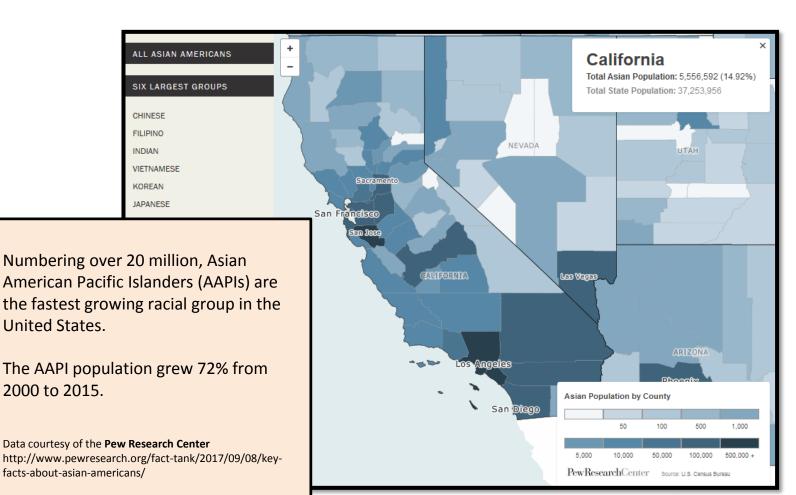
Cultivating Leaders for the Libraries and Archives of Tomorrow: international and local partnerships

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"Everybody in Orange County is blond and lives on the beach."



No way. One look at the Register should be enough to convince anybody that Orange County is a community of many cultures

and lifestyles. †You can see it in our special coverage of immigration issues, ethnic celebrations and neighborhoods like Little Saigon



—now the largest Vietnamese community in America. † Of course, feature articles aren't the only way we express our understanding of the county's cultural diversity. †Our everyday coverage is equally broad-based and reflects the fact that if you live here, we talk about you—whatever your race, nationality or color. † Some people may still believe that Orange County is either all white. Or all tan. †But fortunately, they're in the minority.

Register WEKNOW BETTER

Orange County, California

Population 3.17 million

• White: 1.3 million (43%)

Latino: 1 million (34%)

AAPI: 618,000 (20%)

(Fastest growing)

Vietnamese: 200,000

Korean: 94,000

Filipino: 90,000

Chinese: 85,000

(Cambodian:7,000 | Laotian:3,000 | Hmong: 1,200)



Photos from The Orange County Register

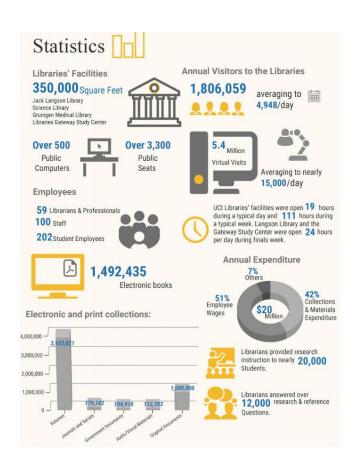
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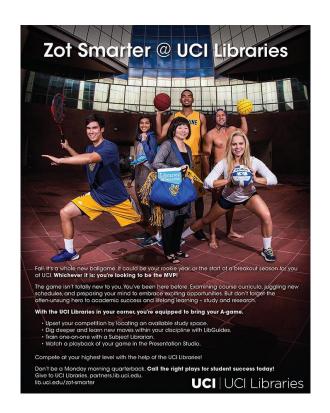
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UCI Libraries Southeast Asian Archive (est. 1987)

Documenting the histories of Cambodian, Laotian, Hmong and Vietnamese diasporic communities.



Southeast Asian Archive (SEAA) Residency

- Partnership with Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada
- Master of Arts candidate in Film + Photography Preservation
- Half time professional training, half time research in SEAA collections
- Thesis->"PERFORMING AND PRESERVING MEMORIES: VERNACULAR PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE DIASPORA"

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2019 Southeast Asian Archive Residency: Julia Huynh Lunch Time Talk



The UCI Libraries has partnered with Ryerson University in Canada to host a residency for a Masters candidate from January to June 2019. Julia Huynh and her faculty mentors identified the Southeast Asian Archive as an Ideal host site for Julia to gain training and experience in a community-centered archives while also conducting research for her M.A. thesis.

Julia Huynh is a graduate candidate in the Film + Photography Preservation and Collections Management Program at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada. She completed a summer internship at the Southeast Asian Digital Archive (ESADA) in Lowell, MA and worked remotely as their Digital Media Consultant performing metadata quality control checks and creating finding aids. During her six months residency placement at the UCI Libraries Southeast Asian Archive Huynh also developed her thesis to explore how Vietnamese vernaculors.

photographs can communicate selective ideas about identity and memory.

As a practicing interdisciplinary artist, Huynh investigates the Vietnamese diaspora by revisiting and reinterpreting her own family's photographs and home videos. Recent exhibitions and screenings include: Breakthroughs Film Festival (Toronto, ON), Cultural Crossroads at Aurora Picture Show (Houston, TX) and Been Here So Long at Reel Asian International Film Festival (Toronto, ON).

As a SEAA Resident, Julia has assisted in aspects of collection development, outreach, instruction, and processing of collections with photographic materials. Along with providing oversight of her work as it relates to the functions of the SEAA, Thuy Vo Dang, Curator for the Southeast Asian Archive, has also provided research support for Julia during her time at UCI.

You're invited to join Julia Huynh for a lunch time talk where she will share her experience during the SEAA Residency

June 26, 2019 from 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Orange County & Southeast Asian Archive Center

Lunch will be provided.

Please RVSP by June 24 at: https://forms.gle/zemeH7XipXy9DFM88



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Projects

Rehouse photographs

• Inventory, description,

digitization

Help with archives workflows





Connections



- Opportunity to audit
 Asian American Studies
 courses with 4+1 MA
 Students
- Faculty mentorship, peer support during thesis writing

TK|TL Research Project

- Transforming Knowledge, Transforming Libraries is a threeyear research project that explores the outcomes of undergraduate students applying what they learn in ethnic studies combined with lived experience in contributing to community archives. (2017-2020)
 - Can libraries bridge the gap between ethnic studies theory and community archives practice?
 - What are the outcomes of undergraduate students applying what they learn in ethnic studies combined with their lived experience in contributing to community archives?

Research Team



Thuy Vo Dang, Curator forthe Southeast Asian Archive Jimmy Zavala, Project Coordinator Librarian (TKTL) Audra Eagle Yun, head of Special Collections & Archives Krystal Tribbett, Curator for Orange County Regional History



Community-centered archives partnerships are...

- Responsive to the community's needs
- Collaborative, shared authority
- Recognizes differentiation between communities and their needs
- Attentive to historical inequities reflected in archives

https://ocseaa.lib.uci.edu/community_archives

On campus partnerships

aculty	Department	Quarter
Bridget Cooks	African American Studies	Fall 2017, Winter 2018, Fall 2018
Cynthia Feliciano	Chicano/Latino Studies	Fall 2017
Dorothy Fujita-Rony	Asian American Studies	Fall 2017
Judy Wu	Asian American Studies	Fall 2018
Ana Rosas	Chicano/Latino Studies	Winter 2018, Spring 2019
Linda Vo	Asian American Studies	Spring 2018, Winter 2019
Jessica Millward	African American Studies	Spring 2018
Gil Conchas	Chicano/Latino Studies	Spring 2018
Tiffany Willoughby-Herard	African American Studies	Winter 2019, Spring 2019
Louis Desipio	Chicano/Latino Studies	Fall 2018
Hector Tobar	Chicano/Latino Studies	Winter 2019
Julia Lee	Asian American Studies	Spring 2019



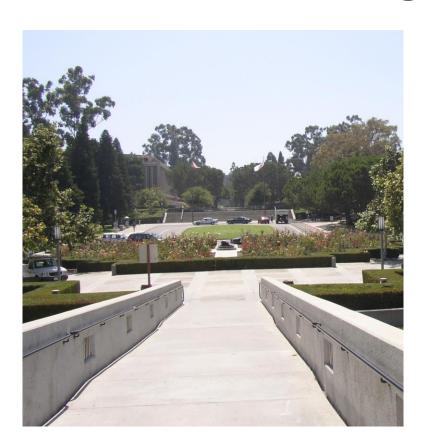
Summer Cohort



Local Partnerships



Looking ahead...



- build out a vision for community-centered archives work
- sustain on campus and local partnerships
- train students; create a pipeline for future archives leaders

Thank you!

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