

“ASIAN AMERICAN RELIGIONS IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD” (Issue 40:1; 2014)

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RELEVANT FIELDS OF STUDY

Asian American Literature	Gender & Sexuality	American Studies
Ethnic Studies	Religious Studies	History
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

Issue Introduction: Sylvia Chan-Malik and Khyati Y. Joshi, “Asian American Religions in a Globalized World” (vii-xx).

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

Amerasia Journal Issue 22:1 “Racial Spirits: Religion & Race in Asian American Communities” (1996).

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)

Fenggang Yang, *Asian American Religion: The Making and Remaking of Borders and Boundaries* (2004)