

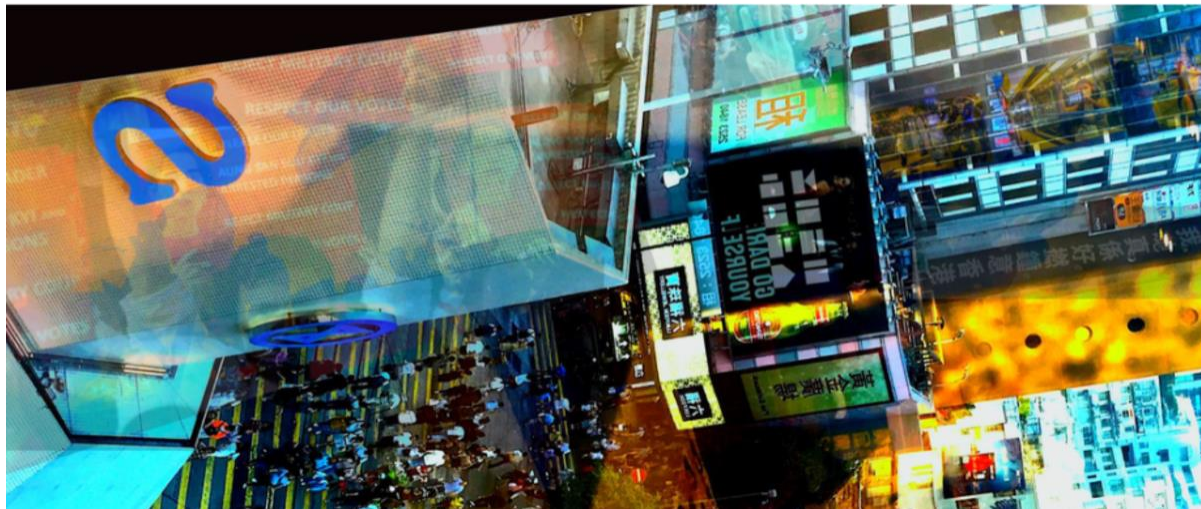
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# *East Asian Studies Center*

eNewsletter

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UPCOMING EVENT

## Society of Sinophone Studies Conference

Thursday, April 22 - Saturday, April 24 | Hosted Online via Zoom

[WEBSITE](#) | [FLYER](#) | [PROGRAM](#)

You are invited to attend a three-day conference hosted over Zoom on [Multisensory Dissent and Alliance Building: The Inaugural Biennial Conference of the Society of Sinophone Studies](#). The conference features one keynote speech and six panels spread across three days. By mobilizing interarea, interdisciplinary, and cross-methodological perspectives on multisensory modes of expressing dissent and ally-ship across the Sinophone world (including Taiwan, Hong Kong, mainland China, Southeast Asia, North America, Africa, and Europe), this interdisciplinary conference seeks to generate new cross-disciplinary frameworks for understanding, interpreting and amplifying the broader theoretical, methodological, and relational salience of such multisensory expressions.

Please visit the conference website for the registration links. This conference is sponsored by the [Society of Sinophone Studies](#), [USC Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures](#), [USC East Asian Studies Center](#), and [USC Center for Transpacific Studies](#).



## EVENT THURSDAY

### EASC Guest Speaker Series

### Jessica Zu and Dr. Larry Ward

Thurs, Apr 8 | 2:00-3:30PM (PDT) | [Register](#)

You can still register for the next [EASC Guest Speaker Series](#) with USC Assistant Professor of Religion, **Jessica Zu**, who has invited **Dr. Larry Ward**, co-founder of [The Lotus Institute](#) and author

of [America's Racial Karma: An Invitation to Heal](#). This lecture will tie in with Prof. Zu's REL 342: *Buddhist Modernism* course. Join us for this discussion on how engaged Buddhists seem to have poised to become the leaders in using Buddhist spirituality to fight for social justice, to cure collective racial trauma, and to dismantle lasting structural oppressions. See you on Thursday!

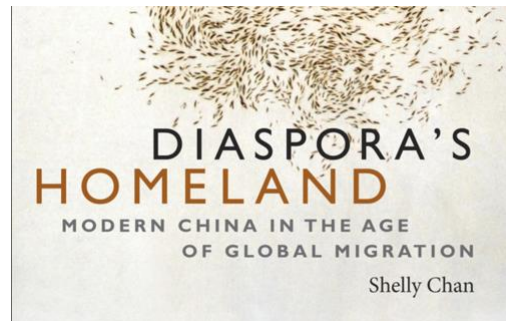
## EVENT REMINDER

### EASC Book Series: Modern China

### Shelly Chan and Hwei-Ying Kuo

Fri, Apr 16 | 4:00-5:30PM (PDT) | [Register](#)

We hope you will join us for the final session of the [EASC New Book Series: Modern China](#) series for the semester which will highlight [Diaspora's Homeland: Modern China in the Age of Global Migration](#) (Duke



University Press, 2018) with author **Shelly Chan** (Associate Professor of History, University of California, Santa Cruz) and discussant **Hwei-Ying Kuo** (Associate Research Professor of Sociology, John Hopkins University). Please [register](#) if you would like to attend.



## EVENT WRAPS

### Publishing Articles and Books

Thank you for attending the final [Grad Professionalization Series](#) on [Publishing Articles and Books](#) of the semester last Monday. The workshop was moderated by **David Kang** and led by professors **Rhacel Parreñas** (Sociology and Gender and Sexuality Studies) and **Benjamin**

**Uchiyama** (History). We want to thank the speakers for sharing their experiences on academic publishing and providing helpful tips for graduate students. We look forward to seeing you at the next [Grad Professionalization Series](#) in the fall!

## Race/Solidarity: Transpacific Conversations

### Tiara Wilson and Jang Wook Huh

Thank you for joining us last Thursday for the Race/Solidarity: Transpacific Conversations series on [\*The Politics of Friendship: Black and Korean Soldiers in U.S. Military Expansion\*](#). **Jang Wook Huh**,

Assistant Professor of American Ethnic Studies at the University of Washington, presented his fascinating research on the informal, homosocial friendship between African American and Korean soldiers in the mid-1940s and how it developed a form of solidarity. This was followed by an insightful Q&A moderated by **Tiara Wilson**, East Asian Area Studies graduate student, on the historical experiences of oppression between both groups which transitioned into a timely discussion on the promises and liabilities of solidarity to this day.



## EALC Japanese Language Program Teaching Assistant 2021-22

The [Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures](#) is looking for a doctoral student to fill the position of Program TA in the Japanese Language Program for 2021-2022. The Teaching Assistantship is a 50% appointment and provides 12 units of tuition plus health insurance and some fees. The ideal candidate should have native or near-native speaking ability in Japanese. The primary responsibility of the Program TA is to assist faculty with grading, course material preparation, and providing oral proficiency practices for undergraduate students. Interested students should send their CV and a brief self-introduction to Professor Yuka Kumagai ([kumagai@usc.edu](mailto:kumagai@usc.edu)), Director of the Japanese Language Program.

## API/AAPI/APIDA Resources

### **JOINT STATEMENT ON ANTI-ASIAN HATE AND VIOLENCE**

We hope you are staying safe and taking care of your well-being and health. Please read EASC's [joint statement](#) and see below for helpful resources. Visit our [EASC website](#) for more safety resources, bystander intervention workshops and links to USC faculty statements and interviews on stopping anti-asian hate. Fight on.

- The [BIPOC Mental Health resource site](#) is available to all students and connects the student community with resources, including therapists who share the same cultural identities. Students may request a specific therapist, specify a shared identity, or see a therapist who is a regular presence as an embedded counselor in the Student Equity and Inclusion Program centers.
- [USC Student Health, Counseling and Mental Health Services](#) also has a number of drop-in Let's Talk programs where students can speak one-on-one with a clinician from Counseling and Mental Health.
- If you witness or experience any discrimination or xenophobic attacks, please report directly to USC's Office for Equity, Equal Opportunity, and Title IX (EEO-TIX) by emailing [eeotix@usc.edu](mailto:eeotix@usc.edu).

- USC student organizations such as [USC APASS](#) offers [APASS Virtual Lounge Drop-Ins](#) every Wednesday from 5PM-6PM (PT) for community connection and peer-to-peer support.

## Virtual Events Around USC, CA & Beyond

*The Political Resource Blessing or Curse? Patronage Networks and the Varieties of Economic Development Models in China* - Talk by Zhenhuan (Reed) Lei

Tuesday, April 6 | 11:00AM - 12:00PM | USC Marshall China Research Group | [Register](#)

*Discovering History in Chinese Cities: A Book Slam Celebrating Four 2020/2021 Urban Studies Publications*

Wednesday, April 7 | 3:00PM - 4:30PM | UCI Center for Asian Studies | [Register](#)

*North Korean Refugee Entrepreneurs in South Korea: Unveiling Korea's Hidden Potential Panel Discussion*

Wednesday, April 7 | 4:00PM | UC Berkeley Center for Korean Studies | [Register](#)

*Hot! Hot! Hot! Korean Food in the Age of Kpop* - Talk by Robert Ji-Song Ku

Thursday, April 8 | 3:00PM | The Korea Society | [Register](#)

*Toxic Politics: China's Environmental Health Crisis and Its Challenge to the Chinese State* - Book Talk by Yanzhong Huang

Thursday, April 8 | 4:00PM - 5:30PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies | [Register](#)

*Transnational Reverberations: Recent Works In Ending The Korean War*

Thursday, April 8 | 7:00PM - 8:30PM | UCI Center for Critical Korean Studies | [Register](#)

*Remembering James Tong (1947-2020): A Celebration of His Life and Legacy*

Thursday, April 8 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies | [Register](#)

*Situating the Everyday in the Mao Era: Beyond the "Actually Existing" Paradigm* - Talk by Laurence Coderre

Friday, April 9 | 5:00PM - 6:30PM | UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies | [Register](#)

*China's Belt And Road Initiative In Action: Economic, Environmental, Social And Political Impact*

Saturday, April 10 | 9:00AM - 12:00PM | USC US-China Institute | [Register](#)

*Viet Thanh Nguyen: MacArthur Fellow, Refugee, and Author of The Committed Interview*

Monday, April 12 | 1:00PM - 2:00PM | USC Dornsife | [Register](#)

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