

YOUR STORY OUR MOVEMENT
2015

THE POWER OF NOW

DE ANZA COLLEGE'S ANNUAL APA ARENESS CONFERENCE

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about YSOM

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, De Anza College holds its annual Asian Pacific American Awareness Conference, Your Story Our Movement (YSOM). YSOM aims to build consciousness about social and political issues that affect the AAPI community through education, leadership training, involvement opportunities, and mentorship for everyone.

The first YSOM conference was held in 2013 was the first AAPI issues conference held at De Anza College in over a decade. YSOM 2013 upholds De Anza's rich AAPI heritage and address the needs of the large AAPI student population on campus. Bringing back a sense unity, awareness, and power; YSOM brought back what had been missing for so many years. With the help of a small group of passionate students activists, De Anza College celebrated the last day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with YSOM 2013, a successful beginning of a new tradition.

To continue the tradition, the year after that, YSOM focused on knowing one's history. YSOM 2014: Here/Hear for a Reason, sought to remind everyone:

1) We are "here for a reason", for our places in society have not been assigned or earned purely by chance, rather shaped by history and the deliberate actions of individuals and institutions of the past.

2) We must "hear for a reason", because our narratives serve as powerful tools of empowerment and change within our communities. We are "here for a reason", to claim the space we deserve.

3) We are here to contribute to the betterment of society by striving to achieve social justice and dismantling systems of oppression.

And now, members of APASL have been working together to create the present conference – YSOM 2015: The Power of Now.

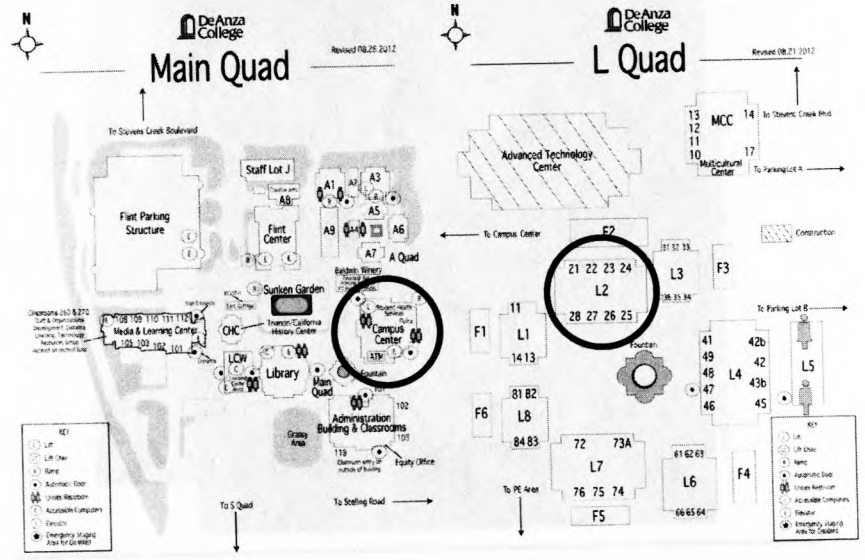
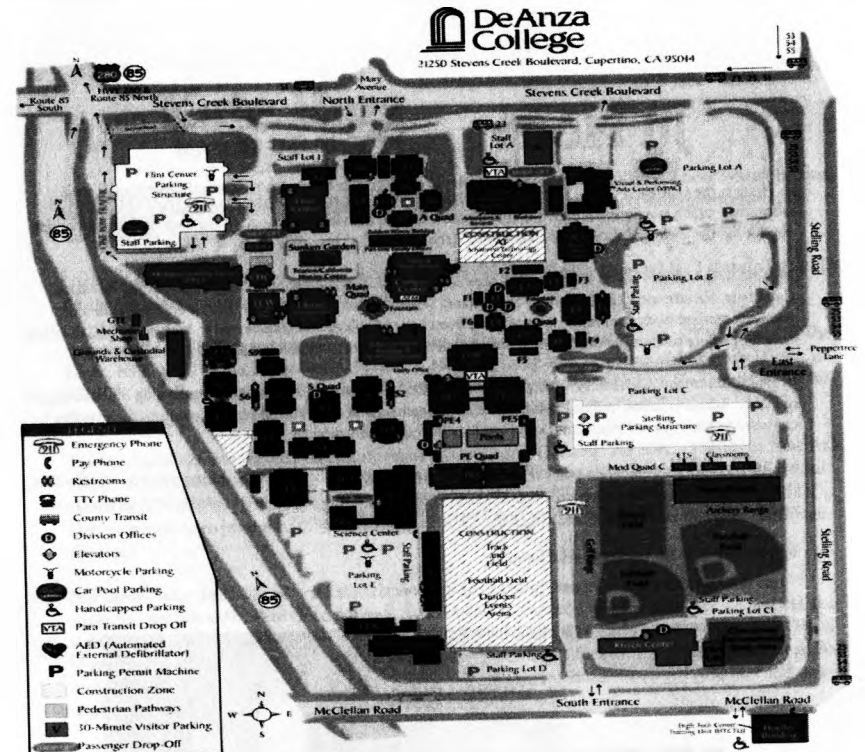
Our conference this year focuses on The Power of Now; we seek to provide awareness and collaboratively create solutions that affect our AAPI community at large. We strive for the community at large to gain knowledge and understand that being socially aware is not enough and that the community has the power to commit and be the catalyst to change.

We hope to provide a space for dialogue to allow everyone to find inspiration to reevaluate existing perceptions and systematic cultural values. We challenge all to act upon these inspirations and bring a "call to action"; we now challenge you to seek and deliver needed change in our communities.

schedule

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Registration Breakfast
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Opening Remarks Co-Chair Announcement
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Keynote 1
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshop Round 1
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch Networking Community Resources
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	Keynote 2
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Workshop Round 2
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Workshop Round 3
5:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Keynote 3
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Appreciations Closing Remarks
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Concert

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Ju Hong

10:00AM - 10:45AM

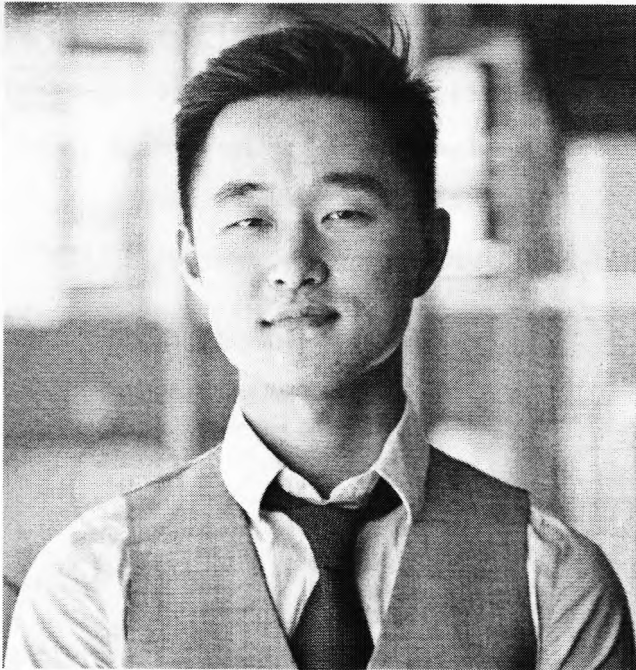
Ju Hong is the Outreach Coordinator for the National Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) DACA Collaborative, which is a national effort to coordinate outreach activities and provide legal services to individuals eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in major U.S. cities.

Ju came to the United States from South Korea at the age of 11 and grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, California. He attended Laney College in Oakland, where he was elected as the first Asian American and youngest student body president. Ju graduated from Laney College and transferred to University of California, Berkeley, where he became the first undocumented student government Senator in UC Berkeley history.

Ju graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Political Science, and he is currently pursuing Master's degree in Public Administration at San Francisco State University. After he graduates from the program, he hopes to continue to advocate for immigrant communities through public service.

In 2013, Ju challenged the President Obama on a record number of deportations during his speech at the Betty Ong Center in San Francisco, California. His courageous action was appeared on national and international media, including CNN, MSNBC, New York Times, NPR, and BBC News.

You can follow Ju on Twitter at @JuHong89.



Kate Rigg

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

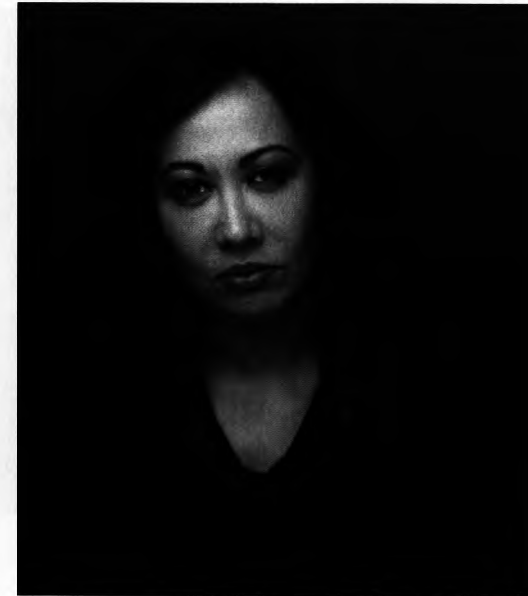
Kate Rigg graduated with a degree in acting from New York's prestigious Juilliard School where she won the Interarts Award for Interdisciplinary arts. She is an actor/writer/stand up comic/playwright and trailblazer for Asian Americans.

She has been seen on Law and Order, Law and Order SVU, Fox's Family Guy and for 3 seasons on the Dr. Phil show as a comedian and correspondent.

As a standup comic Kate has appeared on NBC Late Friday, Comedy Central, vh1, CTV Women of The Night, NPR, CBC Radio, Sirius Radio, STAR TV, National Lampoon's International Comedy DVD, SEX TV, PBS, as well as being profiled in the PBS film Race is the Place. She is also the Co-Creator of the hit Oxygen TV show "Dance Your Ass Off" and the Disney XD show "Cache Craze".

She developed her first comedy and music revue "Kate's Chink-O-Rama" for NBC's PSNBC in New York, and the HBO Time Warner workspace in Los Angeles. It toured nationally and was invited for special events to the Comedy Central Stage in Los Angeles, and the Smithsonian Institute In Washington DC. Her plays have been produced at various theaters in the US and Canada and focus on Asian American themes.

Her band, Slanty Eyed Mama (with electric violinist Lyris Hung) has toured the US, Canada and Australia, notably at the Perth International Arts Festival in Australia, the Eurasian Nation Festival, the Asian Film Festival at University of Michigan, the A/PI heritage fest in Union Square NYC, LA's Grand Performances at City Center, The Asian American Jazz Festival in Chicago, The Philadelphia Fringe Fest and the Women in Performance Conference, The Smithsonian Institute, NYU's A/PA Center and many more..



Dr. Allyson Tintiango-Cubales

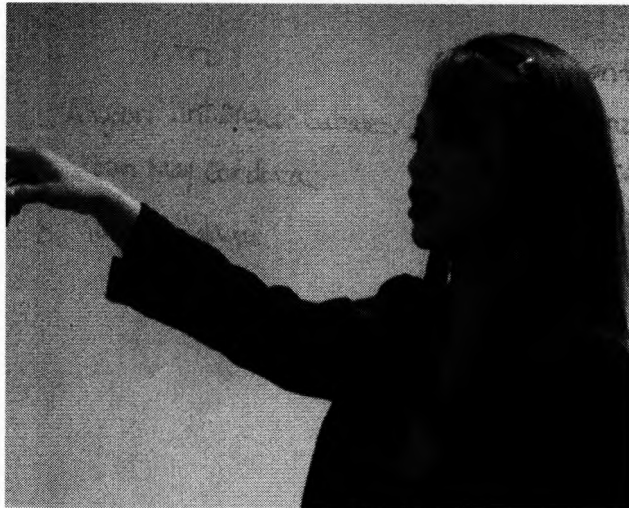
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Dr. Allyson Tintiango-Cubales is an associate professor of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University's College of Ethnic Studies. She is also the founding director of Pin@ Educational Partnerships (PEP), an educational pipeline focused on providing ethnic studies to schools throughout San Francisco.

She is also a founding director of the Institute of Sustainable Economic, Educational, and Environmental Design (ISEED) where she is the co-lead on the Teaching Excellence Network (TEN). She received her Bachelors of Arts in Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley in 1993 and her Ph.D. in Education from UCLA in 2000.

She has published several books and a wide array of articles that focus on the development of ethnic studies curriculum and community responsive methods.

She has received several university and community awards for her work with youth and service learning, including the 2006 Distinguished Young Alumnus Award from UCLA and the 2008 Faculty Award for Community Service Learning and recently received the 2010 Distinguished Faculty Award, one of the highest awards given to faculty for her service. She was recently received the Community Advocate Award from the Critical Educators for Social Justice SIG of the American Educational Research Association. She was also recently named one of the 100 most influential Filipina women in the world by Filipina Women's Network.



WORKSHOPS

	Round #1 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Round #2 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Round #3 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM
L 21	<i>Human Trafficking: Moving from Myths to Lived Experiences</i>	<i>The Importance of Attaining & Utilizing U.S. Citizenship</i>	<i>The Importance of Attaining & Utilizing U.S. Citizenship</i>
L 24	<i>How Women & Minorities Can Make an Impact Through Tech</i>	<i>Your Stories Matter: Living OUT LOUD</i>	<i>It's Okay to Not Be Okay</i>
L 25	<i>Is Affirmative Action Necessary Anymore? And Where do Asian Pacific Americans fit into discussions on race and higher education access</i>	<i>Let's Start Walking and Asking Questions: Linking Colonialism, Economic Inequality, and Environmental Destruction</i>	<i>Diving Beneath the Surface of Fresh Off the Boat</i>
L 28		<i>Renters, Gentrifications, Regional Justice</i>	<i>Dying to be Perfect: Body Image and Eating Disorders in PoC</i>

Round 1

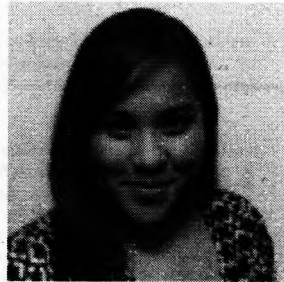
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Human Trafficking: Moving from Myths to Lived Experiences

Human trafficking is a pervasive issue that affects the APA community. Perhaps one of the most problematic issue that enables human trafficking are the myths surrounding it. These myths combined with the common perceptions of what qualifies as human trafficking aids exploiters. This workshop will allow participants to understand the lived experiences of victims and survivors of human trafficking by debunking myths and hearing real stories.

RachelAnn Baltazar

RachelAnn Baltazar is psychology undergraduate senior and research assistant at UC Santa Cruz. As a researcher and scholar, she has focused on intergroup relations, narrative development, social construction, women's empowerment, and human trafficking. These topics closely relate to her ongoing activism on issues of higher education funding, immigration, domestic violence, human trafficking and exploitation. As an activist and scholar Rachel continues to incorporate community issues with academic research by working on projects that incorporate community members into the research team. Rachel is also a De Anza alumni and served as a mentor and intern for LEAD, APALI, and ICCE.



Make an Impact Through Tech.

Women and minorities are underrepresented in technology, but have so much to offer the field. Find out what the career possibilities are and get inspired about how you can make a difference in your community and the world through this field.

Wendy, Shannon, Shuti, & Mahsa

Wendy, Shannon, Shuti, and Mahsa are founding officers of Women and Minorities Who Code, which is a De Anza student club designed to connect, empower, and inspire students in computer science and provide a support network for those who are underrepresented in the field, such as women and minorities.

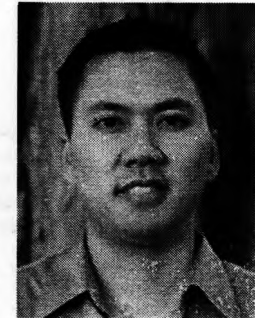


Is Affirmative Action Necessary Anymore? And Where Do Asian Pacific Americans Fit Into Discussions on Race and Higher Education Access?

Affirmative action seems like a thing of the past these days, but the fact remains that large inequities remain in access and opportunities in institutions of higher learning. Participants will learn about the necessity of affirmative action programs and why the issue is still a hot topic, especially among Asian Pacific Americans.

Jim Nguyen

Jim Nguyen is a Political Science instructor at De Anza College. He has been teaching at De Anza since 2009. He has been involved with various organizations and programs on campus including APALI, the IMPACT AAPI program, Circle K, De Anza Greens, De Anza Sustainability Alliance, APASL, and LEAD. His focus is on student success, equity and in supporting students in ways that empower them and provide them with leadership opportunities on issues they care about. Jim is a 2nd generation Vietnamese American who began his higher education at a community college and has a BA in Political Science from UC Berkeley and a law degree from Santa Clara University.



Round 2

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

The Importance of Attaining and Utilizing U.S. Citizenship

Providing a description of the naturalization process in the United States along with the importance of attaining citizenship for civic engagement.

Theodore Ko

Graduated from UC Davis School of Law in 2012, worked as Deputy District Attorney in Yolo County in 2013 before volunteering and later joining Asian Law Alliance as an immigration attorney in 2014.

Your Stories Matter: Living OUT LOUD

Creative writing techniques to propel your story.
Performance techniques and how to make words come alive.
Whats your story? We will uncover hidden jewels in your (allegedly) normal life.

Kate Rigg

HELLO MY NAME IS KATE

Originally from Canada and Australia, but a New Yorker at heart, KATE RIGG's performance career began the second she graduated with a degree in acting from New York's prestigious Juilliard school.

A notorious culture and subculture vulture, the allure of the club scene in New York drew her to Caroline's Comedy Club where she quickly caught the attention of the New Talent Booker who slotted her for a series of appearances and features showcasing her particular brand of character based comedy, edgy socio-political commentary, Asian-American slanted jokes, and in-ya-face dirty girl talk. From there she developed edgy, musical one person shows which have toured internationally.

Kate's career includes FOUR MAJOR ELEMENTS: acting, comedy, music, writing/producing original works.



Let's Start Walking and Asking Questions: Linking Colonialism, Economic Inequality, and Environmental Destruction

What is colonialism? The extractive economy? Environmental justice? How are these topics inherently intertwined and relevant to young API folks? In this workshop, we will address the questions above as a group. We will be doing this from an openly anti-colonial and anti-capitalist framework.

Arjun Gadkari

Arjun Gadkari: co-founder and President of De Anza Sustainability Alliance, intern with the FHDA Faculty Association PAC, previously a Senator in the De Anza Student Body Senate, and often known as 'that dude with the hair'.



Cecilia Ng

Cecilia is a student at De Anza and is an active member of De Anza Students for Justice and DASA. She wants the destruction of all forms of hegemony. Cecilia is currently in the process of finishing her fourth and final year at De Anza and will miss this place so, so much.



Renters, Gentrification, and Regional Justice

The workshop will introduce participants to the basic concepts of gentrification, displacement, development, and housing justice. Local organizations working on these issues will discuss what is happening with housing in Santa Clara County and what communities are doing to build a better, more sustainable Bay Area for all.

Tony Roshan Samara

Tony is the director of Land Use and Housing at Urban Habitat, based in Oakland, CA.

Round 3

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

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It's Okay To Not Be Okay

Students today are under an incredible amount of pressure. From getting into the perfect school, finding a job, or acing those exams, there's often little room for error. When mental illness strikes during that time, the results can be disastrous. Hear how one former De Anza student overcame adversity to recover from severe mental illness and encourage others in the mental health community to reach out for help as early as possible.

Brandon Ha (NAMI)

Brandon Ha is the Creative Director at Break Yo Stigma, a social media campaign focused on breaking the shameful stigma of mental illness. Inspired to create change in the mental health community from his own personal experience living with bipolar disorder, he seeks to end the shame preventing many people all over the world from seeking proper mental health care. Brandon currently collaborates with Bay Area mental health organizations including NAMI Santa Clara County and Stanford Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences on a study called Voices to prevent suicide in youth in the Palo Alto community.

Diving Beneath the Surface of Fresh Off the Boat

Fresh Off the Boat is a new comedy series on ABC about a Taiwanese family and their quest to achieve the "American Dream". As they go through their journey to assimilate, they experience culture shock and are greeted by many pressing issues. This workshop will do a case study of the important issues portrayed in the show and it will also give an in-depth insight to how Asian Americans are represented in the media.

Scott Tang

I am currently a student at De Anza College. I am the president of Asian Pacific American Students for Leadership (APASL). I was born and raised in Bellingham, Washington. I found my love for nature there as it is a beautiful place. Although the state of Washington is very wonderful, I had a hard time finding a role model that represented who I am. I noticed that there wasn't much representation of Asian Americans in a lot of media outlets. My goal is to provide an explanation to why this is, and to provide solutions.



Diane Tang

Diane Tang is a first year student at De Anza College, majoring in communications. She is currently the secretary of Asian Pacific American Students for Leadership (APASL). One of Diane's hobbies is to watch movies and binge watch tv shows. Diane has always been curious to why there is a lack of Asian Americans in the media. She would like to see more Asian American actors, actresses, and directors since she feels that the Asian American community is underrepresented in the media. Diane wants to see more diverse roles models for young adults and for the general public.



Dying to be Perfect: Body Image & Eating Disorders in PoC

Your body is your story, so why do we let society dictate how we tell our story? This workshop seeks to reveal hidden societal, racial, and cultural factors that effect the body image of minority groups today and how you can incorporate your heritage in reclaiming your body.

Vivian Cao

Vivian Cao is a second year De Anza student with numerous art achievements, including the 2012 Gold Seal for a mixed media piece about struggles with self existence through her piece "Falling Up".



Kady Le

Kady Le is an indie filmmaker and award-winning playwright. Her theatrical work has received acclaim and accolades, including the 2014 Petey Award for Best Written Monologue for a semi-autobiographical piece based on her struggles with her cultural identity. She is a first year De Anza student majoring in film production.



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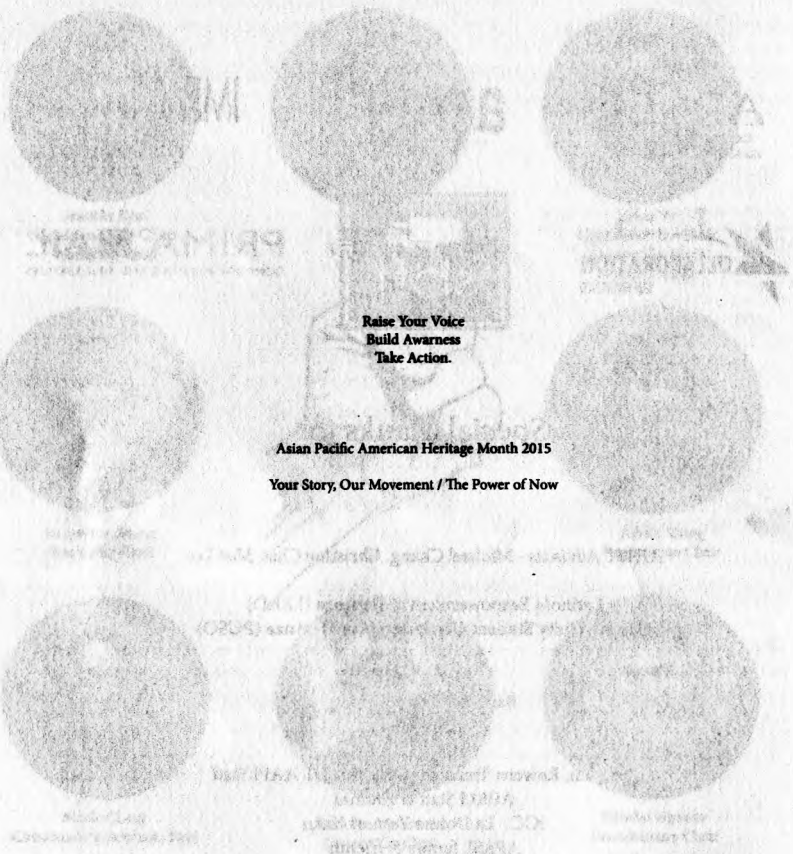
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