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Subject: Search for Director, Asian American Studies Center

UCLA *Graduate Division*

Administrative Officers, Deans, Department Chairs, Directors, Vice Chancellors and Asian American Studies Faculty

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of a search committee charged with identifying candidates for director of the Asian American Studies Center, to succeed Professor Don T. Nakanishi, who plans to step down from his post after more than 18 years of distinguished service, effective July 1, 2009.

This will be a national search chaired by Professor Paul Ong, of Asian American Studies and the School of Public Affairs. Other members are:

- Mitchell Chang — Education
- Lane Hirabayashi — Asian American Studies
- Darnell Hunt — Sociology, and Director of the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies
- Marjorie Kagawa-Singer — Public Health
- Jerry Kang — Law
- Russell Leong — Asian American Studies
- Valerie Matsumoto — History
- Robert Nakamura — Asian American Studies
- Tritia Toyota — Asian American Studies
- Min Zhou — Sociology

A copy of the job announcement is attached. I ask for your help as the committee seeks suitable candidates, and urge you to transmit any nominations, applications, or inquiries by October 10, 2008 to Paris McDonald, Executive Assistant to the Vice Chancellor, Graduate Division, at aascsearch@gdnet.ucla.edu.

We look forward to continuing our work with Professor Nakanishi throughout the upcoming academic year. Please join me in thanking him for his many years of excellent leadership and commitment to UCLA.

Thank you in advance for your input and involvement during this important search.

Sincerely,

Claudia Mitchell-Kernan
Vice Chancellor Graduate Studies
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**Director
Asian American Studies Center**

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) invites inquiries, nominations and applications for the position of Director for the Asian American Studies Center. Qualifications for success include a strong scholarly research and publication record; experience developing interdisciplinary research and instructional programs in Asian American Studies; the ability to administer budgetary and personnel processes; and proven experience in obtaining and managing extramural funding in the form of research grants, gifts and donations, and in engaging in other development activities. Above all, UCLA seeks a dynamic individual to provide intellectual and programmatic leadership for the Center, who will work effectively with members of the Center, its faculty advisory committee, and campus leadership to develop internal priorities, maximize external visibility of the Center, build bridges between UCLA and the community, and encourage intercampus collaboration. This is a tenured faculty appointment in the appropriate department or school.

Established in 1969, the Asian American Studies Center is the nation's leading research center in the field of Asian American Studies. Its mission is to promote research, education and community service within an academic framework, contributing to an understanding of the history, rich cultural heritage, and present position of Asian Americans in our society. Together with the Asian American Studies Department, the Center has core programs in research, in publications; in library and archival collections; in student leadership development; in joint university-community research projects; in endowment and development efforts; and in public educational activities. The Center has established partnerships, collaborations, and exchanges with hundreds of public and private institutions across the nation and around the world, and has played a critical role in developing Southern California's infrastructure of social service agencies, civil rights organizations, museums, historical societies, media and cultural groups, and business associations that serve and represent the Asian American and Pacific Islander population. For more information on the Center, please visit www.aasc.ucla.edu.

Inquiries, nominations and applications are invited. Applications should include a curriculum vita and a list of three professional references, and should be sent electronically to aascsearch@gdnet.ucla.edu. Inquiries may be addressed to Paris McDonald, at (310) 206-5268. For full consideration, nominations and applications should be sent by October 10, 2008. Candidate review begins immediately, with an appointment to be made in spring 2009, and a preferred starting date of July 1, 2009.

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