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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Ethnic Studies Program, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA. 2007-2010.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Ethnic Studies Program, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA. 2007-Present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Ethnic Studies Program, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA. 2000-2007.

EDUCATION

The University of Southern California, Ph.D. in Political Science (Major Field: American Politics; Specialized Fields: Racial and Ethnic Politics, Urban Politics). 2000.

The University of California at Los Angeles, M.A. in Asian American Studies. 1994.

The University of California at Davis, B.A. in Political Science, 1990. Graduated with Honors.

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Edited Volumes

Lai, James S. (Forthcoming in 2009). *Suburban Transformations: Asian American Political Incorporation in the Twenty-First Century Gateway*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Lai, James S. and Don T. Nakanishi. 2003. *Asian Americans Politics: Law, Participation and Policy*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Lai, James S. and Don T. Nakanishi. 2007. *National Asian Pacific American Political Almanac*. Twelfth Edition. Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Asian American Studies Center Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

Lai, James S. and Kim Geron. 2006. "When Asian Pacific Americans Run: The Suburban and Urban Dimensions of Asian American Candidates in California Local Politics." *California Politics & Policy*. Los Angeles: Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs. Volume 10: Spring 2006.

Geron, Kim and James S. Lai. 2002. "Transforming Ethnic Politics: A Comparative Analysis of Electoral Support for and Policy Priorities of Asian American and Latino Elected Officials." *Asian Law Journal* 9:1 (May): 41-81.

Lai, James S., Wendy K. Tam-Cho, Thomas P. Kim, and Okiyoshi Takeda. 2001. "Asian Pacific American Campaigns, Elections, and Elected Officials." *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 34:3 (September): 611-17.

Book Chapters

Lai, James S. 2009 (Forthcoming). "Asian Americans and American Politics." In *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Contemporary Asian American Issues*, ed. Edith Chen and Grace Yoo. New York, NY: Greenwood Press.

Lai, James S. 2009 (Forthcoming). "The Suburban Trajectory of Asian American Politics: A Case Study of Cupertino, CA." In *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Contemporary Asian American Issues*, ed. Edith Chen and Grace Yoo. New York, NY: Greenwood Press.

Lai, James S. 2000. "Asian Pacific Americans and the Pan-Ethnic Question." In *Minority Politics at the Millennium*, ed. Richard Keiser and Katherine Underwood. New York, NY: Garland Publishing, Inc. Pp. 203-26.

Preston, Michael B. and James S. Lai. 1998. "The Symbolic Politics of Affirmative Action." In *Racial and Ethnic Politics in California*, Volume 2, ed. Michael B. Preston, Bruce E. Cain, and Sandra Bass. Berkeley, CA: Institute of Governmental Studies Press. Pp. 161-98.

Lai, James S. 1998. "Racially Polarized Voting and Its Effects on the Formation of a Viable Latino-Asian Pacific Political Coalition." In *National Asian Pacific American Political Almanac*, Eight Edition, ed. Don T. Nakanishi and James S. Lai. Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Asian American Studies Center Press. Pp. 156-85.

Book Reviews

Lai, James S. 2003. *Contemporary Asian American Communities*, ed. Linda Trinh Vo and Rick Bonus. *Journal of Asian American Studies*. 6:1 (June): 104-06.

Lai, James S. 1998. *The Political Participation of Asian Americans: Voting Behavior in Southern California*, Pei-Te Lien. *Amerasia Journal*. 24:3 (Spring): 251-55.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Faculty of the Year, MCC Beary Awards. Santa Clara University, 2009.

Faculty Support Research Grant. College of Arts and Sciences, Santa Clara University, 2007. (\$5,000).

Minority Faculty Grant, James Irvine Foundation/CML, Santa Clara University, 2003, (\$920).

Barkada's 11th Annual Pilipino Culture Night, James Irvine Foundation/CML, Santa Clara University, 2002 (\$3,000).

NextGenerasian Leadership Conference, James Irvine Foundation/CML, Santa Clara University, 2001, (\$2,090).

Faculty of the Year, MCC Beary Awards, Santa Clara University, 2002.

Jesse B. Unruh Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowship, University of Southern California, 1998.

Graduate Assistant Teaching Award, School of General Education, University of Southern California, 1997-98.

Teaching Assistant of the Year, Department of Political Science, University of Southern California, 1997-98.

George and Sakaye Aratani Scholarship. University of Southern California, 1997-98.

Kenjohn Wang Scholarship. University of Southern California, 1996-97.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Invited Talks and Participation in Symposia

Invited Presentation. 2006, September. "Political Incorporation in the Suburbs: Asian American Candidates, Panethnicity, and Group Mobilization in California Local Politics." Symposium on Race and Place, Cornell University.

Panel Discussant. 2005, September. "Roundtable: Finding Mentors and Advocates in the Ivory Tower." Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC.

Panel Discussant. 2003, August. "Asian Americans and American Politics: A Unique Experience." Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Organizer and Chair. 2003, May. "The Participation Dynamics of Asian Pacific Americans in Local Politics." Annual meeting of the Association for Asian American Studies. San Francisco, CA.

Invited Presentation. 2002, March. "Breaking Ground: Asian Pacific American Candidates and Elections in 2002." Eighth Annual Asian Pacific American Conference on Law and Public Policy. Harvard University.

Invited Presentation. 2000, October. "Playing the Political Game: The Emergence of the Asian American Electorate and Candidates in the November 2000 Elections." Asian American Policy Forum. Stanford University.

Invited Presentation. 1998, March. "Roundtable Discussion on Critical Racial and Ethnic Policy Issues in the 21st Century." Annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Los Angeles, CA.

Invited Presentation. 1996, October. "National Trends of Asian Pacific Americans and American Politics." National Asian Pacific American Law Student Association Conference. Catholic University of America.

Invited Presentation. 1995, December. "Making an Impact: Asian Pacific Americans In American Politics." Keynote Speech. Annual meeting of the National Taiwanese American Citizens League. Los Angeles, CA.

Paper and Poster Presentations

- Lai, James S. 2006, September. *“Do They Matter? The Impact of Asian American Candidates on Group Consciousness and Electoral Mobilization in California Politics from the 1990s to Present”* Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- Lai, James S. 2005, September. *Deracialization in the Ethnoburbs: Asian Americans in California Politics*. Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC.
- Lai, James S. 2004, September. *When Asian Pacific Americans Run: The Electoral Fortunes of APAs in California’s Diverse Urban Environment*. Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.
- Lai, James S. 2001, September. *Transforming Ethnic Politics: A Comparative Analysis of Electoral Support for and Policy Priorities of Asian Pacific American and Latino Elected Officials*. Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA.
- Lai, James S. 2000, August. *Beyond Voting: The Impact of Asian Pacific American Elected Officials on Group Political Mobilization*. Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C.
- Lai, James S. 1998, March. *Fighting Fair? The Millionaire Candidate versus Public Financing: Case Studies of the 1993 and 1997 Los Angeles Mayoral Elections*. 1998 Western Political Science Association Conference. Los Angeles, California.
- Lai, James S. 1996, May. *Constructing Biracial Alliances in a Latino-Asian Pacific Commingled Community: The Racial Politics of the 1994 49th Assembly District Primary Election*. Annual meeting of the Association for Asian American Studies. Washington, D.C.
- Lai, James S. 1996, March. *Racially Polarized Voting and Its Effects on the Formation of a Viable Latino-Asian Pacific Political Coalition*. Annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA.
- Lai, James S. 1995, May. *Ethnic Politics and Pan-Asian Pacific American Coalition Building: A Case Study of the Special 1991 46th Assembly District Primary Election*. Annual meeting of the Association for Asian American Studies. Berkeley: CA.
- Lai, James S. 1994, March. *The Discursive Strategies Employed By The Administration To Quell the Asian American Studies Program: A Case Study Of The University of California at Irvine*. Annual meeting of the Association for Asian American Studies. University of Michigan.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Affiliations

- Elected Member, Executive Council. American Political Science Association. Race and Ethnic Politics Section. 2007 to Present.
- Member. American Political Science Association. Race and Ethnic Politics Section. 1999 to Present.
- Member and Co-Chair. Asian Pacific American Caucus (APAC) Executive Board. American Political Science Association. 2000 to 2005.
- Member. Status Committee on Asian Americans in the Profession. American Political Science Association. 2002 to 2006.
- Member. Association for Asian American Studies. 1992 to Present.

REFERENCES

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