



# 2020-2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS



## FACULTY AWARDS



### Professor Anna S. Lau

Departments of Psychology & Asian American Studies

#### **Patrick & Lily Okura Research Grant on Asian Pacific American Mental Health**

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** Offsetting the Costs of Resilience among Asian American Youth Striving in the Context of Disadvantage



### Professor Ninez Ponce

Fielding School of Public Health - Department of Health Policy and Management

#### **Don T. Nakanishi Award for Outstanding Engaged Scholarship in Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies**

## GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS



### Stephanie Hsin-Tien Yu

PhD Psychology

#### **Patrick & Lily Okura Research Grant on Asian Pacific American Mental Health**

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** Academic-Community Partnership: Adapting the Family Intervention for Suicide Prevention in Schools for Asian Pacific American Youth



### Nadeeka Karunaratne

PhD Education - Higher Education & Organizational Change

#### **Martha Ogata Research Grant to Study Domestic Violence and Abuse in Asian Pacific American Communities**

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** Creating a Healing Space for South Asian Survivors of Campus Interpersonal Violence: A Participatory Design Research Project



### Tamar Kodish

PhD Clinical Psychology

#### **Patrick & Lily Okura Research Grant on Asian Pacific American Mental Health**

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** Digital Mental Health Interventions for College Students of Color: Understanding Uptake and Enhancing Engagement among Asian American Students



### Sarah Lautaha Soakai

PhD Urban Planning

#### **Patrick & Lily Okura Research Grant on Asian Pacific American Mental Health**

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** The Potential Opportunities and Challenges of Faith Institutions in Providing Mental Health Services: Examining Tongan Latter Day Saint Wards in Los Angeles



### Emily Mun

MA Asian American Studies

#### **Tritia Toyota Graduate Fellowship**

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** Cultural Performance, Pilipino Cultural Nights, and Identity Formation

#### **Dr. Sanbo & Kazuko Sakaguchi Internship**

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** How to link Ethnic Studies and Art History with the Curatorial Process

**INTERNSHIP SITE:** Japanese American National Museum



### Hannah Joo

MA Asian American Studies & Social Welfare

#### **21st Century Graduate Internship**

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** AAS Collective Memories Project

**INTERNSHIP SITE:** AASC and Center for Ethnocommunications

#### **Dr. Sanbo & Kazuko Sakaguchi Internship**

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** The Role of Arts and Culture in Building Coalition for Japanese and Asian Americans in Los Angeles

**INTERNSHIP SITE:** Japanese American Cultural and Community Center



## Daniel Luu

MA Urban Planning

### George & Sakaye Aratani Community Internship

RESEARCH PROJECT: Land Acquisition for  
Community Design

INTERNSHIP SITE: Little Tokyo Service Center

### Dr. Sanbo & Kazuko Sakaguchi Internship

RESEARCH PROJECT: How to Acquire Land for  
Community-centric Design

INTERNSHIP SITE: Little Tokyo Service Center



## Lauren Higa

MA Asian American Studies  
& Social Welfare

### Dr. Sanbo & Kazuko Sakaguchi Internship

RESEARCH PROJECT: Okinawa Association of  
America History Committee & Book

INTERNSHIP SITE: Okinawa Association of  
America



## Sharon Lau

MA Asian American Studies  
& Social Welfare

### Dr. Sanbo & Kazuko Sakaguchi Internship

RESEARCH PROJECT: Changing Tide Mental  
Health Conference

INTERNSHIP SITE: Little Tokyo Service Center



## Emika Otera Kranz

MA Asian American Studies & Public  
Health - Community Health Sciences

### George & Sakaye Aratani Community Internship

RESEARCH PROJECT: Japanese American  
Intergenerational Trauma and  
Community-Relevant Health

### Professor Harry H.L. Kitano Best Paper Scholarship

PAPER TITLE: The Fabric of Culture  
and Health in Asian America:  
Foundational Concepts and History



## Erin Manalo-Pedro

PhD Public Health -  
Community Health Sciences

### Rose Eng Chin and Helen Wong Eng Fellowship

RESEARCH PROJECT: The Context of  
the Struggle: Examining Immigration  
Enforcement's Influence on the Mental  
Health of AAPI Female Students Who are  
Undocumented



## Christie Yamasaki

MA Asian American Studies  
& East Asian Studies

### George & Sakaye Aratani Community Internship

RESEARCH PROJECT: An Analysis of Japanese  
American and Vietnamese American  
Identity Formation Through Food and  
Foodways

### Hiram Wheeler Edwards Best Paper Scholarship for the Study of WWII Internment Camps and Japanese Americans

PAPER TITLE: Putting it Together: "From  
Jap to Japanese - A Period in American  
History"



## Ashelee Yang

PhD Sociology

### Pearl Wang Fellowship

RESEARCH PROJECT: The Rising of Chinese  
Conservatism in the Trump Era Political  
Preferences Leading to the 2020 U.S.  
Presidential Election



## Siyue Lena Wang

MA Education, Social Science &  
Comparative Education, Race & Ethnicity  
Specialization

### Pearl Wang Fellowship

RESEARCH PROJECT: The Overlooked  
Minorities: Undocumented Asian and  
Pacific Islander Students in Higher  
Education



## Kathleen Corpuz

MA Asian American Studies  
& Public Health

### George & Lily Kagawa Award for AAPI Health Research Internship

RESEARCH PROJECT: Empowering Kalihi  
through Settler Allyship

INTERNSHIP SITE: Kokua Kalihi Valley  
(KKV) Comprehensive Family Services  
& University of Hawai'i at Manōa Office  
of Public Health Studies PUSO research  
group

### Rose Eng Chin and Helen Wong Eng Best Paper Scholarship

PAPER TITLE: The Half Has Never Been Told:  
Decolonizing Our History, Our Knowledge,  
and Our Mind



### Emory Johnson

MFA Film & Television -  
Directing/Production/Documentary

#### Professor Harry H. L. Kitano Fellowship

RESEARCH PROJECT: "F1-100": an  
Experimental Documentary Film Project



### Zheyu Liang

MFA Film & Television -  
Directing/Production

#### Pearl Wang Fellowship

RESEARCH PROJECT: Tigtrope Walking



### Ruo Lan Qiu

MS Nursing

#### Wei-Lim Lee Memorial Best Paper Scholarship

RESEARCH PROJECT: From Bad to  
Benevolent: Chinese Characters in Film  
Before and After World War II and their  
Impact on Chinese Immigrants



### Harleen Kaur

PhD Sociology

#### Ben and Alice Hirano Best Paper Scholarship

PAPER TITLE: The Specter of Khalistan:  
Hauntings of Nation-State Belonging



### Tiffany Wang

MA Social Welfare -  
Child and Family Well-Being

#### Tsugio and Miyoko Nakanishi Best Paper Scholarship in Asian American Literature and Culture

PAPER TITLE: Without Words

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS



### Jessica Pham

Major in Asian American Studies,  
Minor in Global Health

#### 21st Century Undergraduate Internship

INTERNSHIP SITE: Asian American  
Studies Center - COVID-19 Multilingual  
Resource Hub



### Yoshino Goto

Major in Cognitive Science - Computing,  
Minor in Asian American Studies

#### Reiko Uyeshima & Family Scholarship

ESSAY TITLE: Admission Impossible? -  
Asian Americans and the Future of  
Affirmative Action in College Admissions



### Sharon Yuen

Major in Asian American Studies,  
Minor in Global Health

#### Angie Kwon Memorial Scholarship

ESSAY TITLE: When I Look into the Mirror



### Ryan Moon

Major in Life Science

#### Toshio & Chiyoko Hoshide Scholarship

ESSAY TITLE: The Peril of the Model Minority

#### Hiram Wheeler Edwards Best Paper Scholarship for the Study of World War II Internment Camps & Japanese Americans

PAPER TITLE: Remember Your Past



## Haley Kaiulani Nakawatase

Major in Psychobiology

### Reiko Uyeshima & Family Scholarship

ESSAY TITLE: Exhibition Critique of Under a Mushroom Cloud: Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and the Atomic Bomb



## Kara Justeson

Major in Human Biology and Society, Minors in Asian American Studies & Public Health

### John Kubota Grant in Japanese American Studies

PROPOSAL TITLE: Multicultural Health Education and Policy



## Gabriel Sanchez

Major in Political Science, Minor in Asian American Studies

### Reiko Uyeshima & Family Scholarship

ESSAY TITLE: Lack of Intersectionality in Law for Asian Americans



## Jason Vu

Majors in Global Studies & Asian American Studies, Minor in Linguistics

### Chidori Aiso Memorial Scholarship

PAPER TITLE: Rising as One: Reflections on Solidarity



## Yukino Torrey

Major in Asian American Studies, Minor in Public Affairs

### Reiko Uyeshima & Family Scholarship

ESSAY TITLE: Shin Isseis and Japanese Language Schools Role in Identity Formation

### Chidori Aiso Memorial Scholarship

ESSAY TITLE: Building Solidarity Within and Beyond the Japanese American Community



## Kristi Mai

Major in Asian American Studies, Minors in History & Labor Studies

### Yuen Fong & Lew Oy Toy Family Internship in Chinese American Studies

INTERNSHIP SITE: Chinese American Museum



## Ngoc Thi Hong Nguyen

Majors in International Development Studies, Sociology & Asian American Studies

### Chidori Aiso Memorial Scholarship

ESSAY TITLE: Resilience in Captivity: Lessons from Japanese Internment Camp

### George & Sakaye Aratani Community Internship

ESSAY TITLE: Caring for Elders & Intern with Thai Community Development Corporation & Nikkei Progressives

INTERNSHIP SITE: Little Tokyo Service Center & Japanese American Cultural & Community Center

### Professor Harry H.L. Kitano Best Paper Scholarship

PAPER TITLE: SEA-zing the Opportunity to Advocate and Organize: The Positionality of Southeast Asian Student Conference for Advocacy (joint essay)



## Elizabeth Lixing Cannella

Major in Pre-Psychology

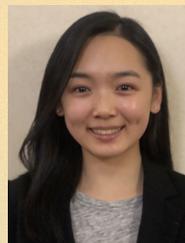
### Morgan & Helen Chu Outstanding Scholar Award



## Nina Mikyla-Kumiko Williams

Major in Psychology

### Morgan & Helen Chu Outstanding Scholar Award



## Cindy Qi

Major in Pre-Psychobiology

### Morgan & Helen Chu Outstanding Scholar Award



## Angela Li

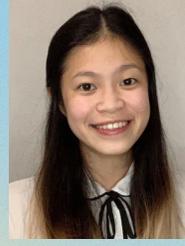
Majors in Political Science & Asian American Studies

### **Rose Eng Chin & Helen Wong Eng Best Paper Scholarship**

PAPER TITLE: Unseen and Unforgiving: Massage Brothels and the Sex Trafficking of Chinese Women

### **Tsugio & Miyoko Nakanishi Best Paper Scholarship in Asian American Literature & Culture**

PAPER TITLE: Made by Yang Chow for America: Chinese American Food in Los Angeles



## Kelly Lin

Major in Biology

### **Morgan & Helen Chu Outstanding Scholar Award**



## Vincent Sonny Leong

Major in Biochemistry

### **Morgan & Helen Chu Outstanding Scholar Award**



## Justin Suarez

Major in International Development Studies, Minors in Digital Humanities & Asian American Studies

### **Professor Harry H.L. Kitano Best Paper Scholarship**

PAPER TITLE: SEA-zing the Opportunity to Advocate and Organize: The Positionality of Southeast Asian Student Conference for Advocacy (joint essay)



## Josephine Stel Flores

Majors in Psychology & Asian American Studies

### **Nhat Tran M.D. Scholarship**

ESSAY TITLE: Power to the People Because of the People

### **George and Lily Kagawa Award for Asian American & Pacific Islander Health Research Internship**

INTERNSHIP SITE: To be determined



## Grace Lee

Major in Sociology

### **George & Sakaye Aratani Community Internship**

ESSAY TITLE: Our Elders Deserve More  
INTERNSHIP SITE: Little Tokyo Service Center



## Ryan Neis

Major in Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution, Minor in Asian American Studies

### **Philip Vera Cruz Best Paper Scholarship**

PAPER TITLE: The American Call Center Industry

### **Royal Morales Best Paper Scholarship**

PAPER TITLE: Call Centers: An American Economic Borderland



## Kristi Mai

Major in Asian American Studies, Minors in History & Labor Studies

### **Yuen Fong & Lew Oy Toy Family Internship in Chinese American Studies**

INTERNSHIP SITE: Chinese American Museum



## Ashley Tran

Major in Anthropology

### **Ben and Alice Hirano Best Paper Scholarship**

PAPER TITLE: The Founding of Asian American Studies: A Counter-Reaction to the Model Minority Myth

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