

Regions V & VI
pauses for a
group photo!



APIKC member,
Christine Quemel,
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apikc10@gmail.com!



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Happy Holidays!

Season's greetings! We are your new Public Relations Co-Chairs and editors of the quarterly APIKC newsletter. We are excited to share news from our KC members, to celebrate awards and publications of our colleagues, to promote awareness of issues pertaining to the KC, and to increase the participation of our community. With enthusiasm, we bring you our first newsletter, which include biographies and pictures of our KC leadership team, and news bites about awards and publications from around the country sent in by fellow KC members.

In addition to the traditional columns featured in previous newsletters, we are happy to announce that we are adding THREE new columns to our newsletters. The first is called "Action Items," featured in this newsletters,

will spotlight ways you can, well, take action – within the KC, the Asian American/Pacific Islander community, or the higher education community. The second is titled "API Wellness Corner," covering topics related to wellness within the Asian American/Pacific Islander community. The last column, "Outside HigherEd," focuses on topics relevant to our community but is not necessarily situated inside higher education. These last two columns will debut in our next newsletter.

We welcome your participation and assistance in making these three new columns a success. You may submit short blurbs or longer columns to apikc10@gmail.com with "Newsletter Submission" in the subject line. Enjoy!

- *Jacqueline Mac and Stephen Deaderick*



Who's Who in the APIKC

Meet the Leadership Team

RAJA BHATTAR Co-Chair

Raja Bhattar is the director of the LGBT Campus Resource Center at UCLA and currently serves as the National Co-chair for the APIKC. He has held several leadership positions in NASPA's APIKC, GLBTKC, Region I, Region VI and on the executive board of the Consortium of LGBT Resource Professionals in Higher Education. Raja holds a master's degree in Higher Education & Student Affairs Administration from the University of Vermont and a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Boston University. He is trained in Bharathanatyam (South Indian classical dance) and other dance forms and enjoys performing in Drag as his alter-ego Rajeshwari. Raja enjoys cooking, hanging out at local coffee shops, continuing the quest to find the perfect cup of tea and traveling.



JOEANN NGUYEN Co-Chair

JoeAnn is currently a doctoral student at the University of California, Riverside. She graduated from University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelors degree in Education and with a Masters in Education from Florida International University in Miami, FL. JoeAnn worked for six years in Residential Life before pursuing her doctoral studies full-time. Her academic interests include Asian American and Pacific Islander student access to higher education and transfers from the community colleges as well as Asian American, Native American and Pacific Islander Serving Institutions.

LORRIZ ALVARADO

New Professionals and Graduate Students Chair

Lorri Anne (lor-reez æn), or you may call her Lori, is a San Diego native and a recent DC transplant. She earned her Bachelors in Human Development and double minors in Ethnic Studies and Psychology from Univeristy of California, San Diego in 2008. She went directly to

graduate school at the University of Vermont where she graduated in May 2010 with her Masters of Education in Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration. She currently works in University Information at George Mason University in Northern Virginia. She enjoys traveling (on the bucket list is to visit each continent), trying new things (next is going on a cruise for her honeymoon), and loves taking advantage of DC's many free activities and museums. Her love for NASPA and the APIKC stems from her very first conference as an undergraduate student in 2007. Since then it has been a comforting home base within the organization that has been welcoming and helped ease the overwhelmingness (sic) of conferences and our career field. She can't wait to reconnect in Phoenix next year!



STEPHEN DEADERICK

Public Relations Co-Chair

Stephen currently works as a Residence Life Coordinator and Diversity Liaison at Oxford College of Emory University. He graduated from Emory University in 2009 with a double major in Sociology and Educational Studies and from UCLA with a Master of Education in Student Affairs in 2010. His academic interests include multiculturalism, diversity work, and mixed race students. When not responding to late night calls about drunk students and false fire alarms, Stephen loves singing and dancing along to Glee and is obsessed with the Real Housewives (and any other show on Bravo). He currently also serves as the Newsletter Editor for the New Professionals and Graduate Students KC and is excited to join the API KC leadership team as one of the Public Relations Co-Chairs. Stephen can't wait to



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see everyone in Phoenix next March!

JACQUELINE MAC
Public Relations Co-Chair

Jacqueline currently serves as Program Coordinator in the Center for Multicultural Equity and Access at Georgetown University. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2008 majoring in Psychology and minoring in Asian American Studies. After a brief break as a Fellow with the Japanese American Citizens League, Jacqueline returned to school at the University of Maryland-College Park and received her Masters degree in Counseling and Personnel Services with a focus on College Student Personnel in August 2011. Her professional interests include intergroup dialogue, multicultural education, graduate student services, Asian American and multiracial identity development, wellness, and student activism. Outside of the office, Jacqueline enjoys training for the Cherry Blossom Ten Miler in April 2012, practicing jivamukti yoga, cooking ethnic foods, and watching the Big Bang Theory. Given her last name, it is no secret that she LOVES Apple products.



KENNY IMPORTANTE
Social and Networking Chair

Kenny Importante currently serves as Assistant Director for the Asian American Cultural Center at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He received his B.A. in history and global studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. In 2009, he received his M.A. in Higher Education and Student Affairs at the University of Connecticut. While at UConn, he served as a graduate assistant at the Asian American Cultural Center. He has also worked in Residential Life at the Universities of California, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. His interests are developing student leaders, providing various opportunities for student involvement, and challenging students to become more aware of social justice issues. Kenny considers himself a 1.5 generation, born in the Philippines and grew up in Oxnard, California.

JEROME BUDOMO
NUPF Representative

Jerome currently works as the Assistant Director for Student Activities and Transition Programs at St. Mary's University of San Antonio. He graduated from San Diego State University (SDSU) in 2005 majoring in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Math and Science and in 2009, received his Master in Post-Secondary Educational Leadership, Student Affairs from SDSU as well. Jerome's professional experiences have included: Budgeting, Community Service, Diversity Training, Event Planning, Grant Writing, Greek Life/Student Organization(s) Advising, Leadership Programs, Multi-Cultural Center, Orientation Programs, Parent Programs, Programming Council Advising, Service Learning, Student Activities, Student Government, and University Seminar Instructor. His passion for student affairs stems from seeing his students develop into successful young adults before his very eyes. Besides work, Jerome enjoys snowboarding, singing, dancing, hanging out with friends, and being a couch potato watching TV.



TEDD VANADILOK
Technology Chair

Tedd presently works at Santa Clara University in a variety of roles including Program Coordinator for the Center for Student Leadership as well as Project Assistant and Hearing Officer for the Office of Student Life. He was formerly the Director of Asian/Asian American Student Affairs at Northwestern University and previously worked for the Multicultural Center at both Northwestern and Duke University from 2001-10. Tedd earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology and master's degree in Higher Education Administration from Northwestern as well as a master's degree in Sports Management from Ohio State University. His professional interests include student organizations, leadership, social justice activism, multicultural education, and inclusive excellence. Outside of work, Tedd enjoys playing ice hockey, reading cookbooks, mixing music, and spending time with his wife, daughter, and two cats.



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DORA LEE**E-Mentorship Program Coordinator**

Dr. Dora Lee has been a student affairs professional for 13 years, working in the areas of student life, cultural centers, learning communities, academic advising and orientation. Dr. Lee serves as Senior Coordinator for the Office of Student Life & Cultural Centers where she currently oversees Greek Life, Clubs/Orgs, Leadership, and formerly oversaw the African American Student Center, Asian & Pacific Islander Student Center, Cesar E Chavez Center for Higher Education, Native American Student Center, Pride Center and the Violence Prevention & Women's Resource Center. Dr. Lee received her B.S. in Sociology and B.A. in Ethnic Studies from UC Riverside, her M.S. in Counseling with an emphasis in Student Development in Higher Education from Cal State Long Beach, and her Ed.D in Higher Education Administration from the University of Southern California. Dr. Lee received training in human relations and conflict management through National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). She has been facilitating and training people diversity and leadership workshops for over 11 years. For fun Dr. Lee loves to read, eat and hang out with friends and family. She has a one-year old daughter named Andalucia Pui Mun Regalado-Lee, a three year old dog named Platanos, and is married to Juan Regalado.

**BINDI PATEL****Region II Representative**

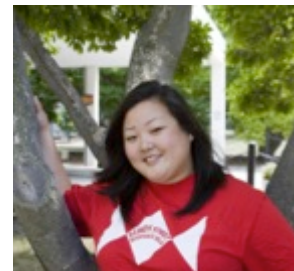
Bindi currently serves as the Assistant Director of the Center for Multicultural Education and Programs at New York University focusing on diversity and social just work. She graduated from Michigan State University with a double degree in International Relations and Supply Chain Management and promptly switched gears to work in educational non-profits geared towards Asian Pacific Islander American students. After leaving the Asian



Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund, she made her way to NYU. In 2011, she received her Master's in Educational Leadership, Politics, and Advocacy. She loves Michigan State and all things Detroit, dreaming of ways to help redevelop the city!

CLEDA WANG**Region IV-E Representative**

Cleda is currently a Resident Director at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies in 2008; her Master's degree is from Michigan State University in Student Affairs Administration (2010). She currently advises the Asian American Student Housing Organization (AASHO) at Illinois and will be presenting at the Midwest Asian American Student Union Spring Conference at Illinois. Her academic interests include social justice issues, multiethnic and multiracial students, leadership development, and veterans student support services. Favorite thing about working in student affairs is helping students develop and succeed to become responsible, ethical citizens.

**PABLO MENDOZA****Region IV-W Representative**

Pablo Mendoza currently works as a Director of the Multicultural Center at the University of Missouri. He has his master's degree in East Asian Studies from the University of Illinois and his bachelor's degree in Non-Western History from the University of San Diego. He is currently writing his dissertation on American Indian Higher Education programs in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields. A student affairs professional since 1989, Pablo has been empowering diverse student populations through such activities as the Midwest Asian American Student Union and the Kansas/Missouri Hispanic American Leadership Organizations conferences. Pablo has been a Tai Chi instructor for the last twenty years and has most recently taught Tai Chi to returning veterans through the Harry S. Truman VA Hospital in Mid-Missouri. He is a new NASPA Undergraduate

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Fellows Program Mentor for an undergraduate at the University of Missouri.

LISA HATFIELD

Region V Representative

Lisa has been at Portland State University for nearly eight years and loves working with PSU students and colleagues. She is the director of the University's Learning Center and has an MAT and an MA in English literature. Prior to her current position, Lisa taught at the high-school, community college, and four-year university levels. NASPA is fairly new for Lisa, and she's grateful for the fortuitous timing that led to her current role of API-KC rep for Region V.

JOSHUA JOHNSON

Region VI- Southern California Representative

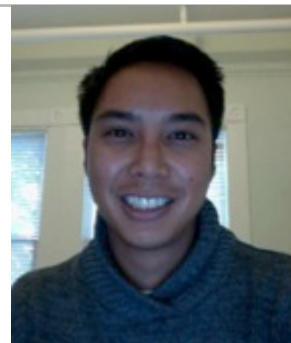
Joshua Moon Johnson is the Director of LGBT Services at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Joshua previously served as an Assistant Director in Housing & Dining and Residential Communities at Northern Illinois University. While at NIU, Joshua also served as a teaching assistant for a Multicultural Education graduate seminar. Prior to joining NIU, Joshua worked in residence life at Binghamton University, State University of New York. Joshua holds a doctorate in higher education with a research focus on identity intersections of race, religion, and sexuality. Joshua received a master's degree in social sciences, student affairs, and diversity at Binghamton University, State University of New York, a master's degree in marketing analysis from The University of Alabama, and a bachelor's in business from the University of South Alabama. Joshua is an alumnus of the Social Justice Training Institute and has presented regionally and nationally on topics such as media and marginality, queer people of color, multiracial student identity, intersections of religion and sexuality, and facilitating dialogues on diversity. Joshua is a trained diversity facilitator and serves as the NASPA Region VI-Southern California Asian Pacific Islander Concerns Knowledge Community Representative, and he previously served as the Region IV-E representative.



JERALD ADAMOS

Region VI-Northern California Representative

Jerald currently works as a Program Associate for Fraternity & Sorority Life at Stanford University. Jerald received his Bachelors degree in English Education at CSU Long Beach and his Masters degree in Higher Education at CSU Fullerton. His higher education experience and interests include leadership development, multicultural affairs, student activities, Greek affairs, gay, lesbian, bisexual awareness, career services, and Veteran student support. Prior to student affairs, Jerald was in the entertainment industry dancing with and for popular hip-hop and pop performers and was a director for a team that uses dance education to build community with the youth and promote healthy lifestyle choices. Alongside dancing, he enjoys spending time with friends, exploring new things to do, trying different types of food, and sleeping when he can.



ROUEL VELASCO

Region VI - Hawai'i Representative

Rouel currently works as the Operations Manager for the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the undergraduate student government for the past 4 years. He graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in History and a minor in Sociology and in 2009 with a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration. In addition, he volunteers to serve as the co-advisor for the Golden Key International Honour Society and Filipinos Linked In Pride, and a trainer/facilitator for the Hawaii Chapter of National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI). My involvement also extends to the Hawai'i Filipino community and giving back to my alma mater in the areas of youth empowerment, student activities and leadership. Rouel looks forward to attending the NASPA Annual Conference in Arizona and re-connecting with all of you!



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NICOLE VIRTUCIO**Region VI Executive Chair**

Nicole Virtucio currently works as the Coordinator for Associated Students Inc. at California State University, Fullerton. As a Coordinator, Nicole provides leadership training for ASI student leaders, assist in assessment and evaluation for student programming, and support for ASI Productions, Titan Tusk Force, and Association for InterCultural Awareness programming boards. She graduated from the masters program in College of Student Affairs at Azusa Pacific University in May of 2008. Nicole loves to traveling, spending time with friends and family, bowling, and scrapbooking. She looks forward to serving the APIKC.



UCLA. Her postdoctoral project takes a multi-dimensional approach to studying campus climate by looking at how students' perceptions and experiences are shaped by their diverse interactions with peers, staff, and faculty. Results are also contextualized with comparisons with institutions nationwide to enable stronger recommendations to inform practice, programming, and policy at UCLA. Her dissertation focused on how socioeconomic classes and immigrant histories shaped family contexts and students' roles and responsibilities within their families. This study also examined how family contexts fostered the development of alternative types of capital and how such capitals were converted to develop strategies to support postsecondary success. In addition to her work, Fanny enjoys a good meal, fashion-forward outfits, and a great pair of shoes. Having lived in two fantastic cities (San Francisco and Los Angeles), she is a city girl at heart but will also jump at the chance to hit the slopes in Tahoe and take runs along the beach!

SELBY LO**Region III Representative**

Selby works at the University of Houston as an Activities Advisor for Risk Management. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 2009 with a double major in Biological Sciences and Plant Biology with a minor in French. He received his Masters in Higher Education from the Florida State University in 2011. Selby's professional experiences include: Student Organizations Services, RSO Event Registration, Risk Management, Student Organization Advising, and Student Activities. In his spare time, Selby loves to watch reality TV, drama, and comedy shows such as How I Met Your Mother, gLee, and others. He is looking forward to getting more involved with the APIKC as he has been to APIKC meetings in Chicago and Philly!

DAN XAYAPHANH**Region VI - Arizona Representative**

Dan has been working at the University of Arizona for the Asian Pacific American Student Affairs for the past 7 years and is currently the Program Director of the area. In this role, Dan has had the opportunity to work directly with students as well as working campus wide to provide cultural education as the UA campus lead for the cultural awareness months and the cultural graduations. He graduated with an undergraduate degree in Business Marketing and Advertising from Iowa State University and continued on to receive a Masters in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. In his spare time, Dan enjoys traveling, the outdoors, and playing sports.

**FANNY YEUNG****Research and Scholarship Co-Chair**

Fanny Yeung is a currently a postdoctoral researcher in the Student Affairs Information and Research Office (SAIRO) at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and received her doctorate and master's degrees from



Stay TUNED to our next newsletter to introduce APPEX Co-Chairs, Sadika Sulaiman Hara and Dawn Lee, and Research and Scholarship Co-Chair, Kevin Gin.



Brain Work

How Lived Experiences Affect Ethnic Identity Development for Transracial Korean American Adoptees: Implications for Higher Education Practice

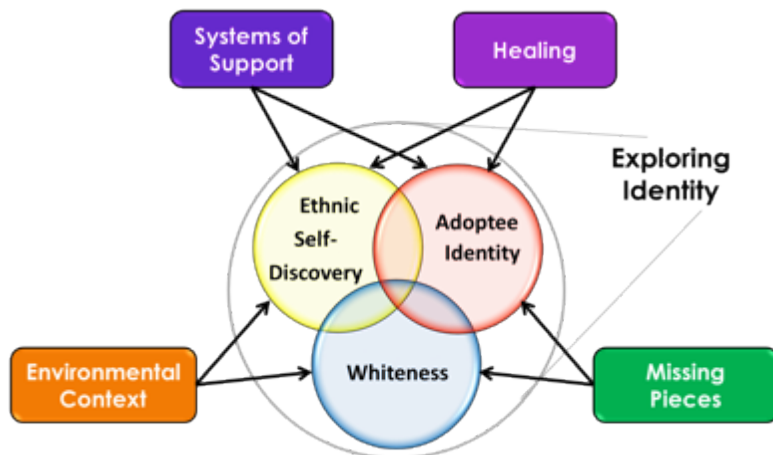
By: Dr. Joy Hoffman

Using a grounded theory approach, I developed an explanatory model based on the verbatim reflections of 12 transracial Korean American adoptees. The model represents the elements and themes that were most salient across all of the interviews and journal entries.

Central Phenomenon: Exploring Identity

The process of exploring identity emerged as the central phenomenon of the model with four additional themes interacting within the model. The four themes are: (a) environmental context; (b) systems of support; (c) missing pieces; and (d) healing. As displayed in the model, these four themes correspond with each other in various capacities to create meaning of the participants' experiences specific to the central phenomenon of exploring identity.

In addition to the four themes and their subthemes interacting within the model, exploring identity as the central phenomenon encompassed various elements of personal examination by adoptee participants, which included (a) adoptee identity; (b) ethnic self-discovery, and (c) the notion of Whiteness. These three elements of personal examination are part of the central phenomenon; the four additional themes and their subthemes interact with the central phenomenon and its elements.



Awards and Announcements

New book announcement

API KC member Rod Labrador from the University of Hawaii at Manoa has a new book:

Gonzalves, T. S. & Labrador, R. L. (2011). *Images of America: Filipinos in Hawai'i*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing.

Congratulations to the following 2011 NASPA Region V and Region VI award winners!

Region V Scott Goodnight Outstanding Performance as a Dean

Dr. Mamta Motwani Accapadi, Oregon State University

Award to Conduct Research on Asian American Student Leadership Traits

Kayla Nguyen, Cal State Fullerton

Region V Knowledge Community Award for Collaboration and Visibility

Asian Pacific Islander Knowledge Community
Lisa Hatfield, Portland State University

Region VI Innovative Program Award

University of Hawai'i
Sexual Violence Prevention Project
Christine Quemuel, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Natasia Cara Bongcas began a new job in August as the Assistant Hall Director at Missouri State University and enrolled as a first year graduate student in the Student Affairs in Higher Education master program. Prior, she graduated in May 2011 from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies. Also, she was selected to be the The Placement Exchange Campus Ambassador at Missouri State University.

Tim Kao has been promoted to Associate Director of the Center for International Programs at the University of Dayton.

Joy Hoffman graduated with an Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership from California Lutheran University on May 13, 2011. Her dissertation title was: How Lived Experiences Affect Ethnic Identity Development for Transracial Korean American Adoptees: Implications for Higher Education Practice.

Jacqueline Mac graduated with an M.A. in Counseling and Personnel Services from the University of Maryland – College Park in August 2011. Her thesis was titled “Asian American Racial Identity Experiences in Intergroup Dialogue: A Narrative Study.”

Call for Henry Gee Outstanding Mentoring Award Nominations

As we continue to get closer to the National Convention, as an API KC, we are looking to honor our members who had a made an outstanding contribution to our field through their mentorship of our members. We are currently soliciting nominations for the Henry Gee Outstanding Mentoring Award. We hope you can take some time to reflect and think about the wonderful mentors who have helped you along your journey and considering the criteria, take the time to nominate them. Contact JoeAnn Nguyen (joeann@creativeux.com) for nomination forms. Nominations are due to JoeAnn by January 27, 2011.



Action Items



APPEX Survey

The 2012 APPEX NASPA pre-conference planning committee is in the midst of putting together a relevant and exciting session and we want to give you all an opportunity to provide feedback, thoughts, etc. on the program. Please fill out this anonymous survey when you have about 10 minutes of free time. Your answers will be incredibly helpful to us in our planning process. Please note that at the very end of the survey, if you'd like more information on APPEX, leave us your name and email and we can send you updates on the session as it develops. Contact Dawn Lee (dleetu@usfca.edu) for more information. Click [here](#) to go to the survey or copy/paste the following link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dE5JamFLNURtMW9WaWx4RjF1RkZvYkE6MQ>

Conferences

Please consider submitting a presentation proposal for the 25th anniversary of NCORE in 2012. The conference will be taking place in New York City, and it would be great to have AAPI presence at the

conference in multiple ways. Submit a presentation proposal and definitely consider attending! There are also student scholarships, so please pass the information on to students you know. Submissions are due on January 20, 2012. Visit <http://www.ncore.ou.edu/callforpresentations.html> for more information.

Region V & VI Volunteer Opportunities

The theme for the 2012 NASPA Western Regional Conference is *Hulihia: Opportunities for Change. Opportunities to Inspirei*. The Conference will be held on November 7-10, 2012 at the Waikoloa Beach Marriot Resort and Spa. The regional conference provides many fantastic opportunities to get more involved with NASPA. If you would like to join us and volunteer your time at the conference in Waikoloa, please email Christine Quemuel at quemuel@hawaii.edu. For more information visit:

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