

Anne Soon Choi, Ph.D, MPH, MSW

Education

- 2012 MSW
Geriatrics Concentration
Department of Social Welfare
School of Public Affairs
University of California, Los Angeles
- MPH
School of Public Health
Community Health Sciences
University of California, Los Angeles
- 2004 Ph.D., History
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California
- 1999 M.A., History
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts
- 1993 B.A., History and East Asian Studies
Certificate in Women's Studies
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Professional Employment

- 2024-Present Assistant Vice President
Office of Faculty Programs and Initiatives
California State University, Northridge
- 2024-Present Professor of Asian American Studies
California State University, Northridge
- 2021-2024 Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies
California State University, Dominguez Hills
- 2020-2024 Associate Director of Online Instruction and Pedagogy
Faculty Development Center
- 2015-2024 Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies
California State University, Dominguez Hills
- 2015-2020 Associate Professor

Interdisciplinary Studies
California State University, Dominguez Hills

- 2013-2024 Faculty Associate
UCLA Center for Health Policy Research
Los Angeles, CA 90024
- 2008-2015 Assistant Professor
Interdisciplinary Studies
California State University, Dominguez Hills
- 2004-2007 Assistant Professor
American Studies Program
University of Kansas, Lawrence
- 2005-2006 Research Associate
Gerontology Program
University of Kansas, Lawrence

**2024-present Assistant Vice President CSUN
Faculty Programs and Initiatives**

As the Assistant Vice President, I am responsible for overseeing tenure track hiring and retention programming for nine colleges including the University Library. I am also responsible for the Office of Faculty Development which serves over 2000 faculty members.

Key Initiatives:

- Overseeing all tenure track faculty hiring
- Overseeing a team of ten equity representatives that are assigned to tenure track faculty searches to guarantee that all searches center equity-minded hiring practices
- Leading the revision of the campus EEO hiring toolkit
- Working with college deans to create retention initiatives to support faculty across their careers
- Create opportunities for faculty to engage in scholarly and public facing writing across their careers
- Leading AI training on campus for faculty to support student success
- Creating a campus AI faculty fellows program
- Creating lecturer specific professional development programming
- Developing equity-driven faculty programming to support the 2025 CSU student success framework
- Leading a working group involving multiple university stakeholders to support neurodiverse students from matriculation to graduation
- Leading campus programming across the university to promote equity-minded teaching to foster student success

- Working with Academic Technology to support faculty in data driven teaching

2015-2024

Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies

CSUDH

As the Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies, I was responsible for overseeing and coordinating the campus's stateside degree completion program for working adults. Responsibilities included: a. Recruiting students b. Maintaining a partnership with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services c. Working with community colleges d. Developing university wide courses that focus on workforce development e. Supervising and mentoring a diverse staff. F. Responsible for all administrative functions of the department

Key Initiatives

- Created a regional marketing campaign to recruit diverse working adult students
- Created the first online degree program in the College of Arts and Humanities
- Created and maintained a partnership with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to create a pipeline into the program. DPSS has a workforce of 14,000 employees.
- Worked with DPSS to create a degree completion program to serve their workforce needs
- Developed partnerships with community colleges to create pipelines into the program focusing on Black and Latinx students
- Worked with the Dean of Los Angeles Harbor College Workforce Development to create a pathway for degree completion at CSUDH
- Worked with the Career Development Center and created popular university wide courses that reflected workforce development needs including one-unit courses on digital media strategies, digital resumes, and digital portfolios
- Chaired three successful faculty searches
- Produced annual reports

2020-2024 Associate Director of Online Instruction and Pedagogy CSUDH

As the Associate director of Online Instruction and Pedagogy, I was responsible for overseeing and coordinating all aspects of online instruction on our campus. Responsibilities include: a. Developing and providing equity-centered training for faculty in online pedagogy b. Developing guidelines and policies for online instruction that centers equity and focuses on culturally relevant pedagogy and student retention c. Facilitating a community of practice around online teaching that speaks to the needs and experiences of a diverse student population d. Developing programs for faculty retention

Key Initiatives

- Worked with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Student affairs to create an culturally relevant, equity minded asynchronous student training for online learning that focuses on the science of learning. Over 3000 students have voluntarily taken the course to date
- Participated in and led the Faculty Development Center's Teaching First Generation Student training

- Developed a “Lunch and Learn” series for faculty to explore various online pedagogy topics that focus on equity and inclusion. Topics include: Transparent Assignment, Asset-based Syllabi, Bridging the Digital Divide
- Created an equity minded asynchronous faculty training for online instruction
- Created guidelines for the development of successful online courses
- Worked with faculty to center equity in their online courses through equity-minded pedagogy including contract grading, transparent assignments, culturally relevant pedagogy and ungrading
- Facilitated a Faculty Learning Community on Best Practices in online GE courses for diverse student populations
- Served as our campus Quality Matters (a national online course certification program) coordinator
- Served as an ACUE (a national online course instructor certification program) course facilitator
- Led the creation campus policies for curriculum review for online courses included course checklists and rubrics
- Participated in creating a mission statement for Faculty Development
- Created and led a series of Retention, Promotion, and Tenure workshops
- Developed and led midcareer faculty programming
- Led programming for faculty of color
- Developed and led a teaching mentoring program
- Worked collaboratively with stakeholders throughout the university
- Developed programming on AI and pedagogy

Scholarly and Creative Activity

Creative Work

Literary and Film/Television Representation:

- Nat Sobel, Sobel, Weber and Associates (adult literary),
- Michael Sigonrelli, Aevitas Creative (creative non-fiction)
- Tricia Lawrence, Erin Murphy Literary Agency (Young Adult fiction and non-fiction)
- Kim Yau, Echo Lake Productions (Film and Television)

LA Coroner: Thomas Noguchi and Death in Hollywood, April 2025, Third State Books.

Refereed Publications

Choi, A.S. (2020) The Japanese American Citizens League, Los Angeles Politics, and the Thomas Noguchi Case *Southern California Quarterly*. 102 (2): 158–192. **Winner of the Frances Wheat Prize (2021) for best article by the Historical Society of Southern California.**

Choi, A.S. (2017) “‘La Choy Chinese Food Swings American?:’ Korean Immigrant Entrepreneurship and American Orientalism Before World War II,” *Cultural and Social History*, 521-38.

Wallace, S. P., Durazo, E. M., Torres, J. M., Choi, A. S., Benjamin, A. E., & Mendez-

Luck, C. A. (2012). A portrait of older Californians with disabilities who rely on public services to remain independent. *Home Health Care Services Quarterly*, 317-36.

Choi, A.S. (2008)“To Determine Our Own Course: The Wilsonian Moment, Protestant Christianity, and the Korean Independence Movement”, *Acta Koreana*, 29-45.

Choi, A.S. (2004) “Hawai’i Has Been My America:” Korean Immigrant Experience in Hawai’i Before World War II,” *American Studies*, 5-29.

Choi, A.S. (2004)“ Are They Koreaned Enough?:” Generation, Gender and the Korean Independence Movement in Los Angeles, 1930-1945,” *Amerasia Journal* 29:3 (Spring 2004), 57-77.

Book Chapters

Choi, A.S. & Fernando Torres-Gil, (2010) “The Politics of Aging: Implications for China’s New Elders” *Aging in Perspective and the Case of China: Issues and Approaches* New York: Nova Publishers.

Choi, A.S. (2006) “Unity for What? Unity for Whom?:” The *Chaemi Hanguk Yunhap Wi-gun Hoe*, the United Korean Committee of North America, 1941-1945, *Early Korean American History* University of Hawaii Press.

Policy Briefs

Kietzman, K. G., Durazo, E. M., Torres, J. M., Choi, A. S., & Wallace, S. P. (December 2011). *Independence at Risk: Older Californians with Disabilities Struggle to Remain at Home as Public Supports Shrink*. Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. December 2011

Kietzman KG, Wallace SP, Durazo EM, Torres JM, Choi AS, Benjamin AE, Mendez-Luck CA. (January 2011). *Holding On: Older Californians with Disabilities Rely on Public Services to Remain Independent*. Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, January 2011.

Published Manuscripts

Korean Immigrants part of the New Immigrants series (Chelsea House Publishers, 2007).

Dissertation

Border Crossings: The Politics of Korean Nationalism in the United States, 1919-1945, Directed by Prof. George Sanchez, Department of History and American Studies. Nominated for the 2004 University of Southern California College of Arts and Science Doctoral Research Prize.

Selected Grants, Awards, and Training

Summer 2023	Research Scholarly Creative Activity Award California State University, Dominguez Hills
Summer 2022	Research Scholarly Creative Activity Award California State University, Dominguez Hills
Spring 2022	Lyle Gibson Distinguished Teaching Award

Spring 2021	Highlights Foundation, Community Connections Award
Summer 2020	Research Scholarly Creative Activity Award California State University, Dominguez Hills
AY 2020-21	American Council of Learned Societies Digital Ethnic Studies Fellow
AY 2019-20	College of Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellow
Summer 2018	California State University, Dominguez Hills Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Award
Fall 2015	Minority Aging Training Grant Gerontological Society of America
Spring 2015	Undergraduate Research Faculty Learning Community California State University, Dominguez Hills
Spring 2015	Faculty Scholar California State University, Dominguez Hills
Spring 2014	California State University, Dominguez Hills Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Award
Spring 2013	Emeritus Faculty Legacy Fund Award
Spring 2013	California State University, Dominguez Hills Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Award
Summer 2011	University of California Health and Migration Workshop
Summer 2011	California State University, Dominguez Hills Faculty Research Award
Spring 2011	William and Dora Hearst Foundation Aging Grant
Fall 2010	California State University Faculty Research Award
2007-2008	Henry Luce Fellowship Korean Studies Center, University of California, Los Angeles
Spring 2007	Clark Research Grant University of Minnesota
Fall 2006	Research Grant Southern California Historical Society
Summer 2006	Smithsonian Research Grant Washington, DC
Spring 2005	Korea Institute Workshop Harvard University
Spring 2005	Harvard Yenching Library Grant Harvard University
Fall 2004	Korea Research Grant Association of Asian Studies
Summer 2004	Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Summer Institute on International Migration
2003-2004	Andrew Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship Swarthmore College Swarthmore, PA

Teaching and Research Experience

2015-2024	Associate/Full Professor Interdisciplinary Studies California State University, Dominguez Hills Aging in America, Environmental Health, American Consumerism, Japanese Incarceration, Immigration in the U.S. Health Disparities in the U.S., Asian American History, Senior Capstone
2008-2015	Assistant Professor Interdisciplinary Studies California State University, Dominguez Hills Aging in America, Environmental Health, American Consumerism, Immigration in the U.S. Health Disparities in the U.S., Asian American History, Senior Capstone
Summer 2008	Korean American History, Asian American History Yonsei University
2007-2008	Visiting Assistant Professor Department of Asian Languages and Culture University of California Korean American Christianity, Korean American Churches in Los Angeles
2005-2006	Research Associate Gerontology Program, University of Kansas, Lawrence
2004-2006	Assistant Professor Methods in American Studies, U.S. in Global Context, Understanding America, Immigration in Modern America, Asian American and Latino Experience University of Kansas
2003-2004	Visiting Assistant Professor Asian American History, Asian American Popular Culture, Asian American Women's History, Asian American Gender Politics Swarthmore College
Summer 2003	Visiting Assistant Professor U.S. Immigration History Indiana University
Fall 2002	Instructor Immigrants in Modern America Depauw University

Selected Service Activities

2008-2024	Student Academic Petition Appeals Committee (Chair since 2016)
2021-2024	Online Distance Hybrid Learning Committee
2019-2024	University Curriculum Committee
Fall 2015	University Curriculum Committee
2016-2018	President's Diversity Council
2016-2017	College RTP Committee
2015-2024	Department Chair
2015-2024	Department RTP Committee

2008-2024 Department Curriculum Committee
2008-2024 Member, 11 University level search committees

Selected Presentations

Speaking for the Dead: How True Crime Shapes Justice, SXSW. Austin, TX, Spring 2026.

Career Mapping for Faculty, University of Arizona, Tuscon, AZ. Fall 2025.

Centering Equity in Your Online Course, Academic Affairs, California State University Dominguez Hills. Spring 2023.

Best Strategies for Managing Online Discussions, Faculty Development Center, California State University Dominguez Hills. April 2022.

Ungrading, Faculty Development Center, California State University Dominguez Hills. March 2023.

“On the Ground with High Impact Practices: Lessons from Diverse Institutions” Roundtable. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. January 2020.

If This Can Happen to One of Us, It Can Happen to One of You’: The Japanese American Citizens League, Los Angeles Politics, and the Thomas Noguchi Case. Invited Talk, Huntington Library, Pasadena, CA, December 2019.

"I Became Hawai’ian on the Mainland;" Japanese Americans from Hawai’i, Settler Colonialism, and Postwar Racial Incorporation in Southern California, Annual meeting of the American Studies Association, November 2019.

“Are You Really Japanese American?” Japanese Americans from Hawai’i and the Negotiation of Race in Postwar Southern California, Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, November 2018.

"No Aloha Here:" The Postwar Experiences of Japanese Americans from Hawai’i, Annual meeting of the Southwest Oral History Association, April 2018.

“Recreating the Aloha Spirit: Older Japanese American Women from Hawai’i and the Meaning of Ethnicity” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian American Studies, April 2017.

“Recreating the Aloha Spirit: Japanese Americans from Hawai’i and the Postwar American Dream” Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West, Huntington Library, November 2016.

"Recreating the Aloha Spirit: Japanese American Hawaiians and Postwar Suburbanization in Los Angeles County, 1945-1980," Annual meeting of the Society of American City and Planning History. November 2015.

"Turning it Inside Out:" Rethinking Undergraduate Research" Faculty Symposium, Longwood University, May 2015. **Keynote Speaker.**

The Limits of Aging in Place for Low-Income Older Adults: Unmet Needs for Community Dwelling Older adults, The Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA, November 20-24, 2013.

"Staying at Home No Matter what:" Unmet Needs for Community Dwelling Older Adults, American Public Health Association, Boston, MA, November 2-6, 2013.

Doing the Hula: Second Generation older Asian American Pacific Islander Women and the Meaning of Culture, American Public Health Association, Boston, MA, November 2-6, 2013.

"She's Like a Daughter to Me:" Older Adults and Paid Caregiving in a Consumer Model of Care, The Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA, November 14-18, 2012.

"Of Course They Are Involved" Rethinking Political Engagement and Advocacy Among Asian American and Latino Older Adults, The Gerontological Society of America San Diego, CA , November 14-18, 2012.

"Who's the Boss": The Relationship between Older Adults and their Caregivers in a Consumer Directed Model of Care, American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA, October 27-31, 2012

"AGENTS for Change: Engaging Latino and Asian American Older Adults in Political Advocacy" American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA, October 27-31, 2012

"Christian Action: The Cold War, Race, and International Adoption in the 1950s and 1960s, Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, January 5-8, 2012

"The Ties That Bind: A Case Study of Caregiving, Care Receiving and Around the Clock Care" Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA November 17-21, 2011

"Meanings of a Good Old Age: Quality of Life of Older Adults who Receive Home and Community Based Services." Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA November 17-21, 2011

"Meanings of a Good Old Age: Quality of Life of Older Adults who Receive Home and Community Based Services." Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association Washington D.C. October 27-November 2 2011

"We Have to Stop the Babies from Dying:" Molly Holt, Holt International and Transnational Korean Adoption in the 1950s and 1960s." Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association Pacific Coast Branch, Seattle, WA, August 11-13, 2011

"We Have to Stop the Babies from Dying:" Molly Holt, Holt International and Transnational Korean Adoption in the 1950s and 1960s." Annual Meeting of the Western Association of Women Historians, Los Angeles, CA, 2011, April 7-9, 2011

“Koreans in the South Bay,” Osher Institute, California State University, Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA, April 11, 2011

“The Global Dynamics of Protestant Christianity and the Korean Independence Movement, 1919-1945” Annual Meeting of the California World History Association, California State University, Fullerton, CA, November 16-17, 2007^[1]_[SEP]

“To Determine Our Own Course: The Wilsonian Moment, Protestant Christianity, and the Korean Independence Movement, 1919-1945” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association of Korea, Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea, October 25-27, 2007^[1]_[SEP]

“Detecting Trauma in Leonard Chang’s *Over the Shoulder*,” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, Philadelphia Marriot, Philadelphia, October 11-14, 2007

“Watching the Detective:” Negotiating Asian American Masculinity in Dale Furutani’s *Death in Little Tokyo* and Leonard Chang’s *Over the Shoulder*,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian American Studies, New York City Grand Hyatt, New York City, April 4-8, 2007^[1]_[SEP]

“Our Oriental Brothers: The YMCA in Korea,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN, March 28-31, 2007.

“More than Conflict: African Americans, West African Immigrants, and Korean immigrants in the Ethnic Beauty Supply Industry, Williams College, April 2006.^[1]_[SEP]

“Late in Life Korean Immigration,” University of Kansas Medical School, April 2006.

“Korean Immigrant Elders,” Gerontology Colloquium, University of Kansas, Spring 2006

“Korean-born Students in the United States and the Issue of Collaboration during the Colonial Era,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Francisco, March 2006.

“For God and Country: The Meanings of Christianity and the Korean Independence Movement in the United States, 1919-1945,” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 2005.

“From Korea to Kansas City: Local Perspectives on Korean Diaspora,” Korea Conference, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, April 2005.

“The Globalization of Beauty: Korean Immigrants and the African American Beauty Supply Industry,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Association, Minneapolis, MN, March 2005.

“Who is Pancho Park?: Korean Migration to the Yucatan, 1903-1945,” Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Summer Institute on International Migration, University of California, Los Angeles, June 2004.

““For the Sake of the Nation:” Korean Women Students and Protestant Christianity in the United States, 1919-1945,” Symposium on Race, Gender, and Theology in Korean American Christianity, University of California, Los Angeles, April 2004.

“ ‘La Choy Chinese Food Swings American?:’ A Case Study of American Orientalism in the 1920s,”
Department of History and Asian American Studies Colloquia, University of Pennsylvania, April 2004.

“The Woman Question: Gender, Christianity, and the Politics of Korean Nationalism in the United States,
1919–60,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington D.C., January 2004.

“ ‘La Choy Chinese Food Swings American?:’ A Case Study of American Orientalism in the 1920s,”
Faculty Lecture Series, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, November 2003.

“Embracing the Oriental: Korean Immigrant Entrepreneurship Before World War II,” American Studies
Association Annual Meeting, Hartford, CT, October 2003.

“Rethinking the Local: The Power of Place and the Korean Independence Movement, 1919-1945,” Annual
Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, August
2003.

" ‘The Unofficial Ambassadors:’ The *Sindo Haksaeng* (Newly Arrived Students) and the Korean
Independence Movement, 1919-1941,” East Asian Studies Center, Indiana University, Spring 2003.

Professional Memberships

American Public Health Association
Association of American Studies
Association of American Studies of Korea
Association of Asian Studies
Association of Asian American Studies
National Association of Social Workers
Gerontological Society of America
Organization of American Historians
POD Network