

Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies

2012-2013 Membership

David Kim, chair, newsletter editor (2014)

Yubraj Aryal (2013)

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To: Amy Ferrer, Executive Director, APA
From: David H. Kim, Chair of the Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies
RE: Annual Committee Report 2012-2013

Over the last year, the Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies continued to sponsor panels at the Division Meetings of the APA, including one on Asian American Philosophy, and maintain its portion of the *APA Newsletter*.

At the 2012 Eastern Division Meeting, the Committee organized and sponsored two panels and co-sponsored a third. The first sponsored panel was entitled, *Immigration: Justice and Identity*. It was organized and chaired by Ronald Sundstrom. The speakers and papers included: Hye-Ryoung Kang "Rethinking Immigration Justice in an Era of Globalization from a Transnational Perspective;" Emily S. Lee, "Between Authenticity and Exclusion: Adaptation and Immigrant Identities;" and Mickaella Perina, "On Ethics of Exclusion: International Mobility, Border Control and Contemporary Political Membership."

The second sponsored panel was organized and chaired by David Kim. It was entitled *Asian/Comparative Views of the Embodied and Enactive Mind*. The panel consisted of the following speakers and papers: Bongrae Seok "Embodied Moral Cognition and Confucian Philosophy;" Matthew MacKenzie, "Self-Making and World-Making: Indian Buddhism and Enactive Philosophy of Mind;" and Bradley Park, "Balance, Poise, Dexterity: Embodied Sense-Making and Temporal Flow in Lao-Zhuang Daoism."

The Committee co-sponsored the panel, *Cognitive Diversity, Inference and Language*, with the Committee on Inclusiveness. The panel was chaired by Omar Mirza and the speakers and papers included: Ho Mun Chan and Hektor K. T. Yan "TBA;" Edouard Machery "What if Kripke and Gettier were Asian?;" Susana Nuccetelli "Some Doubts about the Evidence of Cognitive Diversity;" and Hagop Sarkissian "Culture, Cognition, and Philosophical Ethics."

At the 2013 Central Division Meeting, the Committee sponsored the panel, *Memory, Consciousness and the Self: A Buddhist Perspective*. This was organized and chaired by JeeLoo Liu. The talks included: Douglas Berger "Between Nyāya and Buddhism: Memory and an Impermanent Self;" Christian Coseru, "Presence and Temporality: A Buddhist Approach to Phenomenal Consciousness;" and Matt MacKenzie, "Luminosity, Subjectivity, and Temporality: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita Views of Consciousness." JeeLoo also served as commentator.

At the 2013 Pacific Division Meeting, two panels were sponsored by the Committee. Prasanta Bandyopadhyay organized a panel, *Different Dimensions of Buddhism*. The talks included: Sara Waller, "Animal Consciousness, Non-propositional Thought, and Zen Buddhism;" William Deal, "Buddha as Bundle Theorist: The Problem of the Conscious Not-self;" and Prasanta S. Bandyopadhyay, "Theseus's Ship, Buddhist's Vehicles, and Our Identity Crisis." The second panel, *The Philosophy of Yijing and Its Contemporary Significances*, was organized by Halla Kim and chaired by Chung-Ying Cheng. The panel papers included: Halla Kim, "Confucianism

before Confucius: The Rectification of Names in the *Yijing*;" Tze-ki Hon, "Hexagrams as Moral Philosophy: The Creation of the Genealogy of the Sages of the *Yijing*;" Chung-Ying Cheng, "Philosophy of *Yijing* as Cosmic Ecology and Onto-ethics;" and Eric Nelson, "The *Yijing* as Divination, Hermeneutics, and Ethics."

By all reports received, each of these panels at the Division Meetings produced fruitful philosophical dialogue. As an additional note, one of these, the panel on immigration and identity organized by Ronald Sundstrom for the 2012 Eastern Meeting, featured an Asian American philosophical theme. This thematic focus is highlighted here because advancing the subfield of Asian American Philosophy is a part of the committee's charge and it is typically only through this committee that venues on Asian American Philosophy are made available to the APA. There are no other formal organizations specially focused on Asian American Philosophy.

The committee also assembled and published short pieces salient to its charge in the *APA Newsletter*. The Fall 2012 Newsletter contains a detailed and extended report and discussion by A. Minh Nguyen of a panel on Japanese aesthetics that was sponsored earlier by this Committee. It also contains a book review by Arun Pokhrel on Yubraj Aryal's anthology, *The Humanities at Work: International Exchanges in Aesthetics, Philosophy, and Literature*.

The committee has already lined up several panels for the Division Meetings of the APA for the coming year. And it will maintain its portion of the *APA Newsletter*. The Fall 2013 Newsletter will feature short essays derived from the 2012 Eastern Division panel on Asian and comparative views of the embodied and enactive mind. This may be the first compilation of essays at the intersection of Asian philosophy of mind and what has recently been called "4e Philosophy of Mind."