

# AMERICAN ETHNIC STUDIES

The Department of American Ethnic Studies encompasses specific, interrelated, multiethnic, and transnational histories of African Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islander Americans, Chicanos/Chicanas, Latinos/Latinas, and Native Americans. Nationally, it was among the first programs in this field to gain departmental status.



## Education

American Ethnic Studies is the interdisciplinary and comparative exploration of historical and contemporary relations of power and issues of social justice in American societies. Our main fields of research and pedagogy focus on the United States but also extend into questions about global and transnational dimensions, concepts, and histories concerning race and ethnicity in America.

Students earn a BA degree in American Ethnic Studies by taking core courses on ethnic-specific as well as comparative, multi-ethnic subjects. At the same time, they develop an emphasis in one of the four concentrations that make up the major.

In addition to ethnic studies courses in the social sciences, humanities, and interdisciplinary studies, the curriculum of the department includes language instruction in Swahili and Tagalog.

Internship and practicum courses enable students to work in community agencies and organizations. This exposes them to concrete labor and social experiences, and also affords them the opportunity to perform outreach services and apply their learning in active participation in the community.

The faculty, staff, students, and curriculum of AES are perhaps the most culturally diverse at the UW. This special characteristic greatly promotes the educational benefits of diversity in the classroom, such as the ability to respect difference and to engage in dialogue about diverse subjects from multiple, critical points of view.

Over the last three decades, American Ethnic Studies graduates have gone on to develop professional careers in academia, business, law, medicine, education, public administration, politics, diplomacy, community services, athletics, and more.



American Ethnic Studies faculty. Photo by Tara Brown Photography.

### STUDENTS (Autumn 2016)

117 Undergraduate majors

### DEGREES AWARDED (Aug. 2015-Sept. 2016)

61 Bachelor of Arts degrees

### MAJOR STUDENT AWARDS (2014-2016)

Aaron Zarate Scholarship

Achievers Scholarship

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

College Bound

Costco Diversity Scholar

Dream Project

EOP Endowment

EOP Scholarship

Gates millennium scholar

Gene Munro Public Service Fellowship

Go Scholarship

Husky Promise

Mary Gates Leadership Award

McNair Scholars Program

Munro Fellowship

Music Education Scholarship

National Black Pre-Law Scholarship

Nyquist Research Award

UW Law School Sponsorship

## Faculty

AES faculty include the current UW President, who is holder of an endowed professorship and is former dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, former UW Provost, and former executive vice provost. Other faculty include a former special assistant to the President, the director of the diversity minor, two former co-directors of the Teachers for a New Era Program, a former director of the UW Program on the Environment, and a former associate dean and director of the Graduate Opportunities and Minority Achievement Program in the Graduate School.

Major awards and national organization offices held include:

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| 1 Choice Magazine Outstanding Book Award                               | 1 Tomás Rivera Lifetime Achievement Award                            |
| 1 Publishers Weekly Book of the Year Award                             | 1 Washington State Governor's Ethnic Heritage Award                  |
| 1 Book Sense Book of the Year Award                                    | 1 Western Literature Association Distinguished Achievement Award     |
| 1 Pacific Northwest Book Award   | 1 Lifetime Achievement Award, Association for Asian American Studies |
| 1 Book of the Year Award, Colorado Historical Society                  | 3 Simpson Center Society of Scholars                                 |
| 1 National Parenting Publication Gold Winner Award                     | 1 Legacy Award – Black Student Union                                 |
| 1 Association for Asian American Studies Book Award                    | 1 "Ohtli" Award  |
| 1 Sundance Film Festival Audience Award                                | President, American Studies Association                              |
| 1 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship                              | President, National Association for Ethnic Studies                   |
| 1 Fulbright Lectureship  | President, Society for Community Research and Action                 |
| 3 Woodrow Wilson Junior Faculty Development Fellowships                | Presidents (3), Association for Asian American Studies               |
| 3 UW Distinguished Teaching Awards                                     | Chair, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies          |
| 1 UW Excellence in Teaching Award                                      | UW MAP President 2011-2014   |
| 1 UW Outstanding Public Service Award                                  | UW MAP Distinguished Alumni Award                                    |
| 1 UW James D. Clowes Award for the Advancement of Learning Communities | UW MAP, Distinguished Community Service Award                        |
| 1 Community Service Award, Society for Applied Sociology               |  |
| 1 Japanese American Citizens League Nikkei of the Biennium Award       |  |

## Scholarship

Scholarship by American Ethnic Studies faculty include many articles, essays, book chapters, and book reviews, as well as books and anthologies on diverse subjects, including: J. Raymond Jones and Tammany; transforming the curriculum by making ethnic and women's studies central to a liberal arts education; writing in multicultural settings; food and environmental justice; social stratification and inequality; gender, sexuality, and class; labor and immigration; political economy; American Ethnic Studies theory and methodology; women's history in the Mexican military; Chicano labor history; technology, work, gender, and ecology on the U.S.-Mexico border; Chicano history and culture of Oregon; Chicano art and artists; U.S. Hispanic literature; African American literature and culture; Black intellectual traditions; gender and family in African American communities; Hawaii's polyethnic literature; Japanese American imprisonment in WWII; Asian American literature; Asian American communities; Filipino Americans and the cultural politics of place; and Asian American and Pacific Islander American women.

## FACULTY

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| 4 | Professors           |
| 4 | Associate Professors |
| 5 | Assistant Professors |
| 1 | Senior Lecturer      |
| 3 | Lecturers            |
| 4 | Emeritus             |

## AREAS OF SCHOLARSHIP

African American Studies

Anthropology

Asian American Studies

Chicano/Chicana Studies

Communication

Comparative American Ethnic Studies

Cultural Studies

Film Studies

Latin American Literature and Culture

Latino/Latina Studies

Multicultural American History

Multicultural American Literature and Arts

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology

Women Studies



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