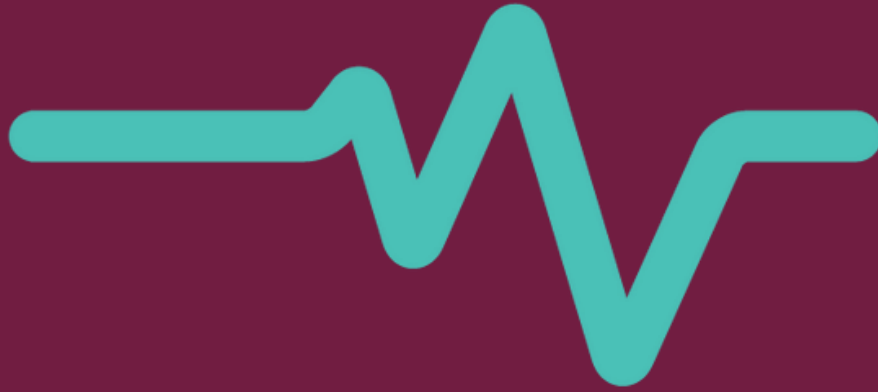


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12:00 PM -
12:10 PM

Opening Remarks

**Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke, APAICS
Representative Ami Bera (CA-06)**

12:10 PM -
1:10 PM

Closing Gaps: Advancing DEI in Health Research

Sponsored By: Walgreens, Biogen

As the healthcare field advances, it is crucial to spotlight the disparities and research gaps affecting the communities of color. Beyond funding, major hurdles occur to engage AA & NH/PI individuals in clinical research, including mistrust, lack of information, and poor representation across the diaspora. This panel will explore the multifaceted challenges in health research, including diversity within clinical trials, disaggregated data of trial results, and the need for additional investment in rare diseases that disproportionately impact AA & NH/PI populations.

Opening Remarks: Rep. Pramila Jayapal

Panelists and Moderators:

- Jackie Leung, PhD, JD, MS, Micronesian Islander Community
- Viet Nguyen, MD, Biogen
- Maile Tauali'i, PhD, MPH, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group
- Ramita Tandon, MPH, Walgreens
- Moderator: Iyanrick John, MPH, JD, ChangeLab Solutions

1:10 PM -
2:15 PM

Navigating the Impact: Analyzing Federal Legislation on Healthcare and Access

Sponsored By: Bristol Myers Squibb, Catholic Health Association of the United States, PhRMA

This panel will delve into the intricate relationship between federal legislation and healthcare outcomes for AA & NH/PI communities, scrutinizing the various policies that shape access, equity, and quality of care. Experts in healthcare policy, advocacy, and community will explore the impact of federal legislation on AA & NH/PIs, addressing both the successes and challenges encountered in pursuing comprehensive and inclusive healthcare.

Opening Remarks: Rep. Doris Matsui

Panelists and Moderator:

- Adam Carbullido, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
- Paulo Pontemayor, MPH, Catholic Health Association
- Jennifer Rasing, Bristol Myers Squibb
- Michael Ybarra, MD, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
- Moderator: Princess Mae Visconde, MPH, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)

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2:15 PM -
3:15 PM

Bridging Gaps: Advancing Healthcare Accessibility for AA & NH/PIs

Sponsored By: Biogen, Amgen

As distinct yet interconnected communities, AA & NH/PI populations face unique barriers to healthcare. Public health, healthcare policy, and community advocacy experts will discuss some of the strategies for overcoming these challenges and advancing equitable healthcare access for both groups, including patient engagement, telehealth, and the unique concerns of our growing aging population.

Opening Remarks: Rep. Jill Tokuda and Rep. Young Kim

Panelists and Moderators:

- Sean Kolaskar, Alexandria Health Department
- Rita Kuwahara, MD, MIH, Primary Care Internal Medicine Physician
- Linda Murakami, Amgen
- Moderator: Lan Đoàn, MPH, PhD, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

3:15 PM -
4:00 PM

Beyond Healthcare: Unraveling Social Determinants of Health for AA & NH/PIs

The basic necessities of life—food, shelter, transportation, physical safety, participation in decision-making, education, and job opportunities—are prerequisites for health. These factors are often described as “social determinants of health.” This panel explores the social determinants of health that profoundly influence the well-being of AA & NH/PIs, including diet and culture, housing, and education, and how these factors affect the overall health of these communities, including mental health.

Opening Remarks: Rep. Lucy McBath

Panelists and Moderators:

- Anna Hing, PhD, University of Minnesota
- James Huynh, MA, MPH, Incoming Assistant Professor University of Michigan
- Yanghee Woo, MD, City of Hope
- Michele Wong, MS, PhD, Initiative to Study Hate, UCLA
- Moderator: Adrian Bacong, PhD, MPH, Stanford School of Medicine

4:00 PM -
4:05 PM

Closing Remarks

Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke, APAICS

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Representative Doris Matsui

U.S. House of Representatives, CA-07

Representative Doris Matsui is a member of the House of Representatives serving California's 7th congressional district since 2005. Matsui is an Executive Board Member of CAPAC (Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus). Congresswoman Matsui has worked to establish and improve the Affordable Care Act. She has also worked to reform mental health and substance abuse care, and expand the use of telehealth, and ensure equitable access to quality care.



Representative Ami Bera

U.S. House of Representatives, CA-06

Representative Ami Bera is the CAPAC Executive Board Member and CAPAC Healthcare Task Force Co-Chair and has represented California's 6th Congressional District since 2013. He is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic. Prior to his term, he served as Chief Medical Officer for Sacramento County and a clinical professor of medicine and associate dean for admissions and outreach at University of California, Davis.



Representative Pramila Jayapal

U.S. House of Representatives, WA-07

Representative Pramila Jayapal represents Washington's 7th District and is currently serving her fourth term in Congress. Jayapal is an Executive Board Member of CAPAC. Prior to serving in elected office, Congresswoman Jayapal spent almost a decade working at Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), an international nonprofit organization. In office, Jayapal works to pass legislation to address healthcare issues as the lead sponsor of the Medicare for All bill in the House.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Representative Lucy McBath

U.S. House of Representatives, GA-07

Representative Lucy McBath represents Georgia's 7th Congressional District. Rep. McBath is an Associate Member of CAPAC. Rep. McBath works to ensure that all Americans have access to quality, affordable care. In 2023, she partnered with Senator Warnock to introduce a bill that would cap insulin costs at \$35 a month for seniors on Medicare. Rep. McBath has also supported H.R. 1425, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act, and introduced legislation requiring Medicare to cover hearing aids.



Representative Young Kim

U.S. House of Representatives, CA-40

Representative Young Kim represents California's 40th District. In the House of Representatives, she serves on the Maternity Care Caucus. Past legislation introduced by Rep. Kim includes the bipartisan Health Communication Access and Resources for Everyone (Health CARE) Act (H.R. 5762) to reduce barriers to health care access for patients.



Representative Jill Tokuda

U.S. House of Representatives, HI-02

Representative Jill Tokuda represents Hawai'i's 2nd Congressional District. Congresswoman Tokuda is a Freshman Representative of CAPAC. She funded the Hawai'i Keiki Program to provide access to health services in public schools. Jill is also a founding member of the Patsy T. Mink PAC, a political action committee that supports pro-choice women seeking elected office. During the pandemic, Jill was appointed to the Hawai'i House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic and Financial Preparedness.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 1 | *Closing Gaps: Advancing DEI in Health Research*



Jackie Leung, PhD, JD, MS

Executive Director, Micronesia Islander Community

Jackie is the Executive Director of the statewide nonprofit, the Micronesia Islander Community (or MIC), and is an Assistant Professor at Linfield University. Jackie's background is in public health advocacy, policy, and research. Her work includes working in Medicaid, healthcare access, chronic diseases, COVID-19 wrap-around services, and leadership pathways for community health workers. She serves in several leadership positions, including co-chairing the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs and serves as a traditional health worker representative on the Oregon Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Committee. She is a Public Voices Fellow of AcademyHealth in Partnership with The OpEd Project.



Viet Nguyen, MD

Medical Director, Research and Development, Biogen

Dr. Nguyen is a Medical Director in R&D at Biogen, where he focuses on high-burden genetic neurodevelopmental disorders, epilepsy, and neuropsychiatry, as well as measurement and endpoint development for clinical trials, and inclusive patient-focused drug development. This includes leading the creation of Biogen's toolkit for the diverse representation of participants in multi-regional clinical research, based on the latest academic evidence and guidance. His patient care and academic work as Clinical Associate Professor of Neurology at Stanford University includes intraoperative neurophysiology, clinical outcomes research, and medical education and mentorship. He completed his medical degree at Chicago Medical School (Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science), his neurology residency and clinical neurophysiology fellowship at Stanford University, and is board-certified in Neurology, Clinical Neurophysiology, and Neurophysiologic Intraoperative Monitoring.



Maile Tauali'i, PhD, MPH

Collaborative Investigator, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group

Maile Tauali'i, PhD, MPH, serves as an assistant clinical investigator for HPMG, or Hawaii Permanente Medical Group, the state's largest multispecialty group practice. Dr. Tauali'i joined HPMG in 2018, in which she worked with CIHR on the utility and validity of health information for racial minorities. Her research focused on eliminating health disparities, specifically for Indigenous Peoples and Native Hawaiians. Dr. Tauali'i serves as a resource to HPMG physicians, providers, and staff in areas of research, cultural safety, and working in partnership with communities of Hawaii, especially to the Native Hawaiian population, as the first people of Hawaii. In 2015, Dr. Tauali'i established the world's first global Indigenous Master of Public Health degree program and was awarded the University of Hawaii, Board of Regents Excellence in Teaching Award. Her federal commitments include serving as a member of the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations, U.S. Census Bureau, a member of the National Institutes of Health, PhenX Working Group on Social Determinants of Health, and the All of Us Research Program Biospecimen Access Policy Task Force.

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Ramita Tandon, MPH

Chief Clinical Trials Officer, Walgreens

As the Chief Clinical Trials Officer at Walgreens, Ramita Tandon is responsible for leading and driving growth for the Company's new clinical trials business. In her role, Ramita works across the healthcare and life sciences industries to enable next-generation clinical trials so that breakthrough treatments reach patients faster. She and her team are working to make clinical research an inherent care option across this nation when the standard of therapy is not a viable option. Ramita brings more than 25 years of leadership and operational experience across a portfolio of industry-leading businesses and services in real-world evidence and patient-centered health outcomes. Prior to joining Walgreens, she served as the Chief Operating Officer at Trio Health, and prior to that she was the Executive Vice President, Commercialization and Outcomes at ICON. Ramita was recently named to the Center for Healthcare Innovation's Board of Directors. As a transformational leader, Ramita is passionate in her belief that a best-in-class operating model employing insights and innovation can deliver gains in operations and forge stronger connections with all stakeholders, including biopharmaceutical companies, healthcare systems and payers. Ramita was recently named to Drug Store News' Top Women in Health, Wellness & Beauty class of 2022 for Business Excellence, Fierce Healthcare's 2022 Women of Influence and she was listed in the 2018 PharmaVOICE 100. On top of her individual accolades, under Ramita's leadership the Walgreens clinical trials business was nominated at the 2022 Prix Galien USA in the category for "Incubators, Accelerators and Equity," commended in the 2022 Clinical Trials Arena Excellence Awards, and was just shortlisted in the PRWeek Healthcare Awards 2023 "Best Healthcare Product Launch" category.



Iyanrick John, MPH, JD (Moderator)

Vice President of External Affairs, ChangeLab Solutions

Iyanrick John is vice president of external affairs at ChangeLab Solutions. He coordinates development and execution of the organization's national strategy, builds and cultivates relationships with external partners and stakeholders, and elevates the organization's national profile. Prior to joining ChangeLab Solutions, Iyan served as a senior policy strategist for the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), a national health policy and advocacy organization focused on improving the health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders living in the United States and its territories. In this role, he helped to guide the intermediate and long-term policy and program strategy for the organization. He also assisted with APIAHF's policy and advocacy efforts to expand access to health care, improve health care quality, and further the collection and reporting of data for communities in order to address health inequities. He has also worked as a lecturer in the Department of Public Health at California State University, East Bay, and as a policy analyst for the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities at the Maryland Department of Health.

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Panel 2 | *Navigating the Impact: Analyzing Federal Legislation on Healthcare and Access*



Adam Carbullido

Director of Policy and Advocacy, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations

Adam P. Carbullido is the Director of Policy and Advocacy at AAPCHO, an organization dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration, and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans (AAs), Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (NH/PIs). AAPCHO envisions a world in which AAs, NH/PIs, and all communities have equitable access to affordable, high quality, and culturally and linguistically proficient health care.

Adam is responsible for developing and implementing the AAPCHO's legislative and regulatory strategy and leads the organization's engagement with Members of Congress, administration officials, national partners, and community stakeholders to advance policies that improve health access and outcomes of AAs, NHs, PIs, and the community health providers that serve them.



Paulo Pontemayor, MPH

Senior Director of Government Relations, Catholic Health Association

Paulo G. Pontemayor currently serves as Senior Director of Government Relations for the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), the national leadership organization of more than 2,200 Catholic health care systems, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other health organizations—the largest group of nonprofit health care providers in the nation. He also serves as Chair Emeritus for the Partnership for Medicaid, made up of organizations representing clinicians, health care providers, safety-net health plans and counties whose goal is to preserve and improve the Medicaid program. Prior to CHA, he has worked at The Joint Commission, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, and as an aide for several members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Paulo has an Executive Certificate in Healthcare Leadership and Patient Safety from Georgetown University, a Master of Public Health degree from the Milken Institute of Public Health at the George Washington University and an undergraduate degree from the University of Washington in Seattle. A believer in lifelong learning, Paulo is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, where he is a Health Equity scholar. He was named a Top 40 under 40 healthcare leader by the National Minority Quality Forum and has been recognized as a Top 100 Lobbyist for several years by the National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics. Originally from the U.S. territory of Guam, Paulo continues to draw strength from his Filipino immigrant family, starting with his grandfather who came as a contract laborer after World War II to help rebuild the war-torn island, as an inspiration for his policy work.

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Panel 2 | *Navigating the Impact: Analyzing Federal Legislation on Healthcare and Access*



Jennifer Rasing

Global Lead, Pan Asian Network, Bristol Myers Squibb

Jennifer Rasing is a passionate scientist and leader who has spent a career of over 20 years dedicated to the biopharmaceutical industry. She currently leads the Pan Asian Network (PAN) People & Business Resource Group for Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS). As Global PAN Lead, Jennifer is committed to championing an inclusive workplace that welcomes, values, and elevates diverse voices. Beginning her journey at BMS in 2004 as a research scientist, Jennifer's extensive experience in cell-based and immunological assays was key to the approval of multiple marketed products. Since then, she has held various roles in the clinical trial space, managing key global Immuno-Oncology clinical trial studies as a Senior Project Manager and Senior Auditor.

Throughout her tenure at BMS, Jennifer has taken meaningful steps to drive equitable advancement and outcomes for all. To provide a safe culture where colleagues can bring their authentic selves to work and fostering inclusion and ensure every colleague — across diverse cultures, backgrounds and experiences — is valued, respected and feels a sense of belonging.

Jennifer is a change champion, promoting PAN and awareness of Asian and Pacific Islander issues by speaking and driving the development of groundbreaking programs throughout the organization. She has spoken on behalf of Bristol Myers Squibb on topics on Inclusion & Diversity, health equity and social justice in the AANHPI community and led workshops to elevate and advance Asian talent across BMS. In addition, Jennifer has mentored aspiring future Asian leaders in the company.



Michael Ybarra, MD

Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

Michael Ybarra, MD, is Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). As an organization, PhRMA advocates for public policies that support the innovative biopharmaceutical ecosystem. Dr. Ybarra oversees coalition building, stakeholder engagement, and strategic partnerships in support of PhRMA's federal public policy priorities.

Dr. Ybarra is an emergency physician and graduate of Stanford University and Georgetown University School of Medicine, where he also completed his residency training. He is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine where he continues to see patients in the emergency department. He served in senior roles in the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM). He currently sits on the boards of the National Health Council and the Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research (APCR). Dr. Ybarra is also the author of several peer-reviewed publications and book chapters.

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Princess Mae Visconde, MPH (Moderator)

Senior Manager, Community Engagement, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

Princess is the Senior Manager, Community Engagement at APIAHF. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Saint Mary's College as well as her Master of Public Health degree specializing in Health Policy and Management and Certificate in Public Administration, Nonprofit Management from the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Mānoa. Princess has extensive experience working for nonprofit and government organizations including the Hawai'i Children's Action Network (HCAN) as a Public Health Research Fellow, the Lili'uokalani Trust (LT) as a Community Change Initiatives intern, and the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) as a disease investigator. Most recently, she was a project coordinator for the DOH-UH Contact Tracing Training Program and a Public Health Advisor contracted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Panel 3 | *Bridging Gaps: Advancing Healthcare Accessibility for AA & NH/PIs*



Sean Kolaskar

Public Health Informatics Specialist, Alexandria Health Department

Sean Kolaskar serves as the Public Health Informatics Specialist for the Alexandria Health Department. In this role, he oversees multiple public health data platforms, data and operations optimization analytics efforts, and the acquisition and implementation of multiple health technology solutions. Prior to this role, Sean also served as the Vaccine Unit Operations lead, working within the Department's Incident Command Structure to operationalize and manage COVID-19 vaccination events around the city of Alexandria.

Before his shift to the public health space, Sean worked in the political advocacy and political education space. He served as the National Programs Director for New Leaders Council, a non-profit focused on training the next generation of progressive leaders. Additionally, he served as a South Florida Political Director for the Hillary for America campaign. He helped lead the federal advocacy program for Broward County, Florida and worked for a bipartisan advocacy firm in Washington DC.



Rita Kuwahara, MD, MIH

Former APAICS Fellow

Rita Kaur Kuwahara, MD, MIH is a Primary Care Internal Medicine Physician and previously served as an APAICS Congressional Fellow placed in the U.S. Senate. Following her internal medicine residency training, she completed her primary care health policy clinical fellowship at Georgetown University, where she also served as a Fellow at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. She received her M.D. as a Distinguished Medical Scholar from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, Master of International Health from the University of Copenhagen, and B.A. from Wellesley College, where she majored in Chemistry and Peace and Justice Studies with a concentration in the Inequities in the Health Care System in the U.S. and Abroad.



Linda Murakami

Head of Health Equity, Amgen

Linda Murakami leads Health Equity, Patient Engagement and Strategic Partnerships Amgen, and is responsible for developing and executing Amgen's engagement strategy with patient, professional and other key stakeholders across the oncology and general medicine ecosystem. She works closely with the early development teams as they design and implement clinical trial programs ensuring historically underrepresented patient populations insights and preferences are reflected in program development. Linda started her career working in the office of US Senator Daniel K. Inouye (HI) followed by 20+ years working with state policy leaders at the National Conference of State Legislatures. She took this policy expertise to the private sector working as a lobbyist and advocacy professional. Linda attended the University of Colorado, Boulder where she received undergraduate degrees in Political Science and International Affairs and graduate school at Regis University where she received a Masters in Non-Profit Management.

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Lan Đoàn, MPH, PhD (Moderator)

Assistant Professor in the Department of Population Health, Section for Health Equity, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Lan N. Đoàn is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Population Health, Section for Health Equity at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. She is a social epidemiologist with training and applied experience in conducting community-based participatory research (CBPR) working with racially and ethnically diverse, low-income, and limited English proficient communities. Her research examines populations of older adults, with a particular focus on Asian American and immigrant older adults and how neighborhood environments modify determinants of health across the life course. Dr. Đoàn also works in close partnership with Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander community partners and serves as a Trusted Scientist for the Resource Network for the Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Data and Research Council. These interests reflect her personal commitment to promoting health equity in research and mentorship for historically marginalized and underrepresented populations.

She serves on the Resources Centers of Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) National Coordinating Center Scientific Advisory Board and was previously an Associate Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics. Dr. Đoàn completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Population Health at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and earned a BA in Integrative Biology and Asian American Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, MPH in Community Health and Education from Touro University California and PhD in Health Promotion and Health Behavior with a minor in Biological Data Science from Oregon State University.

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Panel 4 | *Beyond Healthcare: Unraveling Social Determinants of Health for AA & NH/PIs*



Anna Hing, PhD

Research Scientist, University of Minnesota

Anna Hing is a post-doctoral associate at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Health Policy and Management and at the Center for Antiracism Research for Health Equity. There, she is working with Dr. Rachel Hardeman on projects related to the operationalization and measurement of structural racism. Prior to this, Dr. Hing completed her doctorate at the University of California, Los Angeles in Public Health. Her dissertation sought to understand how voter suppression policies as a form of structural racism may contribute to racial disparities in infant outcomes and life expectancy. In congruence with this work, she has proposed a framework through which voter suppression may act as a determinant of health. Her research has also investigated the impact of discrimination on health, from examining experiences of vigilance to the increase in racialized, discriminatory language during the COVID-19 pandemic. Lastly, Dr. Hing has studied health and immigration; specifically exploring how the visa process in the United States stratifies health for Filipino migrant. She will continue to pursue research that elucidates the mechanisms linking voter suppression and health.



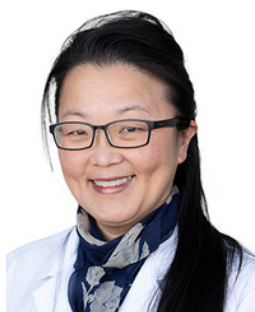
James Huynh, MA, MPH

Incoming Assistant Professor, University of Michigan

James Huynh (he/him/his) is the son of Vietnamese refugees who come from Huế, Việt Nam. James is an incoming assistant professor of anti-racist health policy in the Department of Health Management & Policy at the University of Michigan and currently a PhD candidate in Community Health Sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. His scholarly and activist commitments are addressing the health impacts of racial capitalism, heterosexism, and patriarchy among queer and trans Asian/Americans. He focuses on community well-being, family and kinship, and grassroots organizing as paths to transforming systems of power. Prior to graduate school, James was a Fulbright Fellow in Việt Nam. James also serves as the Research Committee Co-Chair for Viet Rainbow of Orange County (VROC), a grassroots organization that builds community and mobilizes intergenerationally primarily with LGBTQ+ Vietnamese Americans and their loved ones through research, education, and advocacy. He previously served as VROC's board chair. James earned his MA in Asian American Studies and MPH in Community Health Sciences from UCLA and a BA in Human Biology from Stanford University.

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Yanghee Woo, MD

Associate Professor of Surgery, City of Hope

Yanghee Woo, M.D., is an internationally recognized surgeon-scientist with expertise in robotic surgery and gastric cancer. As a leader in her field, Dr. Woo has dedicated her unique perspective, training, and expertise to bring the best of surgical innovation and medical discoveries to transform the cancer care of her patients and cancer patients worldwide. Dr. Woo has been awarded the “Illuminator Award” by Hope for Stomach Cancer for her visionary work in stomach cancer and the “Community Leader in Medicine Award” by the Korean American Federation of LA for her efforts to eliminate disparities in cancer care in our communities.



Michele Wong, MS, PhD

Postdoctoral Scholar, Initiative to Study Hate, UCLA

Michele J. Wong, MS, Ph.D., is a Postdoctoral Scholar with the Initiative to Study Hate, housed in the Division of Social Sciences at UCLA. She earned her Ph.D. in Social Welfare at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Wong’s research explores how hate fuels and perpetuates racism, and the complex ways hate operates at the intersection of gender and race. Specifically, her work focuses on (a) protective and risk factors for health and mental health outcomes among Asian American women, (b) intersectional stressors associated with work and health inequities, and (c) development of culturally relevant interventions that address intersectional stressors, particularly gendered racial microaggressions among Asian American women, at multiple levels.



Adrian Bacong, PhD, MPH

Postdoctoral Scholar at CARE within the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Stanford School of Medicine

Adrian Matias Bacong, PhD, MPH is a Center for Asian Health Research and Education (CARE) postdoctoral research scholar within the Stanford University School of Medicine - Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. Dr. Bacong is also a current T32 Postdoctoral Scholar in the Division of Endocrinology at the Stanford University School of Medicine and is a postdoctoral affiliate of the Center for Innovation in Global Health. Dr. Bacong's current projects evaluate the utility of racial correction factors in cardiovascular risk algorithms, such as pooled cohort equations. This project is funded through the American Heart Association. His research also explores the intersections of immigration and structural racism on health, specifically among Asian individuals.

His work has been published in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, and Social Science and Medicine - Population Health. Dr. Bacong graduated with this PhD in Community Health Sciences from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health in 2022 and received his MPH in Health Promotion and Behavioral Science from the San Diego State University School of Public Health in 2016.

ABOUT APAICS

Founded by former Secretary Norman Y. Mineta and former Delegate Robert Underwood in 1994, APAICS is a national non-partisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to building the Asian American & Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AA & NH/PI) political pipeline at all levels, from community advocacy to elected office.

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