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RELEVANT FIELDS OF STUDY
Asian American Literature       Gender & Sexuality       American Studies
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Immigration & Diaspora Studies  Conflict Studies

PRIMARY CONCEPTS
Immigration/Migration         Diaspora           Race Relations
Pedagogy                       Religious identities    Internalized racism
Transnationalism               Women and Religion
Racialization /Racial Formation Religious pluralism

ISSUE SUMMARY
In this special issue of Amerasia Journal, we explore the engagements of between race and religion upon, across and through the dynamic and heterogeneous terrains of Asian America. The essays gathered here demonstrate how religion and the social networks through which Asian Americans have created and (and continue to create) local, national, and transnational modes of racial-religious belonging, which in turn, influence how they operate as racialized subjects within the U.S.

ESSENTIAL READING

KEY QUESTIONS FOR ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION
  a. How does religion shape the existing and emergent terrains of Asian Pacific America?

  b. In our contemporary moment, what role has religion played in the racial formation of Asian Pacific Americans in the U.S. and beyond?

  c. How do the processes of racialization affect what we understand as “religious” practices in APA communities, historically and in contemporary times?

RELATED CENTER PUBLICATIONS

OTHER SUGGESTED MATERIALS
David Yoo, New Spiritual Homes: Religion and Asian Americans (1999)
Pyong Gap Min and Jung Ha Kim, Religions in Asian America: Building Faith Communities (2001)
Jane Iwamura and Paul Spickard, Revealing the Sacred in Asian America (2003)