

# THE STATE OF CHINESE AMERICA:

## A Community Forum

Presented by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center &  
the Chinese American Studies Endowment

**December 12, 2009, Sat., 12:00-3:30PM**  
**Monterey Park City Hall: Council Chambers**  
**320 West Newmark Avenue**  
**Monterey Park, CA 91754**



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UCLA Asian American Studies Center and the Chinese American Studies Endowment believe it’s important for Chinese Americans to participate fully in American society.

### *Welcome to Our Community Roundtable!*

- ◆How can Chinese Americans fully participate – politically and socially—in today’s society?
- ◆Can Chinese Americans make a difference in future U.S.-China relations?
- ◆What social, cultural, and political resources do we have to create a better American society for all?

UCLA Asian American Studies Center, together with the Chinese American Studies Endowment, bring you this program which brings together individuals in politics, education, and the law to discuss how we, as Asian Americans, participate in a global society. Our speakers will help to address the “issues of the day” including civil rights and the law, Chinese American political organizing and participation, and the future role of Chinese Americans and U.S.-China relations.

For the past 40 years, the UCLA Asian American Studies Center has served the nation through its research, teaching, and the training of community leaders.

#### **Co-Sponsors:**

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California; CAUSE-Center for Asian Americans United for Empowerment; Chinese American Museum; Chinese American Citizen’s Alliance

#### PROGRAM (in English with Chinese)

##### ► Registration

12:30PM

► Welcome: **GILBERT HOM & SUELLEN CHENG**, Chinese American Studies Endowment

► Acknowledgments: UCLA Asian American Studies Center: **RUSSELL LEONG**

12:45PM

► Civil Rights and Chinese Americans  
**STEWART KWOH** is present and executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC)

1:00PM

► Keynote: What are the Challenges Facing Chinese Americans Today?

**DR. L. LING-CHI WANG**, UC Berkeley, is an internationally known Chinese American scholar/advocate for Chinese and Asian Americans.

1:30PM

► Panel Discussion

► Coalition Building: Finding Common Ground

**REPRESENTATIVE MIKE ENG** was elected to the California State Assembly in the 49<sup>th</sup> District. He previously served on the Monterey Park City Council and was Mayor from 2004-5.

► Working Together for Political Empowerment

**DR. TRITIA TOYOTA** is an adjunct assistant professor in Anthropology and Asian American Studies at UCLA. Her book [Envisioning America: New Chinese Americans and the Politics of Belonging](#), examines how Chinese Americans in Southern California become involved civic and political actors.

► **DR. DAVID YOO**, professor at Claremont College and Director-designate of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center

2:00PM

► Community Forum: Q&A

- How do we build stronger ties between UCLA and Chinese American community?
- How can we work together to meet the challenges facing the Chinese American community?

-How can we begin to address issues raised by our speakers?

► **BOOK SIGNING/DISPLAYS**