

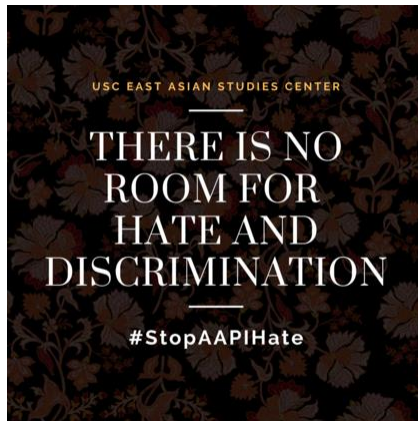
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# East Asian Studies Center

eNewsletter

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## Stop AAPI Hate

### **STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT FOLT**

### **STATEMENT FROM DEAN MILLER**

There has been a disturbing spike in Anti-Asian hate crimes and violence towards the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. We are heartbroken by the anti-Asian hate crime in Georgia. Our hearts go out to the families of the victims and our AAPI community. This violence must stop. To our USC community, we hope you are staying safe and taking care of your well-being and health. We encourage you to make an appointment with Counseling and Mental Health Services through the [MySHR portal](#). Please see below for

more resources. Fight on.

### **EASC POST | STOP AAPI HATE POST | MARCH 27 NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION**

- If you witness or experience any discrimination or xenophobic attacks, please report it to Stop AAPI Hate's [website](#).
- You can also make a report directly to USC's Office for Equity, Equal Opportunity, and Title IX (EEO-TIX) by emailing: [eeotix@usc.edu](mailto:eeotix@usc.edu)
- Utilize USC student organization resources such as [@USCAPASS](#) Virtual Lounge for community connection and peer-to-peer support. [APASS Lounge Drop-Ins](#) are every Wednesday from 5PM-6PM PT.



## UPCOMING EVENT

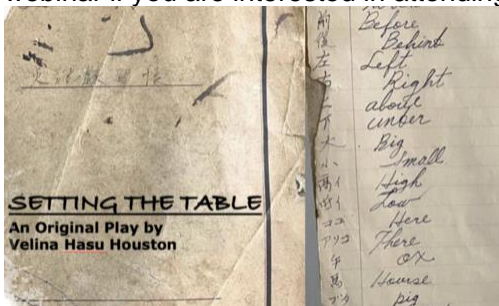
### EASC Guest Speaker Series: America's Racial Karma

#### Jessica Zu and Dr. Larry Ward

Thursday, April 8, 2021 | 2:00PM - 3:30PM (PDT) | [Register for Zoom](#)

Join us 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 Prof. Zu's REL 342: *Buddhist Modernism*. This course seeks to cover not only the common perception of Buddhism as psychological therapy, McM mindfulness style of self-help, and part of the New Age Spirituality but also the less studied engaged Buddhism that sought to make Buddhism a civil religion.

Engaged Buddhism is an important branch of new Buddhist movements that emerged around the world in the mid-twentieth century. However, in America today, 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. Please [register](#) for this webinar if you are interested in attending.



## EVENT WEDNESDAY

### Race/Solidarity: Transpacific Conversations

#### The Asian and Black Question Up Close in Drama

Wed, Mar 24 | 4:00-5:30PM (PDT) | [Register](#)

You do not want to miss the next [Race/Solidarity: Transpacific Conversations](#) series on [The Asian and Black Question Up Close in Drama: Plays that Organically Reckon Across the Divide](#). We will present a reading of excerpts from the work of **Velina Hasu Houston** whose globally produced plays have been exploring racial perspectives of Asian identity and Blackness for decades. Directed by actress, director, and scholar **Rena Heinrich**, the event will feature excerpts from Houston's new play, *Setting the Table*, performed by professional actors. The readings will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by

Heinrich that engages themes of multiculturalism, race and racism, and sociocultural illumination and distortion. See you on Wednesday!

## EVENT REMINDERS

### Publishing Articles and Books

Mon, Mar 29 | 12:00-1:00PM (PDT) | [Register](#)

Register with your USC email address for the final [Grad Professionalization Series](#) on [Publishing Articles and Books](#) next Monday! Moderated by **David Kang**, this workshop will be led by professors **Rhacel Parreñas** (Sociology and Gender and Sexuality Studies) and **Benjamin Uchiyama** (History). They will provide insight to students on academic publishing for journals, articles and manuscripts, as well as address graduate student questions or concerns regarding the process.



### Race/Solidarity: Transpacific Conversations

**Tiara Wilson and Jang Wook Huh**

Thurs, Apr 1 | 5:00-6:00PM (PDT) | [Register](#)

Don't forget to register for the next [Race/Solidarity: Transpacific Conversations](#) series on [The Politics of Friendship: Black and Korean Soldiers in U.S. Military](#)

[Expansion](#). For this session, **Tiara Wilson**, East Asian Area Studies graduate student, has invited **Jang Wook Huh**, Assistant Professor of American Ethnic Studies at the University of Washington, to discuss the informal, homosocial friendship between African American and Korean soldiers in the mid-1940s to consider how the act of developing intimate feelings can envision a form of solidarity.

## EVENT WRAP

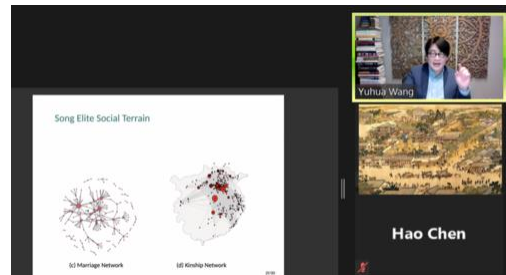
### EASC Guest Speaker Series

### Hao Chen with Yuhua Wang

#### VIDEO RECORDING

Last Thursday, USC Postdoctoral Scholar and Teaching Fellow in the Department of Political Science & International Relations, **Hao Chen** invited **Yuhua Wang**

**Wang**, Frederick S. Danziger Associate Professor in the Department of Government (Harvard University) to give a fascinating lecture on [The Rise, Fall, and Rise of China](#) as part of our **EASC Guest Speaker Series**. If you were unable to attend, the video recording of the session is available on our [EASC Youtube Channel](#).



### The Ohio State University 2021-22 Postdoctoral Fellow

**Deadline: April 15, 2021**

The [East Asian Studies Center](#), the [Center for Slavic and East European Studies](#), and the [Center for Historical Research](#) at The Ohio State University invite applications for a one-year

postdoctoral fellowship. Applicants should have earned a PhD within the last three years (2018 or later) in any field related to Slavic, East Asian, or Comparative Studies, broadly defined. While the specific topical focus and geographic areas are open, the successful candidate must be able to work in both geographic regions and connect to the larger theme of “Crisis, Uncertainty, and History.” The review of applications will start on **April 15**. Inquiries can be directed to Angela Brintlinger, Director of CSEES at [brintlinger.3@osu.edu](mailto:brintlinger.3@osu.edu); Mitchell Lerner, Director of EASC at [lerner.26@osu.edu](mailto:lerner.26@osu.edu); and John Brooke, Director of CHR at [brooke.10@osu.edu](mailto:brooke.10@osu.edu). Visit their [website](#) for more information.

## Liberty in North Korea at USC - Volunteer English Tutors Needed

### Sign Up Here

[Liberty in North Korea at USC](#) is calling interested students to join the Aurora NK Tutoring Program. The program is already active; they currently have unmatched students and would like interested tutors to apply as soon as possible. Over Zoom, tutors will help North Korean refugee students living in South Korea build confidence in their English skills by providing conversation practice and language learning activities. Tutors do not need to know any Korean. View the [flyer](#) for more information.

## Virtual Events Around USC, CA & Beyond

[Failure to Jettison: The Cost of Labor on the Path to Recovery - Talk by Xiaoyun Yu](#)  
Tuesday, March 23 | 11:00AM-12:00PM | USC Marshall China Research Group | [Register](#)

[Art Break: Zines! - Workshop by Rosie Yasukochi](#)  
Tuesday, March 23 | 12:00PM-12:45PM | Japanese American National Museum | [Register](#)

[The Korean Art of Fermentation - Talk by Irene Yoo](#)  
Thursday, March 25 | 3:00PM-4:00PM | The Korea Society | [Register](#)

[Artist Gallery Talk: Tran, T. Kim-Trang](#)  
Thursday, March 25 | 4:00PM-5:00PM | USC Pacific Asia Museum | [Register](#)

[Yōkai Past and Present - Conversation with Michael Dylan Foster and Zack Davisson](#)  
Thursday, March 25 | 5:00PM-6:00PM | Japan House | [Register](#)

[The Rise of Anti-Asian Violence and How to Support APIDA Communities](#)  
Thursday, March 25 | 6:00PM-7:30PM | APASS, SCAPE, APASA, and Helenes | [Register](#)

[National Day of Action: Call it What it is, a Hate Crime!](#)  
Saturday, March 27 | [Find Local Actions in Your City](#)



Comments? Questions? Promotion requests?  
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