



# Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**"It is only in relation to other bodies and many somebodies that anybody is somebody. Don't get into your cotton-picking mind that you are somebody in your self..."**

(From Grace Lee Boggs autobiography, *Living for Change*)

I am honored and pleased to serve as your President for 2002–2003. I also do not stand alone in this endeavor. I follow the footpath of our past presidents, especially Tamiye Meehan and Sushila Shah, who have initiated some of the groundwork that will ensure our organization's growth and development, for example the APALA Strategic Plan. I am fortunate to be surrounded by talented members who will assist the Executive Board, the Executive Director, and me to further develop and implement many of the goals set forth in the Plan. Indeed, I expect this to be a major focus of my presidency.

We witnessed some of our successes already in Atlanta where my presidency began auspiciously as members sponsored Past President Tamiye Meehan, Executive Director Ling Hwey Jeng, and me on the ALA 5K Fun Run/Walk. Together, we collectively raised \$1,015 for the APALA Scholarship, an award that we inaugurated this year in Atlanta by announcing the first recipients of the award (highlighted in this issue). Many of our members had the opportunity to meet journalist/author William Wong who signed copies of his book, *Yellow Journalist: Dispatches from Asian America*. We also had the opportunity to hear him speak about Asian American representation in the media as he was one of our speakers in the APALA program on Cultural Competency. Together with Professor Ismail Abdullahi, Outreach Librarian Ghada Elturk, and Professor Clara Chu as the moderator, the speakers shared with the audience their well-informed thoughts and experiences on cultural competency and its importance for librarianship. It was a timely topic to discuss within our profession as the speakers reminded us that part of information literacy is becoming culturally competent. And an integral part of cultural competency is the active engagement with others about our diverse cultural histories and experiences.

In Atlanta I had the privilege and pleasure of meeting many of our talented and dedicated Committee members who will be involved in several projects and activities that will require our support and assistance. For example, the Web Committee, the newest standing committee, has the challenging task of re-designing the APALA Web-page to give us stronger web presence and provide more resources for librarians as well as APA communities. President-elect Yvonne Chen is likewise busy organizing the 2003 annual program for Toronto and I expect would like to hear from volunteers as well. I am pleased to announce that Kenneth Yamashita and Ganga Dakshinamurti are our official representatives to the Steering Committee for the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) scheduled for 2005. This is an important and necessary involvement for us, as well as for our colleagues, because it may determine the future of cross-racial and ethnic coalition building in our profession. It will also require us to integrate the concept of cultural competence in our everyday practice within and outside our profession, since the JCLC 2005 will be designed to attract the broadest spectrum of attendees in addition to librarians of color. On behalf of Ken and Ganga I would like to express my appreciation to all those who volunteered to be appointed to the ten planning committees for this important national conference which is jointly organized by the five ethnic caucuses: AILA, APALA, BCALA, CALA and REFORMA.

We have an exciting time ahead of us. In the next few years we will see many significant changes and activities for APALA. While we concentrate on these projects we still need to focus on recruiting new members, as well as providing collegial support to our present members. I look forward to serving you all this year and appreciate all your support.

Peace!

Gerardo (Gary) Colmenar



## Editorial

Please indulge me while I remove my editor hat and put on my NCLC2005 Steering Committee member hat. Ganga Dakshinamurti and I really appreciate the overwhelming response to our call for volunteers for the NCLC planning committees! Ganga also volunteered to chair the Finance Committee which is great news. In Atlanta, I was elected to co-chair the Steering Committee with Gladys Smiley Bell of the BCALA. The following are the APALA appointments to the NCLC2005 planning committees—thank you all for signing up!

- ☐ Finance -- Heawon Paick, Ganga Dakshinamurti (chair)
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Joy Chase, Eleanor Esonido, and Ben Wakashige have also volunteered and will be appointed to committees soon.

Ken Yamashita

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# APALA NEWS

## Scholarship Drive a Smashing Success

By Ling Hwey Jeng, Executive Director

The first-ever APALA "Cheering for Our Leaders" Scholarship Drive has raised over \$1,000 in contributions and pledges.

On Sunday morning at the ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta, our leaders, Tamiye Meehan and Gary Colmenar, gathered with more than 50 runners and walkers at Piedmont Park at 6:45 AM. The Run/Walk began on time at 7 AM. Gary ran and finished first place in his age category. Tamiye was an excellent walker, occasionally running when there was a down-hill stretch, and she finished her walk in good time. I was there all the way to witness our leaders' excellent fitness. Tamiye's husband, Jim, also took pictures of us at the starting line and again at the finish line.

Special thank yous to the following APALA members who participated in this APALA Scholarship Drive. It was indeed a lot of fun. Let's hope we do it again next year.

Thaddeus Bejnar  
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The APALA Listserv (**Address: APALA-L@listserv.uic.edu**), available to all members, is an information sharing resource and communications link for committee work, time-sensitive bulletins, etc. Job announcements are also posted on the Listserv.

### To join the listserv:

Send email to [listserv@listserv.uic.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.uic.edu)

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# APALA NEWS

## Salute to APALA Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to **Eydie Detera** and **Todd Honma**, the two APALA scholarship winners. Each will receive a \$500 scholarship this fall semester.



Eydie Detera is pursuing a master's degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Washington. She works as a graduate research assistant at the university's Media Asset Retrieval System (MARS). Eydie is also a researcher and visual artist with the Isangmahal Arts Kollektive, as well as a book reviewer for *The Pacific Reader: An Asian Pacific North American Review of Books*. Her goals include working in an academic or public library setting, strengthening libraries' collections of multicultural materials, building bridges between libraries and the communities they serve, and mentoring students from underrepresented groups.



Todd Honma is a graduate student at UCLA, pursuing double master's degrees in Library and Information Science, and Asian American Studies. He attended UC Berkeley as an undergraduate, receiving a double bachelor's degree in Molecular Cell Biology and Japanese Language. He is interested in issues pertaining to multicultural information services and the examination of information within a critical framework to uncover the structures that privilege certain types of information and subjugate others. His future goals include applying his interests in multicultural librarianship and education towards achieving social equity in information services.

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## Notes from ALA Annual



APALA's Executive Director, Ling Hwey Jeng, summarized actions from the APALA Executive Board meeting during the ALA Annual Conference. The newsletter will publish the official minutes when they become available.

1. Passed a resolution, drafted by Ken Yamashita, to salute Sandra Rios Balderrama, the Director of ALA Office for Diversity who is leaving ALA to join her husband in Arizona at the end of July, for her work at the Office for Diversity. We wish Sandra well on her journey and future endeavors.
2. Approved several items of the 2002-2003 budget for APALA officers and committees.
3. Approved a proposal, submitted by the Executive Director on behalf of Ms. Sheila Lai (APALA life member), to establish the APALA Sheila S. Lai Research Endowment Fund with the contribution of \$12,000 from Ms. Lai herself. The Fund will be used to provide one APALA Sheila S. Lai Research Grant Award of \$1,000 each year to an APALA member for conducting research related to librarianship in general and APA librarianship in particular. The first award will be announced this coming fall, and be presented at the APALA Annual Conference in 2003 during ALA in Toronto.
4. Passed a motion for APALA to award one scholarship of \$1,000 and a runner-up scholarship of \$500 during 2002-2003.
5. Approved the Web Committee as a standing committee.



## MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Vivienne Sales**, Reference Librarian at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, AZ campus. She recently published an article, "RSI and the Library and Information Science Professional." Her work appears in *Free Pint*, a free online newsletter for information researchers. The article is available at: <<http://www.freepint.com/issues/270602.pdf>>.

### **Autographed Books Available at Discount Price**

*Yellow Journalist: Dispatches from Asian America*. By William Wong. Temple University Press, 2001. \$20 (including shipping and handling). Please contact APALA Executive Director, Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, <[lhjeng00@uky.edu](mailto:lhjeng00@uky.edu)> for purchase.

**Recommended Resources:** The following items have been recommended by APALA members.

APALA President Gary Colmenar maintains a website of links related to Asian American Studies: <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subj/asian-am.html>. Topics include archives, historical societies, and museums; arts, culture, and literature; associations and organizations; departments and programs; and online magazines & journals. If you would like to recommend other sites for Gary to add, please contact him at [colmenar@library.ucsb.edu](mailto:colmenar@library.ucsb.edu).

*Eating Welfare*, a video about the impact of federal welfare reform on the Southeast Asian community of the Bronx, produced by the Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence. The 58-minute video and 19-page curriculum guide are available for \$150.00, which includes shipping. Contact CAAV, 2473 Valentine Ave. Bronx, NY 10458, phone (718) 220-7391.

### **Publishing Opportunity**

You are invited to submit proposed articles for a special issue of the *Academic Exchange Quarterly* entitled "The Many Faces of Information Competence." the issue is co-edited by Michael Adams of the City University of New York Graduate Center and Mariana Regalado of Brooklyn College.

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Selects materials in all formats in your disciplines, negotiates terms for access to electronic resources, evaluates collection use and recommends collections to be conserved and to be moved to off-campus storage. Schedule: Monday-Friday, 17.5 hrs./week, full year. Requirements: MLS or other advanced degree in the social sciences and 3+ years' experience in library services; 2+ years' experience in collection management preferred. Experience in academic libraries. Reading knowledge of one or more foreign languages. Exceptional communication, group and analytical skills. Ability to work independently and in a collaborative group environment.

If interested, send cover letter and resume to:

**Human Resources Office, Code APALA 9/1, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02481** or by email: [working@wellesley.edu](mailto:working@wellesley.edu). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. *Wellesley College is an AA/EEO employer.*

Manuscripts are sought that describe successful (and even unsuccessful) approaches to information literacy for targeted groups and/or diverse populations in higher education. Manuscripts are also sought that report on quantitative or qualitative evaluations of the impact of information literacy programs, courses, and components of courses. A wide variety of approaches to this topic are sought. Additional information is available at <http://rapidintellect.com/AEQweb/fall03.htm>.

Submit 50-100 word proposals to Michael Adams at [madams@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:madams@gc.cuny.edu). The manuscript deadline will be May 2003.

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The American Library Association is seeking an articulate and innovative leader to direct its Office for Diversity. The position will be responsible for providing active consultation, facilitation and training on diversity issues; managing ongoing programs, including the Spectrum program, the Diversity Research grants, the Diversity Leadership Institute and others; developing new publications and other products; and, serving as a key resource on professional issues related to diversity.

The position reports for the ALA Senior Associate Executive Director and currently supervises one professional position. The Director, Office for Diversity, is currently a member of the Member Programs & Services Team, including division executive directors, directors of other program offices (Accreditation, Intellectual Freedom, Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Literacy and Outreach Services), and the directors of Conference Services and Information Technology and Telecommunications. The Director, Office for Diversity, is the staff liaison to the Committee on Diversity (formerly the Council Committee on Minority Concerns and Cultural Diversity).

**Qualifications:** Master's degree from an ALA-recognized program; 5 or more years of experience, including experience in a large organization; a well-developed philosophy on diversity and inclusiveness; excellent organization and project management skills; excellent communications skills (verbal and written); and, ability to work in a complex, changing organization.

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