



Asian Americans: Issues and Activism
Spring Conference
April 8, 1995

- 9 - 9:30 REGISTRATION & Continental Breakfast CHAPEL
- 9:30 - 9:45 WELCOME CHAPEL
- 9:45 - 11 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS I
- * *ASIAN AMERICAN IDENTITY* CARNEGIE 06
What is the Asian American identity? Simply because Asian Americans are all categorized together, do they have any common issues or interests that bind them as a community? What choices and sacrifices are Asian Americans forced to make about their identities?
- * *POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT* CARNEGIE 107
Given the rise of interest by Asian Americans in politics, what does the future hold for Asian Americans in politics? This workshop examines the ins and outs of what is at the political stake for Asian Americans.
- 11:05 - 12:20 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS II
- * *COALITION BUILDING* CARNEGIE 206
There are over 7.3 million Asian Americans in this country with numerous ethnic communities. Is there a coalition within the diversity? How can a community be built given the differences? This workshop will be discussed with a student panel present.
- * *SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS* CARNEGIE 107
Yes, there is success in our Asian and Asian American community! This workshop will explore what it takes to be successful not just as a student, but after college as well. This is the time to shine on our successes.
- 12:20 - 1:30 LUNCH (on your own)
- 1:30 - 2:45 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS III
- * *MODEL MINORITY MYTH* CARNEGIE 107
Asian Americans are often portrayed as being successful in academics, business, medicine, science, etc. They are also seen as immune to the social problems which plague others, like racism, discrimination, and economic disadvantage. Where did this myth originate? Does this harm the Asian American community?
- * *MEDIA MISREPRESENTATION* CARNEGIE 206
Throughout both print and visual history, Asians and Asian Americans have been represented as either subservient, asexual, gang ridden, exotic, insidious, etc. How has this affected the image of Asian Americans? What can be done to ensure that they are accurately depicted in the media?
- 3:00 - 4:00 KEYNOTE: **EVELYN HU-DEHART, Ph.D.** CHAPEL
"Asians in the Americas"
- Award-winning history professor, Dr. Hu-DeHart is also a nationally known speaker, consultant, and director of the Center of Studies of Ethnicity and Race in America at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Her current research focuses on the Asian diaspora in Latin America and the Caribbean. She is published in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Zoque Mayan.
- 4 - 4:45 CLOSING & RECEPTION CHAPEL BASEMNT