chinese language sources

CENTER SPONSORS BIBLIOGRAPHY PROJECT

The Asian American Studies Center, in conjunction with the American Historical Society of Chinese Language Sources, is sponsoring a project to compile a bibliography of Chinese Language Sources. The Center's aim is to provide scholars and researchers with a comprehensive bibliography of Chinese language sources written by Chinese Americans.

One of the immediate goals of the project is to determine the content and type of sources that are most useful to those interested in Chinese culture and society. The project will focus on the development of Chinese language sources in the United States, with particular emphasis on the Asian American experience.

In order to obtain more in-depth, qualitative data, the researchers will necessarily gather materials that originate from the Chinese community. This is especially important with respect to the study of developments of the Chinese American community in the twentieth century, an era when the Chinese American community was rapidly expanding.

An annotated bibliography describing available resources on Chinese language sources is sorely needed. Therefore, in 1978, the Center initiated a project to compile such a bibliography. Because of budgetary and time considerations, the bibliography will consist only of those materials available in the collections of the San Francisco Bay Region. Until World War II, the San Francisco area was the chief cultural, economic, and educational center of Chinese Americans in the United States, and it is still one of the major centers of activity in the community. The project aims to broaden the scope of the bibliography to other regions as well.

community class

NEW JA HISTORY SERIES TO BEGIN

The Asian American Studies Center, in conjunction with the West Los Angeles Holiness Church, will offer another series of seminars on Japanese American History. The class will cover an abbreviated six-week session held in October-November. Yoji Ichida, the instructor, is a Lecturer at UCLA and a Researcher at the Center. The series will run for ten consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning January 5, at the West Los Angeles Holiness Church. The tentative list of topics follows.

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RESPONSE TO WOMEN'S PROGRAM, EXCELLENT

The Asian American Women's Career Interest Program (AWCIP), which began as a pilot program last quarter, received enthusiastic responses from Asian women students. Over thirty students signed up and participated in the sessions.

The program's efforts in the areas of law, business, and business administration were spearheaded by Linda Young, Program Coordinator, and Dr. Cathleen Chau, President of the Los Angeles Municipal Court, and Judge Pou. Yoohos, a public defender at the Criminal Courts Building.

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SEARCH FOR NEW
S/CP COORDINATOR

The Asian American Studies Center announces the opening of a full-time Coordinator's position in the Student-Community Projects work area. Student-Community Projects is the component of the Center primarily responsible for establishing and maintaining student and community liaisons and programs. [See Cross Currents, V. II, n. 1, p. 4 for more detailed descriptions of S/CP's programs and services this year.] Job responsibilities include

1. Development, supervision, and coordination of unit work;
2. Membership on the Center's Coordinating Committee, which decides on matters of policy, budget and personnel;
3. Editor of Cross Currents, newsletter of the Center;
4. Advisor to UCLA student organizations affiliated with the Center, which includes assistance in writing, preparing, and submitting program proposals for intramural funding; and
5. Reports to the Center Coordinator

Minimum qualifications:

1. Effective written and verbal communications skills;
2. Previous experience in working with Asian/Pacific students/student organizations (preferably in a university or college setting), and with Asian/Pacific community groups;
3. Previous experience in program planning and budgeting; and

[4] Demonstrated ability to work and relate well with people of diverse backgrounds, interests, and opinions

Additional qualifications which are desirable include:

1. Knowledge of the Asian and Pacific communities of the greater Los Angeles area, and
2. Knowledge of UCLA funding sources for student programs

Salary is $1111 - 1336, depending on qualifications and experience. For further information and application forms, call (213) 825-1006 or write: S/CP Coordinator Search, Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Deadline for application is Friday, January 12, 1979.

student vote sought

The Center is currently accepting applications for the student position on the hiring committee of the Coordinator of Student-Community Projects. In order to qualify, the student must:

1. be a UCLA student,
2. not be a member of the Asian American Studies Center staff, and
3. have some working relationship with the Center

Student applications, which may be made by leaving your name with Michiko in the Main Office, 3232 Campbell Hall, are due no later than January 5, 1979. The other four hiring committee positions will be composed of Center staff.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIRECTOR SPEAKS ON CHINESE AMERICAN HISTORY. Prof. Lucile Hirata, Director of the Asian American Studies Center, gave a keynote talk, "Hidden-From History, the Chinese American Woman", before the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California's October 14 luncheon. She revealed the major role that Chinese immigrant women played in 19th-century California. Professor Hirata was part of a dinner meeting in honor of Chinese American women who were pioneers of their nationality in their respective fields: Carol Lin Chiu (education), Lily Lam Chan (community service), Grace Ng Hoy (business), Louise Tam Takeshi (journalism), and Mei Joo Loo (motion picture industry). Marco Pong Pai, Secretary of State, was host of honor.

HISTORY SCHOLAR SEARCH. The UCLA Department of History is seeking an outstanding scholar to fill a tenure-track position in Asian American history, including the subjects of immigration and immigrant contacts with the country of origin. The candidate should be someone trained in either Chinese or Japanese history. Prior work in the history of Asians in America is not required, but the candidate must be able to demonstrate willingness to devote substantial effort to research and teaching in this area in the future. Teaching will be 50% in Asian American studies, and 50% in the original major area of training. Applications and supporting materials should be sent to Hans Roger, Chair, Department of History, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM. The Center is seeking applications for a one-year visiting appointments in research and teaching in support of the Asian American Studies Program. The applicants should be in the social sciences or humanities with a demonstrated background in Asian American Studies. Rank and salary are open. Send resume to: Faculty Search Committee, Asian American Studies Center, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

CHINESE CULTURE FAIR. The Chinese Students Association has submitted a proposal to Program Task Force to fund its Chinese Culture Fair, which is scheduled for January 25-27. The program proposes to include a China Night (in the Grand Ballroom, Jan. 27); a two-day exhibit of arts and crafts; visiting and calling card (third floor, Main Hall, Jan. 26); Chinese regional cooking demonstration (third floor, Main Hall, Jan. 26); a film on martial arts (third floor, Main Hall, Jan. 26); a live Chinese music performance (third floor, Main Hall, Jan. 26); and demonstrations of calligraphy (third floor, Main Hall, Jan. 26). Further information can be obtained at the Center office.

PERSONAL TRANSCRIPTIONS FOR COMPOSITION. Approximately one-third of the transcription of Better Society, the selection from the San Diego Sun, is in the hands of the transcriber. The remainder will be completed by early next calendar year.

PUBLIC ART STORIES SELECTED. Twenty-five short stories of public art that have been rejected for the anthology will be published by the Asian American Studies Center. Two-thirds of the stories are previously unpublished; most of which were written in the 1920s through '40s. An introduction is being prepared by Hisaye Yamamoto.

TWO RESEARCH PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY CENTER. A two-year proposal entitled, "Health Care Alternatives for Asian American Women," was submitted by the Center to the National Institutes of Health. The study will try to determine whether the underutilization of health care facilities by Asian American women is due to the cultural and structural inappropriateness of existing health care facilities or the alternative use of ethnic/friend health care systems. Several studies have indicated that underutilization is a phenomenon among Asian Americans, in general. Prof. Lucile Hirata and Karen Lee are co-principal investigators.

Dr. Nobuya Tsuchida, Research Associate of the Center, and Gail Nomura, Lecturer in History, submitted a joint two-year proposal to the Women's Educational Equity Act Program (Office of Education) to develop a college-level text on the history of Japanese American women. Once completed, the text would serve as a prototype which could be used in women's and ethnic studies courses. Ms. Nomura will write the section on women in Hawaii while Dr. Tsuchida will concentrate on women in the continental U.S. The work proposes to cover three generations of Japanese American women: Issei, Nisei, and Sansei.

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"diversity" is goal

LAW SCHOOL VOTES TO BAKKE-IZE SPECIAL ADMISSIONS

The UCLA Law School faculty voted 27-2 on December 1 to adopt a Task Force proposal which outlines a procedure to select students for the Law School's Special Admissions Program. The mechanism for selection has been the center of controversy and disagreement between the faculty and students in recent months. The specific proposal as adopted has been criticized by the minority law student associations as seriously altering the original intent of the Legal Education Opportunity Program (LEOP).

The faculty plan calls for earmarking 4% of the entering first-year law school for special admission. The composition, however, should reflect a "diverse student body" of many interests, backgrounds, and opinions, and should be students who demonstrate academic promise. Race is to be considered as one factor to achieve diversity. Clearly, the proposal is an attempt to conform to the majority Supreme Court decision and is a duplication of Harvard's "diversity" admission plan, which the High Court ruled as complying with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Student input (from last year) has been reduced to written comments with no vote on the Admissions Committee, divided into three subcommittees (each consisting of two faculty and one non-voting student). The committee as a whole will review all candidates. In addition, student group recommendations for particular candidates, to be submitted in writing, will henceforth be treated as any other letter of recommendation.

Two minority association proposals (from the Chicano Law Students Association on October 17 and the Asian American Law Students Association on October 27) called for special admission slots to be given to members of socially and economically disadvantaged groups and minority communities and, in particular, to students most likely to provide legal services to these communities after graduation. These purposes and goals were reinforcements of the spirit and intent of previous LEOP programs. According to proponents, an essential component of realizing especially the latter goal is the maintenance of mandatory interviews which had been in effect before this year.

asian coalition

ALIEN REGISTRATION DRIVE

Each year the Asian Coalition sponsors an Alien Registration Drive in various Asian communities of Los Angeles. The purpose of the drive is to inform affected Asian immigrants that they are required to register with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) each year, and to provide assistance in filling out registration forms.

This year the drive is tentatively scheduled to take place on three consecutive weekends in January: January 6 & 7, 13 & 14, and 20 & 21. The Coalition will staff tables in selected Asian communities where people can obtain information in their native language, translated information/instruction sheets, at least one bilingual person, and the registration forms will be available at each site.

To the extent possible, the Coalition hopes to work with Asian community service organizations or groups already planning similar drives and place emphasis on reaching Asian communities, such as the Thai and Vietnamese community, which have been traditionally underserved.

For further information, call Danny Noyeda at 825-7163, or Gary Chiang at 825-1006.

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SPEAKERS BUREAU UTILIZED. A slideshow presentation on "Asian Women in America" was delivered by Keiko Sasaki on Nov. 16 to a group of women artists at the Women's Building in East Los Angeles. Ken Isumi reviewed Chinese immigration and labor history (with aliens) for members of the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC) on October 5. Finally, the Center is currently preparing an eight-week speakers series for the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP) to begin in January. The series will include topics in Asian American history, Asians in Hawaii, history of ethnic studies programs, and Asians in the media, among others. All interested organizations and groups should call 825-1006 for more information.

ROOTS: AN ASIAN AMERICAN ANTHOLOGY, the introductory anthology on Asian Americans initially published in 1971, has undergone its eleventh printing. Over 20,000 copies have been sold since its introduction seven years ago.
READING ROOM ROUNDUP

As a service to our readers, the following is a list of recent Reading Room acquisitions. Students, staff, and faculty of UCLA Library may use circulating check-out materials. All others should see the Main Office for a reading room card, which may be obtained by presenting credit card (usually a driver’s license) and one other ID to the Reading Room staff.

The following list has been organized according to nationality. The "OTHER" category represents acquisitions which could not be conveniently categorized.

ASIAN AMERICANS:


CHINESE AMERICANS:


JAPANESE AMERICANS:


KOREANS AND KOREAN AMERICANS:


PHILIPPINES AND FILIPINO AMERICANS:


OTHER:


REFERENCES:


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(Headed by H. Mark Lai) has not been disappointed in its expectations. It has the investigative work at theinsky point (projected completion 1979) about 600 items, including articles in newspapers and magazines. The project was conducted by a team of students. The publications including newspapers, magazines, books, memoirs, biographies, and letters.

By far the most plentiful and readily accessible Materials published for research purposes are the early newspaper collections. The twenty-first century newspapers in Northern California were first published in the Chinese Press, the Chung, and the Yokohama. The Chung, the Yuen, the party organ of the Kuomintang (1911-present), the State Library, Sacramento. Another is the Chinese Journal, 1907-1909 in the San Francisco Public Library.

The above was largely borrowed from H. Lai's article, Inside Chinese Sources: Bibliography Project: Preliminary Findings, which will appear in Anamaria Journal, Vol. 7, No. 2.

JA CLASS (Continued)

(1) The Gospel Society and Christian Influence,
(2) Laborers and Labor Contract System,
(3) Japanese Associations, 1900-1920,
(4) The First Political Emigre,
(5) The Japanese Texas Rice Colony,
(6) The Case of San Pedro,
(7) The Great Depression, 1929-1932,
(8) The Japanese War Effort, 1941-1945,
(9) The Second Generation,
(10) Japanese Associations, 1933-1945.

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