Films

  
  Youth organizing, Vietnamese refugees, environmental justice, anti-racism, community building, intergenerational trauma and challenges
  
  - [http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/16/opinion/sunday/post-katrina-vietnamese-success.html?_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/16/opinion/sunday/post-katrina-vietnamese-success.html?_r=0) (article complicates the culture as success argument for the return of this community)
  
  

  
  Model minority myth, Cambodia Americans, Long Beach, CA, education inequality, youth violence

  
  Race relations, community organizing, Asian-Black relations, Detroit, social justice and social movements, activist biography

- **Unnatural Causes: How Inequality is Making Us Sick** (2008), Episode “Place Matters” is 30 minutes and highlights a Southeast Asian family that experiences stress from the environment and trauma. There is a South Seattle connection. [http://www.unnaturalcauses.org/about_the_series.php](http://www.unnaturalcauses.org/about_the_series.php)


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1 This film would be paired well with excerpts of the book *The Silence: How Tragedy Shapes Talk* by Ruth Wajnryb.

• **Maya Lin: A Clear Strong Vision (1994)**. A film about the work of the artist most famous for her monuments such as the Vietnam Memorial Wall and the Civil Rights Fountain Memorial.

• **Saving Face (2004)** about a Chinese American daughter and her love for her mother, LGBT issues, intergenerational conflict, NYC backdrop.

• **Journey from the Fall (2006)**, about a Vietnamese family’s refugee departure and arrival in the US.

• **Last Days in Vietnam (2015)**.
  o Christoph Giebel, UW history prof, wrote an op/ed about the film: [http://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/in-vietnam-former-enemies-must-accept-responsibility-for-war/](http://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/in-vietnam-former-enemies-must-accept-responsibility-for-war/)

• **To Be Takei (2015)**, a documentary about George Takei, who was the actor Sulu in the original Star Trek series and has since been an outspoken LGBTQ rights advocate.

• **Linsanity (2013)**, a documentary about Jeremy Lin, Taiwanese American who grew up in California, went to Harvard and played college basketball, and later who rose to fame during the 2012 NBA while playing for the NY Nicks.

• **Among B-Boys (2011)**, [https://vimeo.com/ondemand/amongbboys](https://vimeo.com/ondemand/amongbboys). Explores a movement of Hmong youth with a starting point in the California Central Valley, going back to the early 1990’s in Fresno, CA. Many of these b boys/b-girls are on a quest for respect and even fame through their skills. In this search for success in the breakdancing world, these youth must also navigate their way and strike a balance between their identities as Hmong and B-Boys. The documentary, directed by Christopher Woon aka Paper Son, features Bboys Villn and Mpact of Underground Flow, Sukie and Velocity/Soul Rivals, Charles of Soul Control, Vang of Among B-Boys, Airsteps, Wizardz and more!


• **The Debut (2001)** a Filipino American coming of age story.

• **Seattle’s Community Stories: One Generation`s Time: The Legacy of Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes**: [http://www.seattlechannel.org/CommunityStories?videoid=x21162](http://www.seattlechannel.org/CommunityStories?videoid=x21162); 12/31/2013: A documentary on the lives and legacy of Seattle Filipino American fishing cannery union activists Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes, who were murdered in 1981 for their union reform work.

• **Don’t Stop Believin’ (Everyman’s Journey) (2012)** about the search for a vocalist replacement in the band Journey. Arnel Pineda came from the Philippines and was recruited into the band.


• **The Kite Runner (2007),** After spending years in California, Amir returns to his homeland in Afghanistan to help his old friend Hassan, whose son is in trouble.

• **Geographies of Kinship-The Korean Adoption Story (in production, May 2016),** is a feature-length documentary that follows Korean adoptees from the U.S. and Europe, each on a unique journey related to their adoptions.

• **In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee (PBS, 2010)**

  ○ Pair this film with a discussion of this Huffington Blogpost by Dr. Scott Kurashige: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/scott-kurashige/vincent-chin-murder_b_1621433.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/scott-kurashige/vincent-chin-murder_b_1621433.html).

**BY SUBJECT AREA:**

**Census Statistics and Maps on Asian American Populations**

• Asian Americans and Pew Social Trends (2013), [http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/topics/asian-americans/](http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/topics/asian-americans/) (see additional links on the data analysis)


• AAPI Data: Making Data on AAPIs Accessible: [http://aapidata.com](http://aapidata.com)

**Culinary**


• KimChi Chronicles: [http://www.kimchichronicles.tv/](http://www.kimchichronicles.tv/)

• Chef’s Table, available on Netflix (episode about Chef Niki Nakayama, Season 1, Episode 4 (aired April 26, 2015)


  (Company that owns Panda Express reached $2.2 billion in revenue last year, nearly doubling in just four years)

**Economics**
Asian Americans and Small Business, [http://www.asian-nation.org/small-business.shtml](http://www.asian-nation.org/small-business.shtml) (answers why do so many AAs have small businesses, includes demographic charts)


**ESL/ Basic Studies Reading**


**Japanese American Internment and World War II**


Includes a link to letters from the internment camps:  
http://www.janm.org/exhibits/breed/title.htm

Internment camp Maps  
http://www.janm.org/projects/clasc/map.htm

http://www.densho.org/sitesofshame/map.html

Internment Camp Pics  
http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/jarda/browse/places.html

Video clips:

George Takei, https://youtu.be/cHJVJ2WCxCA

- CAIR: https://youtu.be/q5j_hTLOjRA
- Racial profiling and Islamic phobia  
http://www.cairseattle.org/request-a-speaker

Adams, Ansel, photography of Manzanar:  
http://www.loc.gov/photos/?q=ansel+adams+manzanar&st=gallery

Interim, an organization in Seattle, http://interimicda.org/project/hirabayashiplace/

Densho, a digital archive on Japanese Americans, with a focus on documenting the internment during WWII:  
http://www.densho.org/ - see this clip, “A Community Grows Despite Racism”:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FePu1yBlkE&feature=youtu.be

The Myth of Asian American Advantage (Challenges to the Model Minority Stereotype):

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Conventionally, US immigration history has been understood through the lens of restriction and those who have been barred from getting in. In contrast, The Good Immigrants considers
immigration from the perspective of Chinese elites--intellectuals, businessmen, and students--who gained entrance because of immigration exemptions. Exploring a century of Chinese migrations, Madeline Hsu looks at how the model minority characteristics of many Asian Americans resulted from US policies that screened for those with the highest credentials in the most employable fields, enhancing American economic competitiveness.

Spoken Word Poetry Clips

- **Tou Saiko Lee**, a Hmong American hip hop spoken word poet in the Twin Cities, Minnesota. He often performs with his grandmother. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIrN9hV62D8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIrN9hV62D8)

Mental Health Resources

- Asian American Women and Suicide, 1 minute video, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYjxFete5OQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYjxFete5OQ)
- NAMI, 6-minutes: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4i5GlAjneA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4i5GlAjneA)
  - Asian Counseling and Referral Services (ACRS), [https://www.acrs.org](https://www.acrs.org)
    3639 Martin Luther King Jr. Way S
    Seattle, WA 98144 /Phone: 206-695-7600
  - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
    [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)
    Phone: 800-950-NAMI
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9T3-qMAk2PE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9T3-qMAk2PE)

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2 Three articles on mental health and AAPIs suggested by Jena Yang in Dec 2015 over email.


Blogs and Online Magazines

- Hyphen Magazine, http://hyphenmagazine.com/. This is one of the few existing Asian American critical media. Based in SF, many of its editors are UC Berkeley ethnic studies graduates.

Wine Studies


Images Library
Figure 1: The Racial and Ethnic Categorization of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010
Figure 2: Educational Attainment for Asian American Sub-Groups, 2008-2010

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Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
**Figure 3:** Difference in Median Household Income for Selected Asian American Sub-Groups from the Median Household Income for All Asian Americans, 2008-2010

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
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Books


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3 Sent to Mytoan Nguyen-Akbar from Dorrienne Chin, Faculty at South Seattle College in Basic and Transitional English on 1 Feb 2016. Thank you to Dorrienne for sharing this great list!


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The Land Has Eyes (2004)
The New Oceania (YouTube)
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HONG KONG
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