

# **Spring 2012 Events Calendar**

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## Thursday, April 5, 2012 12:00 PM to 2:00PM

## The Girl in the Moon Circle

Where: Humanities 193

Join us for an afternoon with Sia Figiel, an award-winning Samoan writer, visual artist and performance poet. She will perform excerpts from her critically acclaimed fiction and poetry, including new works in progress. The first contemporary Samoan woman writer, Figiel's work explores issues of gender, identity, and community that dominate Samoan society. Written in stunning, poetic language, she will combine post-modernism with oral performance as she chants her characters to life in this hour-long performance.

Sponsored by: UCLA Asian American Studies Center

**Co-Sponsored by:** UCLA Department of Asian American Studies and UCLA Postcolonial Theory and Literary Studies Colloquium

# Thursday, April 5, 2012 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

# Challenging Constitutionality: A Tribute to Gordon Hirabayashi (1918-2012)

Where: Charles E. Young Research Library Presentation Room

This program pays tribute to the late Gordon Hirabayashi, a civil rights pioneer who took a principled stand not merely for himself or his family, or for Japanese Americans or Asian Americans, but for all Americans.

Sponsored by: UCLA Asian American Studies Center and UCLA Library

Co-Sponsored by: UCLA George & Sakaye Aratani Endowed Chair, UCLA Asian American Studies Department, and

UCLA Nikkei Student Union

Admission is free and no reservations required but seating is first-come first serve.

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#### Thursday, April 11 to Saturday, April 14, 2012

## UCLA AASC at the 2012 Association for Asian American Studies Conference

Where: Captial Hilton, Washington DC

Find us at this years conference, "Expanding the Political: Power, Poetics, Practice". AASC Press will be offering specials on our publications throughout the conference. David K Yoo will chair the panel "Revisiting the Los Angeles Riots/Civil Uprising: Sa-I-Gu Twenty Years Later" in Federal B on Friday at 3:00PM. Amerasia Journal will host a reception on Saturday at 11:30AM in the Congressional Room.

For More Information: www.aasc.ucla.edu/enews/aaas2012.asp

# Saturday, April 21, 2012 5:00 PM

#### **Annual Scholarship Benefit**

Where: Covell Commons UCLA

Celebrating PAA Scholars, the the 40th Anniversary of UCLA Samahang Pilipino, Professor Tania Azores as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Meg Malpaya Thornton with the Royal Morales Achievement Award!

**Sponsored by:** UCLA Pilipino Alumni Association **Co-Sponsored by:** UCLA Asian American Studies Center

To buy Tickets or make a Donation visit www.uclapaa.net or contact PAA at alumni@uclapaa.net

For More Information: www.uclapaa.net

# Saturday, April 28, 2012 9:00 AM to 5:00PM

#### Confronting Sa-I-Gu 20 Years After Koreatown Burned

Where: Garden Suites Hotel

Twenty years after the 1992 Los Angeles Civil Unrest, a consortium of community organizations and schools will host a gathering on April 28, 2012. Speakers during the day-long symposium will examine the social, political and cultural implications of the riots. The event will also evaluate the future of Koreatown.

**Sponsored by:** Korea Foundation

**Co-Sponsored by:** UCLA Asian American Studies Center, LMU Asian Pacific American Studies Program, Association for Asian American Studies, Overseas Koreans Foundation, UCR Young Oak Kim Center for Koean American Studies

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# Thursday, May 3, 2012 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

## **Scholarship Awards Reception & Fundraiser**

Where: Tiato Restaurant

Celebrate with scholarship award winners and alumni! Chancellor Gene Block is the special keynote speaker

**Sponsored by:** Asian Pacific Alumni Association of UCLA **Co-Sponsored by:** UCLA Asian American Studies Center

**RSVP** information forthcoming

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#### Thursday, May 17, 2012 6:30 PM to 8:30:00 PM

## Him Mark Lai An Autobiography of a Chinese American Historian

Where: TBA

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center in conjunction with the Chinese Historical Society of America has just released the first and only autobiography of Him Mark Lai (1925-2009), the renowned Dean of Chinese American History. Professor Emeritus Judy Yung give give a presentation on the publication.

Sponsored by: UCLA Asian American Studies Center

**Co-Sponsored by:** Friends of the Chinatown Library, Chinese Historical Society of Southern California **RSVP** by May 14, 2012 to www.aasc.ucla.edu/archives/eventrsvp.asp or aascrsvp@aasc.ucla.edu

#### **Finals Week**

# **EthnoCommunications Student Film Screening**

Where: TBA

Please join us for the premier of the Spring quarter 2012 student films and a special presentation of the Jake Shimabukuro Documentary by Tad Nakamura. We will also be celebrating the retirement of the UCLA Center for EthnoCommunications founder, Professor Bob Nakamura. Refreshments provided and Q&A with the filmmakers following the screening. FREE! For more information, please email Gena at ghamamoto@gmail.com.

Sponsored by: Center for Ethno Communications

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# Saturday, June 16, 2012 9:30 AM

#### **Asian American Studies Department Graduation**

Where: Schoenberg Hall

**Sponsored by:** UCLA Department of Asian American Studies

For More Information visit www.asianam.ucla.edu/ or contact 310/207-5592.

#### Sunday, June 17, 2012 3:00 PM

#### **Asian Pacific Islander Student Celebration**

To be a part of the planning committee sign up at http://apcla.org/wordpress/documents

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