Greetings from the fifth floor of Ballantine Hall, the new home of AAST! We hope everyone’s semester is off to an invigorating start! 2016-2017 promises to be landmark year for the Asian American Studies here at IUB. We will be using the AAST E-Newsletter to keep you updated on upcoming events, opportunities, and accomplishments in the AAST community. If you would like to submit an item for the newsletter please email aasp@indiana.edu or stop by our office (Ballantine 571).

September Speaker: Anna Lau
Associate Professor of Psychology, UCLA

“Levers for Change: Strategies for Reducing Mental Health Disparities for Asian American Youth”
Friday, September 30, 2:30 PM, IMU Walnut Room.

New Opportunities
(click images for more information)
Meet the AAST Team

Dr. Ellen Wu, Director

Jordan Lynton, Graduate Assistant

Lisa Kwong, Adjunct Lecturer, Asian American Literature

Elizabeth Martinez, Introduction to Asian American Studies

AAST Photo Contest
Submit by Sept 30

2016-2017 Lucie Cheng Prize (master's and doctoral students)

Amerasia Journal invites faculty to nominate exceptional graduate student essays in the interdisciplinary field of Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies. The selected article will be published in Amerasia Journal, with a $1,500 prize to be awarded to the winner. Due: October 1, 2016. Click here for more details.

AAST Community Updates

Performances/Events

- Lisa Kwong will be performing a poetry reading at Spoken Word Stage, Fourth Street Festival (Dunn and 4th) Sun 9/4, 2:30-3:00pm.

Awards

- Dr. Dina Okamoto was awarded the 2016 Book Award from American Sociological Association's Section on Asia and Asian America for her book Redefining Race: Asian American Panethnicity and Shifting Ethnic Boundaries (Russell Sage, 2014)

- Dr. Joel Wong recently became a fellow of the Asian American Psychological Association. AAPA Fellows are chosen based on scholarship and long term, positive impact on the field of psychology and its advancement.
• **Grace Shen** and **Sidney Harris** were our 2016 Asian American Studies Undergraduate Essay winners. They were recognized at the Spring 2016 Open House.

• **Elizabeth Martinez** and **Mai Thai** were selected to receive 2016 Asian American Studies Graduate Student Travel Awards.

• Last April **Dr. Karen Inouye** presented a paper, "Vietnamese Americans as Fair Housing Advocates," at the Asian American Studies Conference in Miami, Florida. She won the 2016 Trustees Teaching Award and was chosen as one of five "Best of Social Sciences Teaching Fellows" for the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Forthcoming Publications**

• **Dr. Karen Inouye** co-authored an article, "Visual Games and the Unseeing of Race in the Late Nineteenth Century," which was published in *American Quarterly* in June. Her book, *The Long Afterlife of Nikkei Wartime Incarceration* (Stanford University Press) is scheduled for release this October.

• **Lisa Kwong's** poem "I Sing to Myself While Driving to Indianapolis Airport," will appear in the *minnesota review* (print), Spring 2016