President's Welcome 22nd Annual APAHE Conference March, 2009

Colleagues:

As president of Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education, it is my distinct privilege and honor to welcome you to the 22nd Annual APAHE Conference: "Passing the Torch: A New Generation of API Leaders."

It is appropriate that we gather here in San Francisco's Japantown, both to remind us of our roots and also to support the economic development of an Asian American community.



In the two decades since APAHE was founded, much has changed. And yet, as the mystic philosopher, Yogi Berra, reminds us, in 2009 "it's déjà vu all over again!" Twenty two years ago, APAHE came together to oppose changes in U.C. admissions policy that would have had a dramatic, adverse impact on Asian Americans. Now, in a struggle as current as today's headlines, we join that battle once again.

As we answer the call in a new generation, our conference theme, "*Passing the Torch*" is particularly timely and appropriate. On every critical issue of our time, we in APAHE have been at the forefront -- as educators, advocates and leaders. With a new generation of leaders, we will continue to play that role for many years to come.

I especially want to welcome the students, staff and faculty who have joined us for the conference. You are the college presidents, chancellors and leaders of tomorrow and it is to you that we pass the torch. We are proud of our past and, thanks to you, confident of our future.

Welcome to San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Frank Chong, Ed.D.
President, Laney College
APAHE President 2009

ASIAN Pacific Americans in Higher Education

Conference Overview: Thursday, March 26



THURSDAY, MARCH 26

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	Speaker: Jeff Chang, "Asian Pacific Americans in the Obama Moment"	
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	Keynote Speaker: Assemblymember Paul Fong	
	APAHE Awardees: Paul Fong, Don Nakanishi, Rodel Rodis, Yuri Kochiyama	



Conference Overview: Friday, March 27

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9:00 Trustees and Presidents Plenary Session

Imperial A

Trustees and presidents discuss the major issues in which they are currently engaged in higher education. As part of the conference theme of "Passing the Torch" panelists reflect on the standing of APIs in the higher education community and they also share their personal experiences in developing the knowledge, abilities, and competencies required for successful leadership today.

Welcome by David Chiu (President) and Eric Mar of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors *Moderator:* Frank Chong, President, Laney College

Robert Corrigan, President, San Francisco State University
Mohammad "Mo" Qayoumi, President, California State University, East Bay
Kenneth Fong, Trustee, California State University system (invited)
Sung-Mo "Steve" Kang, Chancellor, UC Merced (invited)
Melinda Guzman, Trustee, California State University system
Steve Ngo, Trustee, San Francisco Community College District
Tina Lee, Trustee, Mills College
Nicky Gonzalez-Yuen, Trustee, Peralta Community College District

10:30 Workshop Session I

Why Leadership? Why Now?

Spring C/B

In American higher education just less than one percent of college and university chancellors and presidents are Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, compared with seven percent of faculty. What are the factors affecting advancing leadership in the API higher education community, and what resources are available to help break the "bamboo ceiling?" Come and discuss how cultural values and upbringing can have an effect on your leadership and how you are perceived. This workshop will outline how leadership development programs can address some of these issues.

Diana Cordova, Director, Center for Advancement of Racial and Ethnic Equity, ACE **Henry Gee,** Vice President, Student Services, Rio Hondo College, (Co-facilitator) Leadership Development Program for Higher Education (LDPHE)

Andrea Warren Hamos, Associate Director, ACE Fellows Program **Judy Sakaki,** *respondent* – Vice President for Student Affairs, University of California System



API Women Leaders: The Price of Saying "No" at Work

Garden A

As Asian and Pacific Islander women rise up the professional ladder, they undoubtedly make sacrifices that affect both career and personal life. This panel discussion will focus on issues and concerns that impact the careers of Asian women in higher education. Panelists will discuss, share and answer questions about their personal experiences and challenges as they pursue their goals.

Jocelyn Nakashige, Director, Finance & Administration, Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor, UCSF Kimi Shigetani, Director, District Services, Community College League of California Melinda Matsuda, Vice President, Student Services, Chabot College Rosanette Rimando, Director, South Seattle Community College Quinci Lee, Counselor, City College of San Francisco

12:00 Lunch Imperial B

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(leading author on Hip-Hop politics, music and culture)

1:30 Workshop Session II

Show Me the Money: Fiscal Policy in Difficult Times

Spring A

In this recession colleges and universities are facing unprecedented budgetary challenges. Since the fall of 2008, there has been a one-quarter decline in the value of university endowments, on average, the worst drop since the 1970s. Added to this are long-term challenges such as declining public investment, rising operational costs and rising student fees. Higher education budget officials from different segments discuss what their campuses are doing in response to the current fiscal environment.

Peter Taylor, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, University of California (invited) **Leroy Morishita,** Vice President/CFO Administration & Finance, San Francisco State University **Tom Smith,** Peralta Community College District



AAPI Serving Institutions: Lessons from the First Wave of Federal Funding Spring C/B

In 2007, Congress passed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which was historic in that it allocated \$10 Million for AAPI serving institutions over two years. The Higher Education Opportunity Act expanded the scope of this program and continues its authorization to 2013, but much uncertainty remains. Six institutions were among the initial group of funding recipients, and speakers from colleges receiving these grants discuss their proposals and lessons learned about the process with the U.S. Department of Education.

Rosanette Rimando, Director, South Seattle Community College John Ho, Manager, AAPSI Grant and Counselor, Asian Pacific American Student Success Center, City College of San Francisco

"Addressing the Needs of Asian Pacific Islander Basic Skills Students" Garden A

While three-quarters of new jobs in today's economy require some level of postsecondary education, there are too many Californians who lack the education and preparation necessary to succeed in the workforce. Often overlooked is the need for policies and programs that specifically address the need for basic skill development among disadvantaged Asian American and Pacific Islander students. The panelists will discuss the challenges and successful strategies in promoting the acquisition of basic skills on their campuses, including first year initiatives and placement issues.

Koji Uesugi, Interim Executive Director, Sutdent Support and Equity Programs, Cal Poly Pomona **Edward Pohlert**, Facutly Director, Retention Services:Tutoring and Academic Support Center, MiraCosta College

Minh-Hoa Ta, Director, Asian Pacific American Student Success Center, City College of San Francisco

3:00 Break

3:30 Workshop Session III

Executive Searches: Peering Behind the Curtain

Spring C/B

Retained executive search consulting, a respected arm of management consulting, is an important professional service provided to the top management of organizations. This workshop provides key information whether attendees are interested in working in the executive search field or aspire to be higher education executives. Successful searches depend on information about specific industries, companies and their strategies and cultures; and executives and their strengths, weaknesses, backgrounds and compensation. Search firms employ various sources of information – among the most important of these are contacts in the industries and disciplines in which the search firm operates. Thus, all search professionals spend a good deal of time networking among valuable sources of information. In this context, retained executive search consultants operate with the highest levels of integrity and confidentiality, and with sensitivity to the needs of all parties. Join our distinguished speakers as they share their stories of managing the art, science, and executive search processes from consultant to candidate points of view.

Stan Arterberry, Sr. Consultant, Ralph Andersen & Associates, Inc. **Alberto Pimentel,** Managing Partner, Storbeck / Pimentel & Associates, Inc. **Mohammad "Mo" Qayoumi,** President, California State University, East Bay



Making Footprints: Essential Ingredients for Success

Garden A

A presentation and Q &A with various Higher Education Administrators and Human Resource Professionals

Christine Iijima Hall, District Director, EEO Compliance and Recruitment,

Maricopa Community College District

Wanda Lee, Dean of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development San Francisco State University (invited) Wyman Fong, Director of Human Resource Services, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Thuy Nguyen, General Counsel/Strategic Planning Manager Peralta Community College District

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8:30 Workshop Session IV

The Long Journey Home: Granting Honorary Degrees to Japanese American Alumni Prevented from Completing their Education on the West Coast Due to Executive Order 9066 Spring C/B

In 2008 public universities in Washington and Oregon took the important step of awarding over 500 honorary degrees to Japanese American college students who were unable to complete their degrees in 1942 because they were incarcerated pursuant to Executive Order 9066 for no other reason than their ancestry. Officials discuss the significance of the decision at the University of Washington and similar efforts currently underway in California, including Assembly Bill 37.

George Matsumoto, retired architect and UC Berkeley student 1938-42 (invited)
Tetsu Kashima, Professor, University of Washington
Carole Hayashino, Vice President, Sacramento State University
Judy Sakaki, Vice President—Student Affairs, UC Office of the President
Sophie Kim, Staff to Assemblymember Warren Furutani (invited)
Frederick Gaines, Instructor in Creative Arts & Social Science, College of San Mateo (invited)
William Kidder, moderator, Assistant Executive Vice Chancellor, UC Riverside

Generational Change, Generational Status Report

Garden A

The first part of the session is a case study focusing on Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute (APALI) at De Anza College, which is an educational and public service organization with a vision to advance civic leadership education and to create a civic leadership pipeline from underrepresented communities. Each year, APALI educates and nurtures over 150 leaders and provides a unique blend of knowledge, skills, and networking for effective leadership. The LEAP and APAHE Leadership Development Program in Higher Education (LDPHE) is entering its 13th year in offering an intensive leadership training program to Asian Pacific American professionals in education. An overview of the work of this program will be presented. The second part of this session will apply a broader lens, and provide a national view on APIs' attainment in higher education from the latest ACE status report on Minorities in Higher Education, which is an leading authoritative source of information on advances made by students of color.

Mae Lee, Instructor in Intercultural Studies, De Anza College District (invited)

Patricia Neilson, Director, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Center for Collaborative Leadership

Mikyung Ryu, Assistant Director, Center for Policy Analysis, American Council on Education

10:00 Break



10:30 Morning Plenary Session

Imperial A

Changes to Freshmen Eligibility and Admissions at the University of California

In January the UC Regents endorsed the Academic Senate's proposal to revise freshmen eligibility criteria. The University's proposal prompted concern and criticism by several Asian American lawmakers and community leaders regarding the anticipated impact on AAPI communities and policy justification for changes such as the elimination of the SAT subject test requirement.

Dale Shimasaki, CEO, Strategic Education Services (moderator)
Patrick Hayashi, UC Associate President (emeritus)
Ling-chi Wang, Professor, UC Berkeley
Steve Boilard, Director, Higher Education, California Legislative Analyst's Office
Assemblymember Paul Fong (invited)

12:00 Lunch Imperial B

Speaker: Assemblymember Warren Furutani Remarks by John Vasconcellos, "Dean Emeritus" of the California Legislature The California Master Plan and the Politics of Trust

1:30 Workshop Session V

"Building on Culture: A Communal Approach to Addressing the Educational Needs of Pacific Islander Students" Garden A

Pacific Islanders face distinct challenges in U.S. higher education. While Asian American and Pacific Islanders are often discussed as a single category in education, in fact, Pacific Islanders have college entry and degree attainment levels that are a small fraction of those found for Asian Americans generally, and there is also considerable variation within Pacific Islander communities. While facing disadvantages in higher education attainment, strategies that are rooted in the specific cultural contexts of Pacific Islanders' experiences can foster academic success and well-being.

Nu'u Tuimoloau, community activist and business consultant
Gary King, Coordinator of PICED (Pacific Islands Center for Education)
Kare'l Lokeni from UCLA's PIER/PISA (Pacific Islander Education and Retention)
Tammy Bird, teacher and faculty advisor for the Carson High Pacific Islander Club
Sefa Aina, Director, Asian American Resource Center, Pomona College
Will 'Unga, Coordinator, Multicultural Initiatives, Salt Lake Community College



Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Initiative at UC Berkeley

Spring C/B

This presentation focuses on the mental health concerns and experiences of API students at UC Berkeley and the innovative outreach programs designed to meet the needs of the API campus community. Panelists will present API mental health statistics and campus trends, common concerns of API students, and the barriers that affect mental health utilization

Jere Takahashi, moderator, UC Berkeley Rick Low, UC Berkeley Lillian Chiang, UC Berkeley Paige Lee, UC Berkeley Sonny Nguyen, UC Berkeley student leader

Student Empowerment and the Civic Process

Spring A

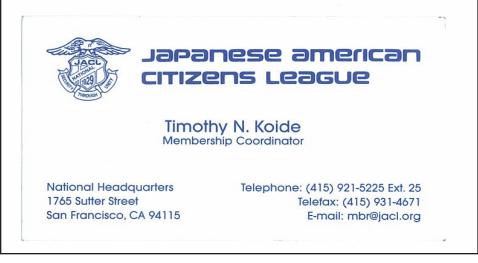
This student-focused panel is a window into the civic process that encourages young people to get involved. Several avenues of civic engagement are highlighted with case studies, and specific strategies for student organizing are discussed. This workshop involves active participation, and attendees will then be broken into groups to brainstorm examples where grassroots mobilization has affected real change in the community.

Craig Ishii, JACL Los Angeles **Tim Koide,** JACL San Francisco

3:00 Break

3:30 APAHE Town Hall with a Focus on Student Leadership Student facilitators: Ju Hong and Andrew Hom

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. \mathcal{IEFF} \mathcal{CHANG} is a leading author on Hip-Hop politics, music and culture. A 2008 USA Ford Fellow in Literature and winner of the 2008 North Star News Prize, Chang's first book, Can't Stop Won't Stop, garnered honors including the American Book Award and the Asian American Literary Award. He has also edited the acclaimed anthology, Total Chaos: The Art & Aesthetics of Hip-Hop. Jeff was a founding editor of ColorLines magazine, a Senior Editor/Director at Russell Simmons' 360hiphop.com, and has written for the New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Foreign Policy, The Nation, and Mother Jones, among many other publications. In 2007, he interviewed Barack Obama for the cover of Vibe. After being politicized by the antiapartheid and anti-racist movements at the University of California at Berkeley, Jeff worked as a community, labor and student organizer, and as a lobbyist for the students of the California State University system.He received a bachelor's degree from Cal and a master's degree in Asian American Studies from the University of California at Los Angeles and has published scholarly articles on culture and race relations in Hawai'i and Los Angeles. He has lectured at dozens of colleges, universities, festivals, and institutions in the U.S. and around the world. He was an organizer of the inaugural National Hip-Hop Political Convention and has served as a board member for several organizations working for change through youth and community organizing, media justice, culture, the arts, and hip-hop activism. In 2006, he was selected to participate in a conversation with Tom Hayden in the prestigious Mario Savio Memorial Lecture.

WARREN FURUTANI was elected in a special election to the 55th Assembly District in February 2008 and represents the communities of Wilmington, Harbor City and the Harbor Gateway, Carson, and parts of Long Beach and Lakewood. Warren has 35 years of experience and involvement in education and public service, both as an elected official and a community leader. As a three-term member of the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees, Warren was elected President of the Board in July 2002 and served as First Vice President in 2001. The first Asian Pacific American ever elected to the LAUSD in 1987, Warren is noted for building bridges between parents, community members, teachers and staff in increasing involvement in the education system. Warren Furutani has also served as the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Community Fund, a philanthropic organization, and as the President and CEO of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, an umbrella organization comprised of over 50 human service organizations serving the greater Los Angeles area.

JOHN VASCONCELLOS recently retired after 38 years representing the Heart of Silicon Valley in the California Legislature - California State Assembly for 30 years and as a California State Senator for 8 years. Known as 'The Conscience of the Legislature' & 'The Johnny Apple seed of Self Esteem,' his lifelong interest in psychology led to his advocacy of theself-esteem movement in California politics. He became the leading California legislator in the fields of developing healthy self esteem and responsibility (both personal & social), K-12 education & higher education, holistic health, public safety, high technology & international trade, diversity & aging. By1980 he was one of the longest serving members of the Assembly, second only to Speaker Willie Brown In order to carry forward the vision and leadership of Vasconcellos' politics, friends and colleagues created The Vasconcellos Legacy Project. It is committed to translating the principles of humanistic psychology into the entirety of our political and social realms.

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PAUL FONG

A long time community activist, elected community college trustee for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, and a professor of political science at Evergreen Valley College, Mr. Fong was elected by an overwhelming majority to the 22nd state Assembly seat in November, 2008. The 22nd Assembly District encompasses Cupertino, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, and portions of Santa Clara and San Jose. Assemblymember Fong has never shied away from taking a position in support of the pan-Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Assemblymember Fong has also been involved with APAHE over the years, having been active in higher education as a trustee and faculty member. It is only fitting that Assemblymember Fong has been appointed to the Higher Education Committee for the Assembly of the State of California. APAHE congratulates Assemblymember Fong on his recent election to the state Assembly and thanks Mr. Fong for his activism on behalf of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

DON NAKANISHI

Professor Nakanishi is the Director and Professor of the renowned UCLA Asian American Studies Center, the largest and most revered research and teaching institute in Asian American Studies in the nation. A professor for 35 years, Professor Nakanishi is a prolific writer and highly influential teacher and scholar. Professor Nakanishi has served in his present position since 1990. Professor Nakanishi and APAHE have worked closely together over the years, from the inception of APAHE, and through the challenging issues related to tenure and Asian American Studies. Professor Nakanishi has made a lasting impression on Asian American Studies, contributing enormously to the rise of this field as a respected area of scholarship. Professor Nakanishi was the first to demonstrate that Asian Americans, despite their high group levels of education and income, had very low levels of voter registration and voting. A member of the APAHE Board of Directors, APAHE salutes Professor Nakanishi for a celebrated career and a legacy of accomplishments on behalf of Asian Pacific Islander Americans and Asian American Studies.



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RODEL RODIS

For 17 years, Mr. Rodel Rodis honorably served on the Board of Trustees for City College of San Francisco. Mr. Rodis was elected in 1991 and served as President of the Board in 2005, and Vice President on three separate occasions. Mr. Rodis was born and raised in the Philippines and is an attorney in private practice, with an emphasis on immigration law and civil litigation. Mr. Rodis is also a writer and since 1987 has had a column in Philippine News entitled "Telltale Signs." Also an educator, Mr. Rodis has been a professor of Asian American History at Laney College in Oakland and a professor of Philippine History and Political Science at San Francisco State University. Engaged in the community over the years, APAHE recognizes and thanks Mr. Rodis for his invaluable leadership and service in higher education and the Filipino and pan-Asian Pacific Islander communities.

<u>YURI KOCHIYAMA</u>

Yuri Kochiyama is truly a civil rights warrior and a living legend. Pictured holding him as he lay dying, Mrs. Kochiyama was at the side of close friend and associate, Malcolm X at his assassination in 1965. As a Nisei woman, Mrs. Kochiyama clearly has been a woman "ahead of her time." For her entire life, Mrs. Kochiyama has been a tireless advocate and activist for everything from the Japanese American internment and reparations fight to the freeing of international political prisoners. Mrs. Kochiyama (nee: Nakahara) and her family were removed from Southern California and interned at the Jerome, Arkansas internment camp during World War II. Having moved to Harlem in 1960, Mrs. Kochiyama and her husband, Bill, became active in the community with the Harlem Parents Committee and the Organization of Afro-American Unity, led by Malcolm X.

In a lifetime of community service, Mrs. Kochiyama taught English to immigrant students and volunteered at soup kitchens and homeless shelters in New York City. In 1994, she received the Charles Bannerman Memorial Fellowship. She has also won numerous awards, has spoken at over 100 schools and colleges throughout the country, and has been featured in several books, films (including Yuri Kochiyama: Passion for Justice and My America: Honk if You Love Buddha) and a television documentary in 2001 (Cool Women – directed by Debbie Allen -- as one of several segments on a diverse array of women in the United States). UCLA's Asian American Studies Center published her memoirs entitled Passing It On, which received the 2004 Outstanding Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights. Mrs. Kochiyama also received an Honorary Degree from Wesleyan University in spring 2004. A biography on Yuri's life -- called Heartbeat of the Struggle -- was written by Diane Fujino (published by University of Minnesota Press, April 2005).

She is the mother of six children, and has nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. At 87 years old, Mrs. Kochiyama continues to be active in social justice issues from her current residence in Oakland, California.

Mrs. Kochiyama was a keynote speaker for the 1995 APAHE Conference held in Irvine, CA. APAHE recognizes with all due respect, humility, and honor, Mrs. Yuri Kochiyama for clearly carrying the torch for Asian Pacific Islander Americans as well as all other underrepresented persons throughout her entire life.



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No national conference of this magnitude and depth can be organized without the commitment of time and energy of many individuals and their supporting institutions. We are grateful to these individuals! (List excludes APAHE Board members)

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