# **UCLA** Institute of American Cultures

## Fall 2020 Newsletter

American Indian Studies Center (<u>AISC</u>) Chicano Studies Research Center (<u>CSRC</u>) Asian American Studies Center (<u>AASC</u>) Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies (<u>Bunche</u>)

### **Message from the Vice Provost**

In these challenging times, we continue our longstanding commitment to advancing research for social justice. I hope that you enjoy reading about the work of the IAC and our centers, and thank you for your support and partnership.

Sincerely, David K. Yoo Vice Provost & Professor

### Click here to read our IAC Annual Report (2019–2020)!

#### <u>Why are so many Native Americans dying of Covid?</u> [Newsday] 9/29/20 radio interview

"Every day there are funerals. We've lost so many people that if you actually look at the proportion of people we have lost to Covid in our community it would equal about 1.3 million Americans." - Dr. Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear

#### New from the American Indian Culture and Research Journal

AICRJ on Fraud in Native American Art, https://meridian.allenpress.com/aicrj/issue/43/4

AICRJ on Indigeneity, Feminism, Activism, https://meridian.allenpress.com/aicrj/issue/43/3

AICRJ on Rethinking Blackness and Indigeneity in the Light of Settler Colonial Theory, https://meridian.allenpress.com/aicrj/issue/43/2



#### Hate Crime Map Set To Launch October 19th!

AISC has been working with several partners to develop a Hate Crime Map that provides a crowd-sourced platform which allows victims to report hate-based incidents and enables researchers to study the data.

#### Mary Uyematsu Kao releases book of photographs documenting Asian American activism in the 1970's

AASC marked the launch of a book of photography, *Rockin' the Boat: Flashbacks of the 1970s Asian Movement,* co-published and written by Mary Uyematsu Kao ('71), former publications coordinator of the center.





a mask on?

#### COVID-19 Multilingual Resource Hub developed to support safety for diverse communities - TranslateCovid.org

AASC and the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health's website features health and safety recommendations related to the COVID-19 pandemic with materials in more than 50 languages, and the team produced videos in six different languages on handwashing, mask-wearing, and social distancing.







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#### AASC releases expanded edition of Rappin' With A Thousand Carabaos in the Dark by the late Al Robles.

October is Filipino American History Month, and AASC was thrilled to celebrate the expanded edition of *Rappin' With A Thousand Carabaos in the Dark,* written by the beloved Filipino American poet and activist, the late Al Robles.

Our poetry is the Best part of our struggle Our struggle is the Best part of our poetry

Reflections on the work and impact of poet and activist Al Robles

Celebrating Filipino American History Month and the recent expanded edition of his classic poetry collection Rappin' With Ten Thousand Carabaos in the Dark



#### Kelly Lytle Hernández Featured in Los Angeles Magazine article

"This UCLA Professor's Books on Policing and Prison Used to Be Treated as Radical. Now, Everything's Changed."

#### UCLA Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellows Program

Research Focus on Black Life and the Black Experience. Applications due November 1, 2020.

#### Professors' doc shines light on U.S. border humanitarian group

The documentary *Aguilas*, co-directed by film professor and CSRC faculty advisory committee member Kristy Guevara-Flanagan, was supported in part by an Institute of American Cultures research grant from the CSRC.



#### **CSRC Press Wins Seven International Latino Book Awards**

On September 12, 2020, Empowering Latino Futures announced the winning titles in the 2020 International Latino Book Awards competition. Three books from CSRC Press received recognition.

#### **CSRC launches interactive Chicano Moratorium 50th Anniversary Project website**

On August 29, fifty years after the National Chicano Moratorium took place in Los Angeles, the CSRC publicly launched the Chicano Moratorium 50th Anniversary Project website.

#### Save the Date!

IAC Fall Forum Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 3–4 pm Featuring 2020-21 IAC visiting researchers and scholars, graduate and predoctoral fellows, and research grant awardees at UCLA's four ethnic studies centers.

## **October Events**

Thurs. Oct 15, 3-4:30pm Book talk with Tommy Orange, author of There There	
Thurs. Oct 15, 4-6pm	<u>Screening: "Please, Don't Bury Me Alive! / ¡Por Favor, No Me Entierren Vivo!"</u>
Fri. Oct 16, 6-10pm	UCLA Black Alumni Association (UBAA) Virtual Winston C. Doby Legacy Party & Fundraiser
Mon. Oct 19, 7-9pm	Talk: "What is Power?" with Chon Noriega, Jemima Pierre, and William Boyd
Tues. Oct 27, 4-6pm	A virtual panel, "Indigenous Insights about Policing"

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