



RACISM & the Filipino Immigrant Experience

An online panel on Filipino immigrant history & culture featuring Filipinx/a Studies scholars, organized by the Asian American Committee & by the US6 JPIC Working Group.

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Webinar Description:

In 1949, Filipino labor organizer and writer Carlos Bulosan wrote about his desire to illuminate the formative role that racism plays in the collective experience of being Filipino in America. He writes:

“Do you know what a Filipino feels in America? I mean one who is aware of the intricate forces of chaos? He is the loneliest thing on earth. There is much to be appreciated all about him, beauty, wealth, power, grandeur. But is he a part of these luxuries? He looks, poor man, through the fingers of his eyes. He is enchained, damnably to his race, his heritage. He is betrayed, my friend.”

Against the “intricate force of chaos,” Bulosan’s dream was to write a series of four novels covering 100 years of history through the lens of a Filipino in this country. Bulosan did not accomplish this dream, yet his writings have invited others to continue the lessons and practices of our inherited past. In this webinar, scholars in the field of Asian American Studies will examine the history of anti-Asian racism in this country and explore the possibilities for solidarity through a Filipino American lens.

Biographies:

Dr. Nerissa Balce is a cultural studies scholar. She is an Associate professor of Asian American studies at SUNY Stony Brook. Her book, *Body Parts of Empire: Visual Abjection, Filipino Images and the American Archive* (University of Michigan Press 2016 and Ateneo de Manila University Press 2017), received the 2018 Best Book award in Cultural Studies from the Filipino Section of the Association for Asian American Studies. She was born and raised in Manila, Philippines. Her current research focuses on visual culture, fiction, and the afterlives of empire and authoritarianism.

Dr. Joy Sales is an Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies at California State University, Los Angeles. She studies social movements, migration, labor, race, and diaspora. Dr. Sales earned her B.A. in History from Grinnell College and her M.A. and Ph.D. in History from Northwestern University.

Dr. Michael Joseph Viola is Associate Professor at Saint Mary’s College of California in the Justice, Community & Leadership (JCL) program, affiliate faculty in the Ethnic Studies program, and Director of Faculty Development. His current book project is titled, *Notes of a Filipino American Son: Racialized Capitalism and a Living Filipino/x/a Radical Tradition*.