research Paper award goes to co-authors, Q. Forrest Zhang and John A. Donaldson. And, Naomi Hsu of UC-Berkeley will receive the Graduate Student Paper award. Professor Hung Cam Thai will be acknowledged with the Outstanding Teaching Award and Professor Nadia Kim will receive the Early Career Award. Congratulations! And, my gratitude to all the committee members who volunteered their precious time and considerable energy to this important work: **Bandana Purkaystha, Margaret Abraham, Yingyi Ma, Ho-fung Hung, Anna Guevarra, C.N. Le, Leland Saito, Mia Tuan, and Jiannbin Shiao.** Also, my sincere thanks to Monisha Das Gupta and Phi Su for organizing this year's Mentoring Program, and to Valerie A. Francisco for her assistance as Student Representative.

Finally, my congratulations to the newly elected Section members: Chair-Elect, Pawan Dhingra; Secretary Treasurer, C.N. Le; Council Members, Jane H. Yamashiro and Anthony Ocampo; and Student Representative, Christina Chin. From my experience, the faculty and student members of the Asia and Asian America Section are truly some of the most intellectually invigorating and genuinely supportive people in academia. It has been an absolute pleasure working with such an amazing community this past year. In particular, I want to acknowledge J. Shiao's diligence and good humor as Secretary-Treasurer for the last four years, Mia Tuan's continued support and limitless wisdom as past Chair, and Lynn Fujiwara's remarkable conscientiousness as the Chair-Elect.

Thanks everyone and I look forward to seeing you in Denver,  
Lisa

*Lisa Sun-Hee Park  
Professor, Department of Sociology  
Director, Asian American Studies  
Program  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*

## Your Section Officers

**Chair:** Lisa Sun-Hee Park, University of Minnesota (2011-2012)

**Chair-Elect:** Lynn Fujiwara, University of Oregon (2011-2012)

**Past-Chair:** Mia Tuan, University of Oregon (2010-2011)

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Jiannbin Lee Shiao, University of Oregon (2008-2012)

**Council Members:** Margaret Abraham, Hofstra University (2009-2012)

Monisha Das Gupta, University of Hawai'i (2009-2012)

C.N. Le, University of Massachusetts – Amherst (2010-2013)

Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut (2010-2013)

Leland Saito, University of Southern California (2010-2013)

Anna Guevarra, University of Illinois at Chicago (2011-2014)

Yingyi Ma, Syracuse University (2011-2014)

**Student Representative:** Valerie Francisco, CUNY, Graduate Center (2011-2012)

## 2012 Section Election Results

*Congratulations to the new section officers!*

**Chair-Elect:** Pawan Dhingra, Oberlin College (2012-2013)

**Secretary-Treasurer:** C.N. Le, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2012-2015)

**Council Members:** Jane H. Yamashiro, University of Southern California (2012-2015)

Anthony Ocampo, Cal Poly Pomona (2012-2015)

**Student Representative:** Christina Chin, University of California, Los Angeles (2012-2013)

### ASA Orientation for New Section Officers

- Sun, Aug 19 - 8:30-10:10am, (location TBA)

## 2012 Section Award Winners

*Congratulations to all of the award winners and honorees!*

### 2012 Book Award

**Co-Winner:** Miliann Kang, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, *The Managed Hand: Race, Gender, and the Body in Beauty Service Work* (University of California Press, 2010)

**Co-Winner:** Leland Saito, University of Southern California, *The Politics of Exclusion: The Failure of Race Neutral Policies in Urban America* (Stanford University Press, 2009)

### 2012 Research Paper Award

**Winner:** Q. Forrest Zhang and John A. Donaldson, Singapore Management University, "From Peasants to Farmers: Peasant Differentiation, Labor Regimes, and Land-Rights Institutions in China's Agrarian Transition" *Politics and Society* (2010, 38.4)

### 2012 Graduate Student Paper Award

**Winner:** Naomi Hsu, University of California, Berkeley, "Local Political Contexts and the Puzzle of Asian American Under-Participation in Electoral Politics"

### 2012 Outstanding Teaching Award

**Winner:** Hung Cam Thai, Associate Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies; Chair of Sociology; Director, Pacific Basin Institute, Pomona College

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## 2012 Early Career Award

**Winner:** Nadia Kim, Associate Professor of Sociology, Loyola Marymount University

# Section Activities at the 2012 ASA Meeting in Denver

(Note: Save for the off-site reception, all locations remain TBA.)

### Friday, Aug 17 – 7-9pm: Section on Asia and Asian America Reception

- Wynkoop Brewing Company, located at 1634 18th Street, a short walk, or free “Mall Ride” on the RTD Light Rail, from the Colorado Convention Center

### Friday, Aug 17 – 3:30-4:10pm: Section on Asia and Asian America Business Meeting

- Immediately following the Section Roundtables (2:30-3:30pm)

### Friday, Aug 17 - 8:30-10:10am: Section on Asia and Asian America Paper Session.

#### *From the Boundaries to the Core: New Insights in Asian American Studies*

**Session Organizer:** C.N. Le, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

**President:** C.N. Le, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

- “Ethnic Business Clustering in the Early Immigrant Settlement Stage”  
*Eric Fong, University of Toronto; Jing Shen, University of Toronto; Siye Tian, University of Toronto; Jason Wang, Taipei Municipal University of Education*
- “Finding Community: Race, Ethnicity, and Belonging Among Third Generation Japanese Americans”  
*Dana Y. Nakano, University of California, Irvine*

- “Multiple Accountabilities and the ‘Racialization’ and ‘De-racialization’ of Health Services”  
*Amy Yuan Zhou, University of California-Los Angeles*

- “What Does it Mean to Be Filipino? Choosing a Side and Developing a Filipino Identity”  
*Daniel B. Eisen, Pacific University; Arlie P. Tagayung, New Mexico Highlands University; Kara Takasaki, University of Chicago*

**Discussant:** C.N. Le, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

### Friday, Aug 17 - 10:30 am-12:10pm:

#### Section on Asia and Asian America Paper Session.

#### *Asia and Migration: New Directions in the New Global Economy*

**Session Organizer:** Lisa Sun-Hee Park, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

**Session President:** Anna Guevarra, University of Illinois, Chicago

- “The Costs of Altruism: Money in Low Wage Vietnamese Transnational Families”  
*Hung Thai, Pomona College*
- “Gay Dads and Indian Surrogates”  
*Sharmila Rudrappa, University of Texas, Austin*
- “Forced Migration in the New Global Economy”  
*Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut*
- “The Formation of Racial Attitudes: Chinese-African Encounters in Guangzhou, China.”  
*Min Zhou, University of California, Los Angeles*

### Tuesday, Aug 23 – 2:30-3:30pm: Section on Asia and Asian America Roundtables

- **Session Organizer:** Lynn H. Fujiwara, University of Oregon
- **Followed immediately by the Section Business Meeting (3:30-4:10pm)**

### Table 1. Negotiating Gender and Familial Relationships in Asia/Asian America

**Table President:** ManChui Leung (University of Washington)

- Korean Wild Geese Families, A New Trend of Transnational Migration: Split Household Strategies and Gender Dynamics  
*Se Hwa Lee (State University of New York-Albany)*
- Effects of Immigration on Interracial Romantic Relationships Formation among Hispanic and Asian American Adolescents  
*Yang Jiang (University of Michigan)*
- Integrating HIV/AIDS And Domestic Violence: Promising Practices In Asian Immigrant And Refugee Communities  
*ManChui Leung (University of Washington)*

### Table 2. Circuits of Migration: Networks, Stratification, and Mobility

**Table President:** Kuang-Chi Chang (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

- Finding a Job in Urban China: A Comparative Analysis of Migrants and Natives  
*Kuang-Chi Chang (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)*
- Social Structure and Personality among Rural Migrants to Urban China  
*Yin Yue (Shanghai University)*
- Why Do Social Networks Influence Educational Migration Decisions and Strategies for Young Women in China?  
*Lai Sze Tso (University of Michigan)*

### Table 3. Law, Crime, and Human Rights in Asia

**Table President:** C.N. Le (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

- Globalization, Democratization, Crime and Crime Control  
*Jonathan Jarvis (University of Hawaii)*

- Political Repression and Human Rights in the Philippines and Civil Society's Response  
*Ligaya Lindio McGovern (Indiana University-Kokomo)*
- Prison-cum-nursing Home in Japan  
*Sangyoub Park (Washburn University), John Paul (Washburn University)*

**Table 4. Gender, Family, and Forms of Resistance**

- Table President:** *Nitika Sharma (University of Colorado-Boulder)*
- Dual Response or Co-optation? Women's Movements, State, and Gender Equality in Korea and Japan  
*Myeongjae Yeo (Boston College)*
  - Dual-Surname System in Japan – In relation to Family, Gender, and Career  
*Kimiko Tanaka (James Madison University)*
  - Internal Migration and the Vietnamese Fertility Decline  
*Ly Dieu Phan (Institute of Sociology)*
  - Menstrual Accounts: Rationalizations for Use of Taboos among Women of Nepalese Origin  
*Nitika Sharma (University of Colorado-Boulder)*
  - Rethinking Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Multiplicities of Experience and Voices among Female Survivors  
*Makiko Toge-Lawson (Howard University)*

**Table 5. Asian American Community Issues**

- Table President:** *Jiannbin Lee Shiao (University of Oregon)*
- Parental Involvement and Children's Educational Performance: A Comparison of Filipino and U.S. Parents  
*Sampson Lee Blair (State University of New York-Buffalo)*

- Born, Living, Studying, and Visiting: Internal Distinctions within Us and the Relational Ethnic Identity Position  
*Kirsten Younghee Song (State University of New Jersey-Rutgers)*
- Assimilating through Social Networks? The Importance of Networks in Assimilation Trajectories  
*Andrew N. Le (University of British Columbia)*
- Selective Acculturation: How Ethnic Churches Influence New Chinese Americans  
*Fan Mai (University of Virginia)*

**Table 6. The Politics of Gender and Identity**

- Table President:** *Mia Tuan (University of Oregon)*
- Asian Americans: Serene Swans Gliding on Lake  
*Eunbi Kim (University of Pennsylvania)*
  - Desired Beauty: A Study on the Influence of Beauty in Constructing Identity among Asian-Indian American Women  
*Sailaja Neel Joshi (Harvard University)*
  - The Influence of Regional Context on 1.5 and Second-generation Midwest Asian American Identity  
*Monica M. Trieu (Purdue University)*

**Table 7. Nation and Social Change**

- Table President:** *Kiat-Jin Lee (University of California-Riverside)*
- The Intellectuals in Reforming China  
*Serena Liu (University of Essex)*
  - Vanguard of Guanxi Seeking, Laggard in Promoting Social Causes in South China  
*Tsang Yuk Ha Eileen (Hang Seng Management College)*
  - Who Are the Asians? National and Asian Identities in East and Southeast Asia  
*Seio Nakajima (University of Hawaii)*

**Additional Sessions of Interest...**

**Saturday, Aug 18 - 12:30pm - 2:10pm**

**Regular Session. Asians and Asian Americans: Model Minority and its Discontents**

**Session Organizer:** *Pawan H. Dhingra (Tufts University)*

**President:** *Prema Ann Kurien (Syracuse University)*

- "A Place Where Asian American Men Become More Desirable: Japanese American Dating in the Ancestral Homeland"  
*Jane H. Yamashiro (Loyola Marymount University)*
- "Calibrated Ambitions: Low Educational Ambition as a Form of Strategic Adaptation among Chinese Youths in Spain"  
*Jessica Yiu (Princeton University)*
- "Depression, Anxiety and Suicidal Ideation among Chinese Americans: A Study of Immigration-related Factors"  
*Jie Zhang (State University of New York-Buffalo)*
- "Race Matters: Children and the Shifting Engagement with Racial-ethnic Identity Among Inter-racially Married Asian Americans"  
*Kelly Haesung Chong (University of Kansas)*
- "Are Second-generation Filipinos becoming Asian or Latino? Historical Colonialism, Culture, and Panethnic Identity"  
*Anthony Christian Ocampo (California State Polytechnic University-Pomona)*

**Saturday, Aug 18 - 2:30pm - 4:10pm**

**Regular Session. Asians and Asian Americans: Economic and Educational Processes**

**Session Organizer:** *Pawan H. Dhingra (Tufts University)*

**President:** *Jiannbin Lee Shiao (University of Oregon)*

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- “Are Asian American Women Advantaged? Labor Market Performances of College Educated Female Workers”  
*ChangHwan Kim (University of Kansas), Yang Zhao (University of Kansas)*
- “Cultural Construction of the Chinese Middle Class: Economic Reform, Urban Consumer Culture, and the National Desire”  
*Myung Ji Yang (Brown University)*
- “Discrimination and Psychological Distress among Asian Americans: Exploring the Moderating Effect of Education”  
*Wei Zhang (University of Hawaii-Manoa)*
- “Platform, Principal, or Piggybacker: The State and Migration Industries in East Asia”  
*Kristin Surak (University of Duisburg-Essen)*
- “The Pretty White Lies of Asian American Undergraduates at the Elite University”  
*Kristen A. Lee (Duke University), Simon Ho (Duke University)*

## Section Mentoring Network

The Asia and Asian America Section will continue last year’s successful mentoring initiative. Our goal is to help you network with mentors in your field who can advise you on your career path.

Based on the emails received from those interested in being mentored, as well as those interested in mentoring, we will connect graduate students and junior faculty with senior faculty based on their research interests while also connecting faculty transitioning to an administrative position with other faculty who can support their professional development.

Both the mentor and the mentee will get emails from one of us in early August so that you can arrange a date and time to meet during the conference. A general meet-and-greet session will be scheduled for mentors and mentees.

You are free to continue networking/mentoring later if you wish.

## Announcement

**Lucie Cheng Prize.** Amerasia Journal invites faculty to nominate exceptional graduate student essays (masters and doctoral level) in the interdisciplinary field of Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies for the Lucie Cheng Prize. The winning article will be published in *Amerasia Journal*, and \$1000 will be awarded.

The Lucie Cheng Prize honors the late Professor Lucie Cheng (1939-2010), a longtime faculty member of UCLA and the first permanent director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center (1972-1987). Professor Cheng was a pioneering scholar who brought an early and enduring transnational focus to the study of Asian Americans and issues such as labor and immigration.

Submission: Nominations must be submitted via email by the graduate advisor generally on October 1 with notification to the winner by the end of the calendar year.

Nominations are to include:

1. Graduate Advisor Name, Title, Institution, and Contact Information
2. Graduate Advisor Recommendation (500 word limit)
3. Graduate Student Brief CV (2 page)
4. Essay (5000-7000 words) in WORD file according to the *Amerasia Journal* Style Sheet: [http://www.amerasiajournal.org/blog/?page\\_id=42](http://www.amerasiajournal.org/blog/?page_id=42)

Submit Materials and Queries to: [ajprize@aasc.ucla.edu](mailto:ajprize@aasc.ucla.edu)

## Notes on Section Members

**Rosalind S. Chou** published *Asian American Sexual Politics: The Construction of Race, Gender, and Sexuality* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2012). The book explores the topics of beauty, self-esteem, and sexual attraction among Asian Americans. The

book draws on sixty in-depth interviews to show how constructions of Asian American gender and sexuality tend to reinforce the social and political dominance for whites, particularly white males, even in the supposed “post-racial” United States.

**Pawan Dhingra** published *Life Behind the Lobby: Indian American Motel Owners and the American Dream* (Stanford University Press, 2012). This book explains how half of the nation’s motels became owned by a small group of Indian Americans, and with what implications for them and the nation. He also is joining the sociology department at Tufts University, starting fall 2012.

**Evelyn Nakano Glenn** was the 2012 Kingsley Birge Lecturer in Sociology at Colby College in Maine, where she delivered an address, “No Papers in the Academy: Undocumented Immigrant Students and the Crisis of Citizenship.” The paperback edition of her book, *Forced to Care: Coercion and Caregiving in America*, was released this spring by Harvard University Press.

**Chien-Juh Gu** was recently promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at Western Michigan University.

**Kimberly Kay Hoang** won the ASA Dissertation Award for her dissertation titled, “New Economies of Sex and Intimacy in Vietnam.”

**Jennifer Hsu** published *HIV/AIDS in China – The Economic and Social Determinants* with D. Sutherland (Routledge, 2012). The book analyzes China’s HIV/AIDS epidemic, with particular attention to the nature and impact of current economic and social changes and how these changes may be driving the epidemic.

**Zhang Jie** has recently published eight peer reviewed journal articles. Four of them were in the Chinese language journals, *Chinese Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of Shandong University*, *Chinese Journal of Epidemiology*, and *Chinese Journal of Emergency Medicine*. Others were published in English journals: *Jia*

Cunxian and Zhang Jie co-authored "Global Functioning and Suicide among Chinese Rural Population Aged 15–34 Years: A Psychological Autopsy Case-Control Study" in *Journal of Forensic Sciences* (2012, 57:391-397). Zhang Jie and Gao Qi co-authored "Validation of the Trait Anxiety Scale for State-Trait Anxiety Inventory in Suicide Victims and Living Controls of Chinese Rural Youths" in *Archives of Suicide Research* (2012, 16:85-94). The paper "Confucianism and Youth Suicide in Rural China," co-authored with Eric Yang Liu was published in *Review of Religious Research* (2012, 54:93-111). Another paper co-authored with Eric Yang Liu entitled "The Confucian Ethic of Female Subordination and Depression among Young People in Rural China" was published in *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion* (2012, 8:1-12). All the publications were supported by Zhang Jie's NIMH R01 grant to investigate the suicide risk factors in rural China.

**Nazli Kibria** published "Transnational marriage and the Bangladeshi Muslim diaspora in Britain and the United States" in *Culture and Religion* (2012, 13.2: 141-158).

**C.N. Le** published "New Dimensions of Asian American Self-Employment in Los Angeles and New York," in *Asian American & Pacific Islander Nexus* (2012, 10.2: 55-76).

**Vivian Louie** published *Keeping the Immigrant Bargain: The Costs and Rewards of Success in America* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2012). The book examines the journey of Dominican and Colombian newcomers whose children have achieved academic success one generation after the arrival of their parents and compares how both parents and children understand the immigrant journey toward education, mobility, and assimilation.

**Alexander Lu** was awarded the 2012 Graduate Student Paper Award by the Social Psychology Section of ASA for his article, "Stress and Physical Health Deterioration in the Aftermath of

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita" in *Sociological Perspectives* (2011, 54.2: 229-50).

**Yingyi Ma** is currently an assistant professor in the Sociology Department at Syracuse University. In 2011, She published 4 reviewed articles and one invited article, and had two additional invited pieces accepted for publication. Professor Ma's sole-authored article, "Gender Differences in the Paths of Leading to a STEM Baccalaureate," appeared in *Social Science Quarterly*. A second paper, a sole-authored piece, "College Major Choice, Occupational Structure and Demographic Patterning by Gender, Race and Nativity" is in *The Social Science Journal*. A third sole-authored piece, Ma, "Math and Reading Achievement Gaps—New Insights to Old Problems" is in *Sociological Studies of Children and Youth*. Additionally, her fourth article "Chinese Rural Women in Agriculture and Urban Work," was the lead article in *American Review of China Studies*.

**Diditi Mitra** published *Punjabi Immigrant Mobility in the United States: Adaptation through race and class* (Palgrave Macmillan). The book is specifically on drivers of yellow taxis NYC. It will become available in December 2012.

**Anju Mary Paul** was jointly awarded the 2012 Dorothy McGuigan Prize for the Best Essay on Women by the Women's Studies Department at the University of Michigan.

**Jiannbin Lee Shiao** published "The Genomic Challenge to the Social Construction of Race" in *Sociological Theory* (Forthcoming 2012; 30.2).

**Xiaoling Shu** has two forthcoming papers. One article with her graduate student Yifei Zhu, entitled "Uneven Transitions: Cohort- and Period-based Changes in Gender Attitudes in China: 1995-2007" is in press at *Social Science Research*. Another article, "Patriarchy, Resources and Specialization: Marital Decision-Making Power in Urban China" (with Yifei Zhu, and Zhanxin

Zhang) will be published in the *Journal of Family Issues*.

**Anthony J. Spires** published an op-ed, "US Foundations Boost Chinese Government, Not NGOs," in *YaleGlobal Online* on March 28, 2012. The article, based on his 2011 study in the *Journal of Civil Society*, was reprinted in *The South China Morning Post*, *The Khaleej Times*, and *The Epoch Times*. The original *Journal of Civil Society* article, entitled "Organizational Homophily in International Grantmaking: US-Based Foundations and their Grantees in China," was also the subject of numerous reports in the Chinese media, including the *Southern Metropolitan Daily*, *China Youth On Line*, *China Philanthropy Times*, and *Elite Reference*. His July 2011 article in *The American Journal of Sociology*, entitled "Contingent Symbiosis and Civil Society in an Authoritarian State: Understanding the Survival of China's Grassroots NGOs," was also the subject of recent reports in China, including several sites in the Chinese blogosphere.

**Kimiko Tanaka**, James Madison University, published "Surnames and Gender in Japan: Women's Challenges in Seeking Own Identity" *Journal of Family History* (2012, 37: 232-240). Another article with Nan E. Johnson, "The Effect of Social Integration on Self-rated Health for Elderly Japanese People: A Longitudinal Study", is forthcoming this year at the *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*.

**Hung Cam Thai** received a Fall 2012 Faculty Residential Writing Fellowship at the Institute for East Asian Studies at Berkeley. Thai's recent publications include "The Dual Roles of Transnational Daughters and Transnational Wives: Monetary Intentions, Expectations, and Dilemmas" in *Global Networks* 12.

**Leighton Vila** was appointed as a News Editor for the Sociology Lens Blog and will be responsible for Pacific Islander sociology posts.

**Leslie K. Wang** will begin a position this fall as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Grand Valley State University.

**Jane H. Yamashiro** published “Ethnic Return Migration Policies and Asian American Labor in Japan and Korea” in *AAPI Nexus Journal: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Policy, Practice and Community* (2012, 10.1: 21-39), “A Triple Parallax: Japanese as a Heterogeneous Global Ethnic Group” in *CR: The New Centennial Review* (2012, 12(1): 203-240), and “Unequal Transpacific Capital Transfers: Japanese Americans and Japanese Brazilians in Japan” (With Hugo Córdoba Quero) in *Transnational Crossroads: Reimagining Asian America, Latin@ America, and the American Pacific* edited by Camilla Fojas and Rudy P. Guevarra, Jr., (University of Nebraska Press, 2012). She was invited to speak at the “Towards a New Parallax: Or, Japan in Another Traversal of the Trans-Pacific” symposium at UC Irvine. Her presentation, given on June 4, was titled, “A Triple Parallax: Japanese as a Heterogeneous Global Ethnic Group.” In addition, Yamashiro will become a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Japanese Religions and Culture at USC.

**Fenggang Yang** published “Muslim Attitudes toward Business in the Emerging Market Economy of China” (with Yuting Wang) in *Social Compass* (58.4: 1-20), “Forum: American Religion and the Old and New Immigration” (with Jenna Weissman Joselit, Timothy Matovina, and Roberto Suro) in *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*

(22.1: 1-30). He gave a series of invited lectures and presentations on his sociological studies of Chinese religions at the Bar-Ilan University and the University of Tel Aviv in Israel in May, the National Chengchi University, National Taiwan University, and Tunghai University in Taiwan in April, the American University of Sharjah and Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates in February, the Roma Tre University and University of Padua in Italy in February, and Princeton University in February. He has been interviewed and quoted by National Public Radio (NPR), “[Tiananmen Square, A ‘Watershed’ For Chinese Conversions To Christianity](#)” on June 4, 2012; *Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), Radio Australia*: “[Like a phoenix from the ashes: religion in China](#)” on May 27, 2012; CNN’s Belief Blog: “[Jeremy Lin Emerges as Emblem of Burgeoning Asian-American Christianity](#)” on February 21, 2012; *Foreign Policy*: “[China’s ‘Come to Jesus’ Moment: How Beijing Got Religion](#)” on February 15, 2012; and *Christianity Today*: “[Disciplining the Dragon: Christian Publishing Finds Success in China](#)” on January 20, 2012.

**Dale Yeatts** was a keynote speaker at the “International Conference on Aging and Social Security” in Hangzhou, China. He also presented a paper entitled: “Village Sustainability and Health of the Rural Chinese Elderly: Examining the CHARLS Pilot Study of a rich and Poor Province.”

**Nancy Wang Yuen** was awarded a 2011-12 grant from the California

Council for the Humanities to produce a documentary on the Confucius Classroom controversy in the Hacienda Heights/La Puente Unified School District in southern California.

**Min Zhou** is currently the Chair-Elect of the Section of International Migration of the American Sociological Association. She continues to work on her new project examining racial attitudes and intergroup relations between Chinese locals and African migrants in China. She recently published: “Segmented Assimilation and the American Experience of Asian Immigrant Children” in *Oxford Handbook on International Migration* edited by Marc R. Rosenblum and Daniel J. Tichenor (Oxford University Press, 2012); “The Ethnic System of Supplementary Education: Lessons from Chinatown and Koreatown, Los Angeles” in *Thinking Comprehensively about Education: Spaces of Educative Possibility and Their Implications for Public Policy* edited by Ezekiel J. Dixon-Román and Edmund W. Gordon (Routledge, 2012); “Transnationalism and Development: Mexican and Chinese Immigrant Organizations in the United States” (with Alejandro Portes) in *Population and Development Review* (2012, 38.2: 191-220); “Social Status Compensation through Transnational Practices: A Comparative Study of Cultural Remittances between Two Emigrant Groups from South China” (with Xiangyi Li, in Chinese) in *Sociological Research* (2012, 3: 182-202).



