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WRITERS' CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 15th

Visions of California: Asian American Writer 1929-1979. Asian American Studies Center in conjunction with the Coordinating Council of Literary Magazines is sponsoring a writers' conference on Asian American writers in California. Present at the conference as panelists will be: Wakako Yamaguchi, Al Robles, Hisaye Yamamoto, Frank Chin, Janice Mirikitani, Jeff Chan, with honored guest Toshiro Mori. The conference will be held at the Beyond Baroque Foundation, 681 Venice Boulevard, Venice, Ca., from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

NEW AMERASIA JOURNAL

Look for the Winter issue of Amerasia Journal (Volume 6, Number 2) coming out around December 1st. Included in this issue will be articles on Asian Immigrant Coal Miners and the United Mine Workers of America at the turn of the century, Black reactions to Chinese Immigration

HIRATA AND MEI IN CHINA

Asian American Studies Director Dr. Lucie Cheng Hirata and Oral History Project Director Dr. June Mei are still in Guangdong (People's Republic of China), researching Chinese immigration to America. June Mei will be interviewing Chinese who have returned from America and some of their descendants. The Oral History Project is being jointly sponsored by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center and the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.

COURSE ON ASIAN WOMEN OFFERED IN GARDENA

An 8-week (once-a-week) community class entitled "Asian Women in America" will be held in Gardena early next year. The course will be taught by Dr. Judith Chu, an instructor with the Asian American Studies Program at Cal State, Long Beach. The major focus of this class will be to present a general overview of

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and the Anti-Chinese Movement, American Counter-intelligence and the Japanese American Community prior to WW II, and other topics, book reviews, and a 1979 selected Bibliography on Asian Americans. For more information, please call (213) 825-2974.

JAPANESE AMERICAN ENDOWED CHAIR DINNER

The UCLA Alumni of Japanese Ancestry (AJA) is holding a dinner at the Biltmore Bowl, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles at 7 pm. - commencing the campaign to raise \$250,000 to endow a UCLA professor's chair in Japanese American Studies. Tickets for the dinner are \$25. For more information, call Ron Hirano at 825-2974.

COLLOQUIUM ON CHINESE IMMIGRATION

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center is sponsoring a colloquium on Chinese immigration to be held at 2 pm, Friday, November 9th in 3232 Campbell Hall. The speaker will be S. T. Leong. Dr. Leong has a Ph.D. in Chinese History from Harvard University and is a senior lecturer at the University of Melbourne. He is currently on sabbatical at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University.

THE CENTER WELCOMES M.A. STUDENTS AND NEW STAFF

The Studies Center sponsors a Master of Arts Program in Asian American Studies. The following people are M.A. students with the Center for the 1979-1980 academic year: Marjorie Lee, Jung Mei, Masako Notoji Peckins, Tomiye Takeda, Eugene Tashima, and Sui-Ling Tsai.

The Asian American Studies Center would also like to express it's sincere welcome to all of the new staff people as well as the M.A. students: Gary Eto, reader for the Asian American Studies 100A class; David Hayano, visiting scholar researching Japanese American Identity; Hiroaki Kani, visiting scholar researching Chinese Overseas Emigration; Bob Kumamoto, researcher for the Japanese History Project; Amy Mass, doctoral student in Social Welfare; Najima Rizvi, researcher for a study grant on Health Seeking Behavior of South Asian Women in Los Angeles; and Judy Takata, researcher for a study grant from the National Asian American and Pacific Bilingual Education Technical Assistance Project.

LAW, URBAN PLANNING PROGRAMS FOR ASIAN WOMEN

A panel discussion on "Asian Women in Urban Planning" is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th in the small conference room of the North Campus Student Center. Representatives of the School of Urban Planning and Architecture will also be present. The program will promptly begin at 12 noon.

"Asian Women as Lawyers" will be the topic of a program also scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th. The women will be speaking on the opportunities available in the field of law. Also present will be representatives from the Asian Law Students Association. The program will be held in the large conference room of the North Campus Student Center.

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Asian American women, including both the historical and contemporary issues that concern them. The class itself will be held at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute and will consist of consecutive Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, beginning January 9, 1980. If you would like further information regarding this class, please feel free to contact Ron Hirano or Roy Nakano of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center at (213) 825-2974.

REVIEW OF ETHNIC STUDIES CENTERS

The four Ethnic Studies Centers at UCLA are presently undergoing their five year reviews. The Ethnic Studies Review Committee has arranged to have meetings with students, staff, and Directors of the Studies Centers.

The student meeting for the Asian American Studies Center will be held on November 13th, 2:30 to 4:00 pm at GSM 2284. All interested students are invited to attend.

PILOT ETHNIC AWARENESS PROJECT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

On November 13th, the Asian American Studies Center will begin a pilot program teaching ethnic awareness to elementary school children in the Los Angeles area. Lesson topics will include Asian American Identity, Stereotypes, Racism, and Asian Immigration. Anyone who is interested in volunteering as teacher's aides should call Keiko at 825-1006.

STUDENT GROUPS' OFFICE HOURS

The Asian American Studies Center works with several Asian student groups on the UCLA campus. The Center's association with these organizations range from providing desk space or a mailbox to full sponsorship. The following is a list of groups who have established office hours at 2240 Campbell Hall (an "(s)" designates groups sponsored by the Center):

Asian American Christian Fellowship, M10-12 (825-7184)
Asian Coalition, M10-12, W12-1, F12-1, and alternating between 2240 Campbell & 409 Kerckhoff - M2-4, T4-5, W2-3, Th4-5 (825-7184)
Asian Education Project, MWF9-3, TTh9-4 (825-5178)
Chinese Student Association, T12-1 & 2-3, Th 10-11 (825-7184) (s)
Japanese Student Association, M10-12, W10-12 (825-7184) (sponsored by OISS)
Korean Student Association, MWF12-1 (825-7184) (s)
Samahang Pilipino (hours to be established) (825-7184) (s)
Vietnamese Student Association, M10-11:30, T 11-12, W2-3, Th11-3, F8:30-10 (825-7184)

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Thrid Annual Asian/Pacific Student Union (west coast) Conference will be held at Stanford University on November 17 & 18, 1979. Workshops include: women, art & culture, youth/high school organizing, community/labor support, student organizing, international support, and Asian American Studies/special programs. For more information, contact the Publicity/Outreach Committee c/o Asian Student Union, 505 Eshleman, UCB, Berkeley, Ca. 94720, (415) 642-6728.