The Program in American studies of Princeton University is proud to present the Asian American studies Speaker Series for 2017-2018. This series features oceans as sites of encounter and mobility as well as struggles over livelihoods and living space that hinge on relations to land. Examining the cross-currents shaping these variegated spaces, our interrogations draw attention to global commodity flows, militarism, migration, indigeneity, and globally oriented contestations in order to advance a transnational vision of Asian American studies. By bringing leading and emerging scholars to Princeton, we aim to spur dialogue about the state of Asian American studies and to envision what it could become. As a starting point, we conceive of Asian American studies as a coalitional project that attends to uneven power relations on a global scale with the potential to contribute to the unmaking of racial capitalism and war.

All events are held on Thursdays, 4:30pm - 6pm:

**September 21** - Simeon Man, University of California, San Diego  
Assistant Professor of History  
Securing 'Asia for Asians': Race, Counterinsurgency, and the U.S. Empire, 1954-1963

**October 19** - Nayan Shah, University of Southern California  
Professor of American Studies & Ethnicity and History and chair of the Department of American Studies and Ethnicity  
Refusal, Bodily Struggle, and Japanese American Resistance in Tule Lake Stockade

**November 16** - Kathleen Lopez, Rutgers University  
Associate Professor of Latino and Carribbean Studies and History  
Toward a Transnational Asian American Studies: Afro-Asian Encounters in the Caribbean

**December 7** - Charmaine Chua, Oberlin College  
Assistant Professor of Politics  
Logistical Monstrosities: Megaships, Megaports, and Infrastructures of Violence along the transPacific Supply Chain

**February 15** - Maile Arvin, University of Utah  
Assistant Professor of History and Gender Studies  
Possessing Polynesians: Whiteness and Settler Colonialism in Hawai‘i

**March 1** - Jasbir Puar, Rutgers University  
Associate Professor of Women's & Gender Studies

**March 29** - Helen Zia
Making Asian Pacific Americans Matter: Colliding along the Arc of History, Past Present Future Tense

**April 12** - Allan Punzalan Isaac, Rutgers University  
Associate Professor of American Studies and English  
Embodying Labor-Time: Vital Temporalities and Vital Proximities in the Filipino Labor Diaspora  
Event cosponsored by the Department of African American Studies

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