

Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies

2014-2015 Membership

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To: Amy Ferrer, Executive Director, American Philosophical Association
From: Jay L Garfield, Chair, APA Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian- American Philosophers and Philosophies
RE: Annual Committee Report 2014-2015

The APA Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies (henceforth “the committee”) organized sessions at all three divisional meetings of the APA and published its newsletter. We also continued our collection of syllabi for courses addressing Asian and Asian-American philosophy and discussed future plans.

At the 2014 Eastern Division meetings, we sponsored a panel chaired by David Kim on Post-Race and Asian Americans. Fred Lee of the University of Connecticut and Falguni Sheth of Hampshire College spoke. At the Central Division meetings we sponsored two panels. Dan Arnold of the University of Chicago chaired a panel on Buddhism as a Type of Knowing How. Ashby Lynne Butnor of the Metropolitan State College of Denver, Constance Kassor of Smith College and David Tomlinson of the University of Chicago spoke. Chaehyun Chong of Sogang University chaired a session on Yijing Studies in Korean Philosophy. In Bang of Kyungpook University and Halla Kim of the University of Nebraska, Omaha spoke. At the Pacific Division meetings we sponsored a session on Hope in Japanese philosophy. Douglas Berger of Southern Illinois University chaired. Laura Specker Sullivan of the University of Hawai’i, Manoa, Wakoko Godo of the University of Tokyo and Rika Dunlap of the University of Hawai’i, Manoa spoke. This represents a wonderfully broad range of topics in Asian philosophy and of relevance to Asian-American philosophers.

The coming year will also see a great deal of variety in the committee’s conference sessions. We will put on two panels at the Eastern Division meetings—one in Chinese philosophy and one in Indian philosophy. At the Central Division meetings we will collaborate on an author-meets-critics session on Naomi Zack’s *White Privilege and Black Rights: The Injustice of U.S. Police Racial Profiling and Homicide*. At the APA Pacific Division we have three panels coming up: one on paradox and contradiction in East Asian thought; one on disgust and shame in a cross-cultural perspective; and an author-meets-critics session on Barry Allen’s new book, *Vanishing Into Things*. I am happy that the Committee continues to address so many Asian traditions and showcases the work of Asian and Asian-American philosophers as well.

Prasanta Bandyopadhyay continues to edit our newsletter, which continues to address both sides of our mandate. Volume XIV no. 1 published a series of articles on Asian-American philosophers, addressing stereotyping, discrimination and the need for diversity in the profession and the visibility of Asian-American philosophers. Volume XIV no. 2 offered a diverse set of articles on topics in Asian-American philosophy, including topics in metaphysics, epistemology, political philosophy, the philosophy of mathematics and ethics.

Many of these articles were written by Asian-American philosophers. Volume 15 will collect essays on recent Indian philosophy. The newsletter has recently announced its policy and procedures with regard to blind review, complying with the new APA rules for newsletters.

We are working on a new initiative, which we hope to have ready by the Central Division meetings. We would like to host a table at the book display representing recent books published on topics in Asian philosophy, or by Asian philosophers. This is not ready yet, but is in the works.

The committee would also like to request the APA to invite members to join a mailing list for the committee. Any members who would wish to identify as Asian or Asian-American philosophers or philosophers interested in Asian and Asian-American philosophy and the status of Asian and Asian-American philosophers could sign up. This would be useful to us, as we would have an easy database for the solicitation of participants in panels and contributions to our newsletters, as well as a way to distribute information of interest to those to whom it would indeed be of interest.