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The Cross-Cultural Center celebrated its 20th anniversary this spring with a book launch, academic talks, and a community alumni reunion gala. The CCC released a manuscript *Nexus: Complicating Communities & Centering the Self—A 20 Year Retrospective of a College-Based Community Center*. This manuscript connects theory and practice, stories and art, and social justice through the voices of faculty, students, staff, and alumni. Working with Ethnic Studies and the Asian, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, & Desi American (APIMEDA) Initiatives, the Center also collaborated in bringing alumni to present their research around social justice, militarism, and migration. The above manuscript and events culminated with the Center’s anniversary gala attracting over 400 current students, alumni, faculty, staff, administration, and community members.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

*Slaves of the State: Black Incarceration from the Chain Gang to the Penitentiary book talk with Dr. Dennis Childs*

The CCC invited Dr. Childs (Literature) for a book presentation on his newest book on the criminalization of Black bodies both in the United States and in other parts of the world. His presentation examined juxtaposed slavery conditions for Black bodies with that of the labor and living standards within the prison industrial complex. He also looked at racialized politics that govern the U.S. War on Drugs and War on Terror. This event attracted 67 students, 9 staff, 6 faculties, and over 20 community members outside UCSD.

* The CCC cosponsored various events commemorating Cesar E. Chavez Celebration and the Asian & Pacific Islander American Heritage Celebration including workshops, book talks, and academic presentations.

* 6 graduate students from Ethnic Studies, Literature, and Communication held their departmental qualification exams or presented their dissertation in the Center.

* Ethnic Studies and Critical Gender Studies held their honor research symposium and graduation ceremony in the Center.

* The CCC staff participated in 9 cultural and community-based graduation banquets and ceremonies.

* Participated in a joint internship development and social justice course under Critical Gender Studies for 45 incoming Campus Community Centers
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Asian, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, & Desi American (APIMEDA) Initiatives

The CCC hosted the various lecturers and book talks that were part of the APIMEDA Initiatives on Militarism & Migration coordinated by the Department of Ethnic Studies and the Coalition for Critical Asian American Studies. All the presentations were done by alumni of Ethnic Studies and who were part of the Center during their graduate student career. These events were in collaboration with the Pan-Asian Staff Association, Native American Council, California Native Day Celebration, and the Asian & Pacific Islander American Heritage Celebration.

Speakers included:
Dr. Dawn Mabalon (SFSU)
Dr. Thuy Vo Dang (UC Irvine)
Dr. Linda Vo (UC Irvine)
Dr. Kalindi Vora (UCSD)
Dr. Rebab Abdulhadi (SFSU)
Dr. Nateche Blu Barnd (Oregon State University)
Dr. Kit Myers (UCM)
Dr. Ma Vang (UC Merced)

OUTREACH, YIELD, & RETENTION

Overnight Program & Triton Admit Day

Working with Admissions, the Student Promoted Access Center for Education & Service, and the Campus Community Centers, the CCC was an integral part of the planning process and execution of both the Overnight Programs and Triton Admit Day. The CCC hosted the various workshops and socials that the Overnight Program coordinators and student volunteers organized as well as various community dinners and breakfasts for the participating newly admitted high school students. This yield program attracted over 100 students from the San Diego, Imperial, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Alameda Counties. During Triton Admit Day, the CCC staff participated in the various Affinity Community Sessions and helped in the coordination of the Affinity Lunch where administrators were able to meet some of the students.

TEACHING, TRAINING & CONSULTING

Staff Development & Conference Participation

The CCC staff participated in various professional and academic developmental programs – National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS), and the National Conference on Race & Ethnicity (NCORE) in Higher Education. This culminated with the staff participating in the annual California Council for Cultural Centers in Higher Education (CaCCCHE) Summer Conference held at Stanford University. Edwina, Nancy, and Joseph presented on the process and stories of creating the CCC’s Nexus book as a possible guideline for other universities to follow. They were also able to connect with other centers who worked on diversity and social justice to address the new, growing struggles in working with marginalized student populations and navigating institutional expectations on how these centers should be doing their work.