

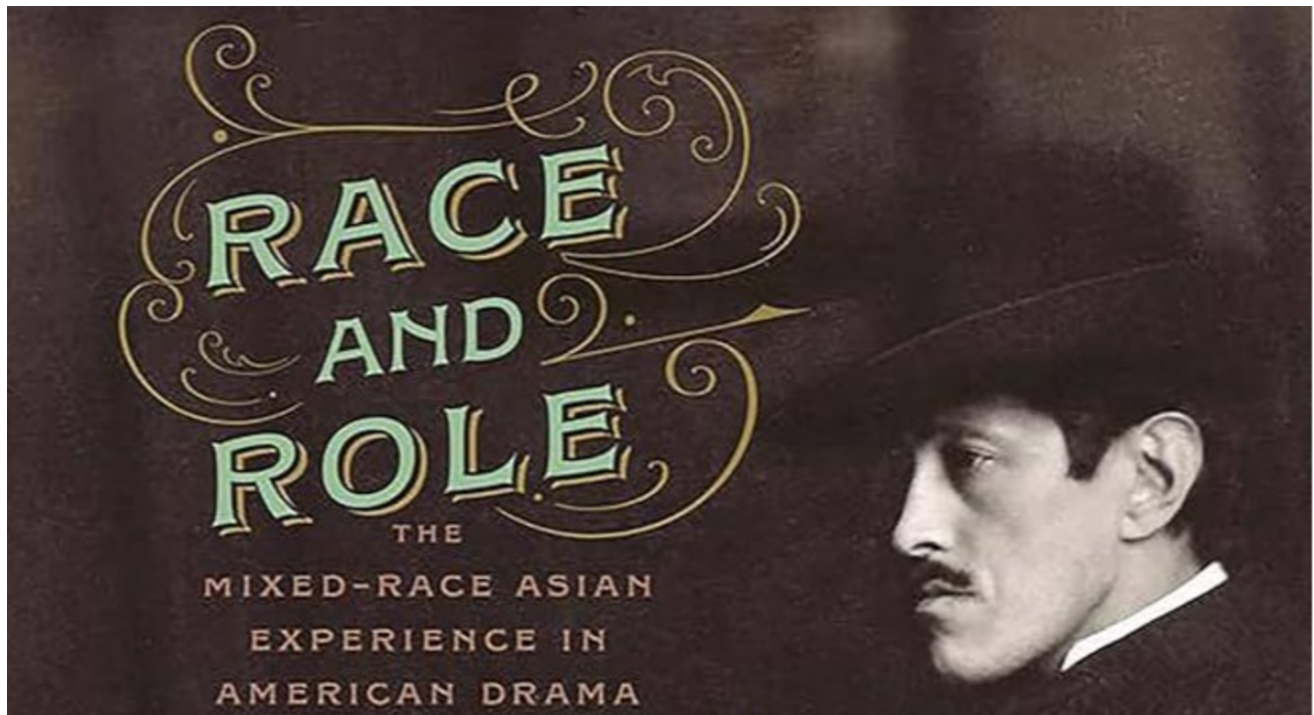
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East Asian Studies Center

February 5, 2024



Upcoming Event

Levan Book Chat—Rena Heinrich, *Race and Role*

Wednesday, February 14 | 12:00PM - 1:00PM | **Zoom RSVP**

Please join us for a discussion on **Rena Heinrich's** (Associate Professor of Theater Practice in Critical Studies, Dramatic Arts) new book, *Race and Role: The Mixed-Race Asian Experience in American Drama* (Rutgers University Press, 2023). Prof. Heinrich will be joined in conversation by **SanSan Kwan** (UC Berkeley) and **Rebecca Chiyoko King-O'Riain** (Maynooth University), moderated by **Duncan Williams** (USC). Mixed-race Asian American plays are often overlooked for their failure to fit smoothly into static racial categories, rendering mixed-race drama inconsequential in conversations about race and performance. Since the nineteenth century, however, these plays have long advocated for the social significance of multiracial Asian people. *Race and Role: The Mixed-Race Asian Experience in American Drama* traces the shifting identities of multiracial Asian figures in theater

from the late-nineteenth century to the present day and explores the ways that mixed-race Asian identity transforms our understanding of race.

This event is part of the [Levan Institute for the Humanities Book Chats](#) series and co-sponsored by the [School of Dramatic Arts](#) and the [East Asian Studies Center](#).



Event Wrap

Emblem Award Ceremony

Congratulations to EASC associate director, **Grace Ryu**, for receiving the Dean's Emblem Award for Outstanding Community Contributions! Grace received many nominations for the inaugural award from the [USC Dornsife Office of DEIB](#) and was honored at the USC Dornsife Spring Recognition Awards and Reception last Thursday. Grace has spent the past 20 years advocating for inclusion and representation at Dornsife and the wider USC community. Outside of her role at EASC, Grace co-founded the [Asian Pacific Islander and Faculty Staff Association](#) which has been instrumental in providing a space for faculty and staff to build community. Within the EASC community, Grace is well known for being a supportive colleague, mentor, and friend to fellow staff, students and faculty. Please see a quote below that perfectly encapsulates Grace's character!

"This is what you get when working with Grace. Whether it is guidance to financial help and opportunities, job and work prospects, or the tough conversations you worry about having, or seeking a place to grieve, or maybe a place to be recognized and grow, she helps you. She is always willing. She always does."

As her staff, we are extremely proud of her and could not be more excited for her to receive this award! Congratulations Grace! 🎉

Lunar New Year Events Around USC

All of us at EASC wish you and your loved ones an upcoming Happy Year of the Dragon! Please see below for some exciting New Year events happening within the USC community:

UVSA Têt Festival

Fri-Sun, Feb 9-11 | All Day | Union of Vietnamese Student Associations of Southern California | [RSVP](#)

Lunar New Year@PAM

Sat, Feb 10 | 11:00AM-5:00PM | Pacific Asia Museum

Late Night 'SC: Lunar New Year Celebration

Sat, Feb 10 | 8:00PM-11:00PM | Late Night 'SC

**Opportunities****CALL FOR PAPERS:****Journal of Korean and Asian Arts Vol. 8****Deadline: February 29 (KST)**

The Korean National Research Center for the Arts warmly invites submissions for the upcoming issue of the *Journal of Korean and Asian Arts* (KAA) Vol. 8. KAA is an open-access

English Journal dedicated to advancing research in Korean and Asian Arts. Published by the Korean National Research Center for the Arts (KRECA) at the Korea National University of Arts. They are currently accepting articles encompassing a wide range of topics within Asian arts, including but not limited to music, film, theater, multimedia, dance, visual arts, Korean traditional arts, and arts education. [See more here](#) ►

Events Around USC, CA & Beyond**The Japanese Empire: From Politics to Baseball**

Wed, Feb 7 | 6:45PM-8:15PM | Smithsonian Associates

Qiu Ying's "Zhou Dunyi Admiring Lotuses"

Thurs, Feb 8 | 4:00PM-5:00PM | The Huntington | [RSVP](#) | [Zoom](#)

Screening: *How to Have an American Baby*

Thurs, Feb 8 | 6:00PM-8:30PM | UCLA Asia Pacific Center | [RSVP](#)

Akiko Yoshie - "Excavating Female Rulers, Himiko and Suiko"

Fri, Feb 9 | 4:00PM-6:30PM | Shinso Ito Center | [RSVP](#)

Feeling Gender Infrastructure

Fri, Feb 9 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | Yanai Initiative | [RSVP](#)

Book Talk: *Human Rights and Transnational Democracy in South Korea*

Mon, Feb 12 | 4:00PM | UCLA Center for Korean Studies | [RSVP](#)

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