

Eric C. Wat

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Special Service for Groups (October 2003 – Present)
Director, Research and Evaluation Unit

- ▶ Participate in the development of program and evaluation design for grant proposals (mostly federal and private funding sources)
- ▶ Research existing data for grant-writing, policy advocacy and program design
- ▶ Conduct workshops on various aspects of community-based research and evaluation, including conducting a community needs assessment, assessing local data on the Internet, introduction to program evaluation, designing and implementing surveys, etc.
- ▶ Collaborate with community-based organizations and higher education institutions (such as UCLA and Los Angeles Trade Technical College) on various community research projects
- ▶ Manage SSG's Census Information Center and Institutional Review Board

First 5 LA (August 2001 – August 2003)
Research Analyst/Program Officer

- ▶ Monitored and provided technical assistance on program and evaluation design and implementation for over 25 grantees, with budget ranging from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 each
- ▶ Developed research framework and funding guidelines for a two-year initiative that resulted in over \$1,000,000 allocation to five community-based organizations
- ▶ Develop strategic relationships with various communities in order to improve outreach, program delivery, and project success

Anti-Defamation League, Pacific Southwest (February 2001 – August 2001)
Development Assistant, Major Gifts

- ▶ Coordinated fundraising events, including fundraising dinners, house parties, donor education and appreciation programs

UCLA Asian American Studies Center (September 1993 – August 1997)
Assistant Coordinator, Student/Community Projects

- ▶ Advised students on organizational activities, event planning, leadership development, community involvement, conflict management, and academic performance
- ▶ Facilitated retreats, workshops, and conflict resolution for over 20 student organizations
- ▶ Developed, implemented and evaluated an undergraduate internship program; coordinated internships and community research projects for students and monitored their progress
- ▶ Developed guidelines and administered a scholarship program for undergraduate students
- ▶ Assisted in the planning and implementation of Center-related projects and events on campus and in various communities

SELECTED CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Los Angeles Unified School District Student Health and Human Services (August 2004 – Present)

- ▶ Facilitated strategic planning activities to develop mission, goals, and objectives to support school-based health clinics and other health initiatives in order to leverage funding
- ▶ Facilitated strategic planning activities to prioritize funding decisions for the Local Educational Agencies in the reinvestment of Medi-Cal reimbursements

Asian American Drug Abuse Program (March 2004 – Present)

- ▶ Provide research and evaluation services to a SAMHSA-funded program targeting Asian and Pacific Islander college students at risk for substance abuse

Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center California AIDS Clearinghouse (August 2005 – January 2006)

- ▶ Facilitate strategic planning of the Clearinghouse to develop more responsive services to constituents
- ▶ Develop funding application to California's Office of AIDS for sustainability of services amounting to over \$1 million

Asian Pacific Islanders' California Action Network (July 2004 – December 2004)

- ▶ Facilitated focus groups in various California counties to gather feedback to a statewide universal preschool initiative from the Asian and Pacific Islander communities
- ▶ Analyzed and reported findings of focus groups to make policy recommendations and leverage additional funding in order to continue organizing for the universal preschool initiative

Khmer Girls in Action, Long Beach (August 2004 – December 2004)

- ▶ Provided consultation on curriculum development (workshops on creative writing, leadership development, community awareness)
- ▶ Monitored and evaluated progress of workshop instructions
- ▶ Copy-edited publication documenting the work of young Cambodian women who participated in the workshops

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CSULB Department of Asian and Asian American Studies (2006)

- ▶ Asian American Sexualities

UCLA Asian American Studies Center (1999 – 2000, 2005)

- ▶ Asian American Historiography (Oral History); Field Studies Methods in Asian Pacific Communities; Asian American Sexualities

UCLA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies Program (2004 – 2005)

- ▶ LGBT Community Formation; Asian American Sexualities

CSUF Department of Asian American Studies (2003 – 2005)

- ▶ Asian American Creative Expression; Research and Writing in Ethnic Studies

CSUN Department of Asian American Studies (1999 – 2000)

- ▶ Introduction to Asian American Studies; Asian Americans and the Media; Contemporary Issues in Asian American Communities

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Liberty Hill Foundation (1995 – 2004)

- ▶ Served as a funding board member for its Fund for a New Los Angeles and Lesbian and Gay Community Fund
- ▶ Participated in the strategic planning of its Lesbian and Gay Community Fund as well as the foundation as a whole through its Programming Policy Advisory Committee

EDUCATION

1994-1998 California State University, Fullerton: M.A. American Studies

- ▶ M.A. Thesis was published as a book in 2002, entitled *The Making of a Gay Asian Community: An Oral History of Pre-AIDS Los Angeles* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers)

1988-1992 University of California, Los Angeles: B.A. Communication Studies

PUBLICATION HISTORY (SELECTED)

Book

- ▶ *The Making of a Gay Asian Community: An Oral History of Pre-AIDS Los Angeles*. Boulder, CO: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2002.

Articles

- ▶ "Not Your Mother's PTA," *ColorLines: Race, Culture, Action*. 7:2 (Summer 2004), pp. 12-15.
- ▶ "Building Community in Los Angeles and Elsewhere," *The New Face of Asian Pacific America: Numbers, Diversity, Change in the 21st Century*, ed. Eric Lai and Dennis Arguelles, San Francisco: Asian Weeks Books, 2003.
- ▶ "High Stakes: Black and Latino Parents Are Demanding Better Schools and Fewer Tests," distributed by RaceWire, December 2002.
- ▶ "Gay Asian Men in Los Angeles before the 1980s," *Intersections and Divergences: Contemporary Asian American Communities*, ed. Rick Bonus and Linda Vo. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2002, pp. 75-88
- ▶ "Queer API Men in Los Angeles: A Roundtable on History and Political Organizing," (with Steven Shum), *Q & A: Queer in Asian America*, ed. David L. Eng and Alice Y. Hom. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1998, pp. 166-184.
- ▶ "Beyond the Missionary Position: Reflections on Teaching Student Activism," *Teaching Asian America: Diversity and the Problem of Community*, ed. Lane Ryo Hirabayashi. Boulder, CO: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 1998, pp. 161-174.
- ▶ "Preserving the Paradox: Stories from a *gay-loh*," *Amerasia Journal*, 20:1 (July 1994), pp. 149-160. (Reprinted in *Asian American Sexualities: Dimensions of the Gay and Lesbian Experience*, ed. Russell Leong. New York: Routledge, 1996, pp. 71-80.)

Stories

- ▶ "Good at Math," *Best Gay Asian Erotica*, ed. Joel Barraquiel Tan, San Francisco: Cleis Press, 2004, pp. 1-12.
- ▶ "From Vegas, With Love," *Take Out: Queer Writing From Asian Pacific America*, ed. Quang Bao and Hanya Yanagihara. New York: Asian American Writers Workshop, 2000, pp. 425-438.
- ▶ "Two Rooms," *On a Bed of Rice: An Asian American Erotic Feast*, ed. Geraldine Kudaka. New York: Anchor Books, 1995, pp. 33-35.