

Chrissy Yee Lau, Ph.D.

6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5814
Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Chrissy.lau@tamucc.edu
(361) 825-3468

EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., History, University of California Santa Barbara
Feminist Studies Doctoral Emphasis
- 2008 M.A., U.S. History, University of California Santa Barbara
- 2005 B.A., Asian American Studies, University of California Santa Barbara
B.A., Law and Society, University of California Santa Barbara

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016- Assistant Professor
History, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
- 2014-2016 Visiting Assistant Professor
Asian American Studies and History, Cornell University
- 2014 Adjunct Faculty
Asian American Studies, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2013 Goldman Sachs Multicultural Junior Fellow
National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institute

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 “‘Ashamed of Certain Japanese:’ The Politics of Affect in Japanese Women’s Immigration Exclusion, 1919-1924” *Gendering the Trans-Pacific World: Diaspora, Empire, and Race* eds. Catherine Ceniza Choy and Judy Tzu-Chun Wu, Brill Press.
- 2017 Review of Valerie Matsumoto, *City Girls: The Nisei Social World in Los Angeles, 1920-1950* in *AmerAsia Journal*, Vol 42, No. 3
- 2016 “Towards an Asian American Public History Pedagogy: Creating a Student Digital Exhibition” *Southern California Quarterly*, Fall 2016, Volume 98, No. 3.
- 2014 Review of Cindy I-Fen Cheng, *Citizens of Asian America: Race and Democracy in the Cold War* in *Western Historical Quarterly*, Vol 45, No. 3
- 2009 “Asian American Feminisms.” *GreenWood Encyclopedia*, Co-author with Diane Fujino

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, WORKSHOPS

- 2018 Wagenschein Foundation Research Fellowship in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, TAMUCC
- 2018 University Research Enhancement Grant, TAMUCC
- 2017 Humanities Fellowship, TAMUCC
- 2017 Teaching and Learning Workshop for Early Career Religion Faculty of Asian and Pacific Islander Descent, Wabash College
- 2017 Faculty Community of Practice in Scholarship on Teaching and Learning, TAMUCC
- 2016 East of California Asian American Studies Junior Faculty Workshop
- 2015 National Endowment of Humanities Summer Institute on American Material Culture
- 2012 National Asian Pacific Islander American Historic Preservation Forum Scholarship

- 2011 Graduate Research Fellowship, University of California Pacific Rim Research Program
- 2011 Joseph E. and Gina Laun Jannotta Foundation Research Prize, UCSB
- 2011 History Dissertation Fellowship, UCSB
- 2011 Academic Senate Doctoral Student Travel Grant, UCSB
- 2010 History Associates Fellowship, UCSB
- 2008 Dick Cook Memorial Award, UCSB
- 2007 Fellowship for Language in Asian Studies (FLAS)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi (2016 -)

U.S. History from 1865
 Modern East Asia
 Search for Modern China
 World War II Narratives in the Pacific

Visiting Assistant Professor, Cornell University (2014-2016)

Introduction to Asian American History
 Introduction to Asian American Studies
 The Asian American Middle Class
 Asian American Women's History
 Independent Study: Senior Thesis on Chinese Cubans

Adjunct Faculty, University of Maryland, College Park (2014)

Introduction to Asian American Studies
 Introduction to Asian American History

Teaching Assistantships, University of California, Santa Barbara (2005-2012)

Women, Globalization, Resistance
 World History 1700 to the Present
 Early American History
 Transnational Grassroots Movements
 Asian American Popular Culture
 Women, Culture, Society
 Women of Color Feminism
 Asian American Literature
 Asian American Gender Relations
 Women of Color Literature
 Law and American Society
 Lead Teaching Assistant, Feminist Studies and Asian American Studies (2007-2008)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “Teaching the Japanese Question in the South,” American Studies Association (ASA) Conference, Chicago, Illinois. (Upcoming)
- 2017 “The Japanese Episcopal Mission, 1913-1939,” Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APARRI) Conference, Claremont School of Theology, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2017 “Ashamed of Certain Japanese: The Politics of Affect in Japanese Women’s Immigration Exclusion, 1919-1924” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, New York.

- 2017 “To Be Better Neighbors: Japanese Americans and Cleanliness Reforms in Los Angeles, 1920s” Association for Asian American Studies National Conference, Portland, Oregon.
- 2017 “Sweet and Sour: Planning and Collection for an Exhibition on Chinese Food” Organization of American Historians (OAH) National Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2017 Invited Talk. “The Politics of Immigrant Shaming: Race and Respectability in an Era of Exclusion,” Asian American Studies Public Lecture Series, Cornell University.
- 2016 “Towards an Asian American Public History Pedagogy,” Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) National Conference, Miami, Florida.
- 2015 “Pedagogy and Public History: Creating a Student Digital Exhibition,” Pacific Coast Branch of American Historical Association (PCBAHA) Conference, Sacramento, California.
- 2015 “The Yellow Peril and the Hard Working of Ladies,” Association of Asian American Studies (AAAS) National Conference, Evanston, Illinois.
- 2015 Roundtable Speaker. “On the Question of Contingent Faculty: What Can AAAS Do?” Mentorship Committee Panel. Association of Asian American Studies National Conference.
- 2015 Invited Keynote. Women of Color Undergraduate Conference. Cornell University.
- 2014 “Japanese American Gambling Reforms and the Domestic Sphere,” Association of Asian American Studies National Conference, San Francisco, California.
- 2014 “Proud Possessors of a Piano: Race, Class, and Gender in Japanese America, 1920s,” American Studies Colloquium. University of Maryland, College Park.
- 2013 “Proud Possessors of a Piano: High-Class Living in Japanese America,” National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institute Colloquium Series, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 “Respectable Japanese American Daughters and Social Dances, 1920s,” Association of Asian American Studies (AAAS) National Conference, Seattle, Washington.
- 2012 “Housewives, High-Class Living, and the Japanese American Home,” Association of Asian American Studies (AAAS) National Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2011 “Christianization is the Best Americanization: Religion, Race, and Japanese Americans.” Interdisciplinarity and the Study of Religion Graduate Student Conference at University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2011 “Historicizing the Problem of the Second Generation: Japanese American Familial Dynamics in the late 1920s,” Western History Association (WHA) Conference, Oakland, Ca.
- 2010 “Award Winning Youth: Japanese Americans, Education, and Cold War Politics,” Western History Association (WHA) Conference, Lake Tahoe, Ca.
- 2010 “Producing Good Citizens: The Japanese American Family in the 1950s.” Association of Asian American Studies (AAAS) National Conference, Austin, Texas.
- 2009 “Women of Color Revolutionary Dialogues and Popular Education,” National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2008 “No More Bananas in the Church: Asian American Caucus Movements,” Association of Asian American Studies (AAAS) National Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2008 “Christianity and the Asian American Movement in the 1960s,” American Cultures in Global Context Colloquium (ACGCC), University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2008 “Clash or Coalition? Religion and the Asian American Movement,” Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APARRI) Conference, Berkeley, California.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION PROJECTS

- 2015 Principal Director
“Japanese American Relocation Centers Records: A Student Digital Exhibition,” Cornell University Wordpress Blog.
- 2013 Collections Manager, Researcher, Grantwriter, Oral Historian.

- “Sweet & Sour: Chinese Food from Chinatown to Main Street,” National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institute at Washington, DC.
- 2013 Researcher
“Our American Journey,” National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institute at Washington, DC.
- 2011 Collections Manager
“Origins: The Birth and Rise of Chinese American Communities,” Chinese American Museum (CAM) in Los Angeles, California.
- 2010 Researcher
“Dreams Deferred: Artists Responding to Immigration Reform,” Chinese American Museum (CAM) in Los Angeles, California.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2013 “Conducting Oral History.” Smithsonian Office of Fellowships and Internships Blog.
- 2013 “The Mysterious Can of Fortune.” O Say Can You See: Stories From the National Museum of American History. Smithsonian Blog

SERVICE

- 2017- Organizing Committee for Humanities Speaker Series, TAMUCC
- 2017- Organizing Committee for the Interdisciplinary Graduate Symposium, TAMUCC
- 2017- Public History Undergraduate Internship Coordinator, TAMUCC
- 2017 Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor of European History, TAMUCC
- 2016-2017 Graduate Admissions Committee, TAMUCC
- 2014-2016 Advisor, Association for International Human Rights, Cornell
- 2014-2016 Advisor, Asian American Studies Minor Program, Cornell
- 2007-2012 Founder and Leader, Asian Pacific American Graduate Students, UCSB
- 2010-2011 Graduate Student Representative, History Graduate Students Association, UCSB
- 2008-2010 Managing Board Member, Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative
- 2007-2010 Graduate Student Representative, Student Fee Advisory Committee, UCSB

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Organization of American Historians (OAH)
 Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)
 Berkshire Conference for Women Historians
 American Studies Association (ASA)