

## Curriculum Vita

### ***Teresa Williams León***

(a.k.a Teresa Williams-León and Teresa Kay Williams)

#### **SUMMARY:**

Combined 15+ years of higher education quasi-administrative and administrative experience as associate chair, department chair, program director, special assistant to the dean and associate dean: with focus on faculty and student success; equity, diversity, and inclusion; peer mentorship for faculty and students; program, faculty & student development; community engagement; team-building; the rule of scholarly discourse centering Ethnic Studies; Japanese practice of “wa” 和 or sum/circle of harmony; the Native Hawaiian practice of *Ho’oponopono*; and the practice of relationality and reciprocity among colleagues, staff, and students in the classroom and across departments/Colleges.

#### **EDUCATION**

- University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D., Sociology, 1997
- University of California, Los Angeles, M.A. Sociology, 1991
- University of California, Los Angeles, M.A. Asian American Studies, 1989
- University of Hawai’i at Manoa, B.A. Japanese Language and Literature, 1986
- University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Certificate in Ethnic Studies, 1986
- University of Maryland, Global Division (Japan), A.A. in Japanese Studies, 1984

#### **TRAINING (partial list)**

- CSU-wide Nagpra Training (CSU Tribal Relations Office), February 10- 12, 2026 at CSU San Bernadino.
- Arizona State University Indigenous Conservation Collaborations Certificate Program (January 12, 2026 to the present)
- LEAP (Leader Education for Asian Pacifics) University Administrators Training Program (Summer, 2006)
- Institute for Educational Management (Summer of 2007), Harvard Graduate School of Education, (selected, but declined)

#### **QUASI-ADMINISTRATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Member & American Indian Studies representative, Inaugural Advisory Board for the RACE (Research, Activism, Community Engagement) Center (2025-present)
- Senior Tribal Liaison Officer (2025-present)
- Acting Program Director, American Indian Studies (2023-present)
- Associate Chair, Central American & Transborder Studies (2020-2022)
- Program Director, CSUN Humanities Interdisciplinary Program (2009-2011)
- Associate Dean, College of Humanities (2007-2009)
- Special Assistant to the Dean, College of Humanities (January 2007- July 2007)
- Department Chair, CSUN Asian American Studies (2004-2007; Interim 2019)
- Associate Chair, CSUN Asian American Studies (2001-2003)

## CURRENT POSITIONS

- Senior Tribal Liaison Officer (2025-present)
- Acting Director, American Indian Studies Program (2023-present)
- Professor, Asian American Studies, California State University Northridge (1996-present)
- Professor, American Indian Studies, California State University Northridge (2023-present)
- Adjunct Faculty & Instructor in Sociology, Philosophy & Social Sciences, Santa Monica College (1991- present)

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (partial list)

- Most Valuable Professor, March, 2025 (nominated by student-athlete, Jalen Barbee, CSUN Men's Basketball)
- Nominee for "Outstanding Adjunct Faculty," , Santa Monica College (2022, 2023)
- CSUN Omega Chapter of Phi Beta Delta, "Outstanding Service Award" in Recognition of commitment to the international community on campus, 2009
- CSUN Outstanding Faculty Award, 2007
- Resident Directorship for Waseda University (CSUN International Program), 2006-2007 (declined)
- Nominee for "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" (10<sup>th</sup> Edition), 2006
- One of the "Remarkable Individuals" trained by UCLA Asian American Studies Center MA Program for the *35 Notable Accomplishments and Milestones* for Asian American Studies (archived)
- Polished Apple Teaching Award by CSUN Ambassadors, 2004, 2005
- Prism Award by Hapa Issues Forum 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Gala, Academic Contributions to the Study of Mixed Race/Multiracial Identity, 2002
- Ford Foundation Grant (\$45,000) for "CrossTalk: National Educational Conference on Asian American and Pacific Islander Sexuality"), Grant Initiator/Co-Director, 2001-02
- Japanese American Citizen's League "Legacy Grant" (\$2000) for a National Conference, "Toward a Multiethnic Millennium: Hapas/Mixed Race Peoples and the Asian American Studies Community.", 1998
- University of California, Santa Barbara Office of Residential Life "Outstanding Faculty Award," 1995-96
- University of California, Santa Barbara Asian American Studies Doctoral Fellowship, 1994-95
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Hawai'i Manoa, 1986

## PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARSHIP/PRESENTATIONS (Partial List)

- León, Teresa Williams. "The History of American Indian/ Native Studies at California State University Northridge." in an E-book manuscript, co-edited by Alesha Claveria and Kalani Heinz (in-process)
- León, Teresa Williams. "Blood Quantum, Mixed-Raceness, and Pretendianism: Navigating Native Identity Claims" in an E-book manuscript, co-edited by Alesha Claveria and Kalani Heinz (in-process)
- León, Teresa Williams. (Proposed Roundtable Panelist) Presentation title: "Traversing Individual/Private and Group/Public Identities as Resistance, Resilience, and Transformation." The Eighth Annual Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference: *Critical Healing: Honoring Resilience and Disrupting Power in Critical Mixed Race Studies.*(UCLA, February 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026)
- León, Teresa Williams. "Transnational-Transborder Mixed-Race Women: Navigating Sociohistorical Identities and Strategizing Resources Within and across Multiple Patriarchal Systems." (Paper

Presentation) at the International Federation for Research in Women's History 2024 Conference (Tsuda University in Tokyo Japan, August 7-10th, 2024)

- León, Teresa Williams. "Introduction: Transborder Shape Shifters Navigating Racial, Ethnic and National Identities" submitted to the *Journal of Asian American Studies*, along with the individual article submissions by Dr. Paul Spickard of UCSB, Dr. Rena Heinrich of USC, and Dr. Lily Anne Welty Tamai of UCLA (in process)
- León, Teresa Williams, "León, Teresa Williams. "Privilege, Struggle and Positionality: Navigating Multiracial Heritage Rooted in Polarized Identities." (Paper Presentation) National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education, (Honolulu Convention Center, Hawai'i May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024)
- Shrake, Eunai, Teresa Williams León, and Edith Chen. (eds.) *Asian Pacific American Experiences: Past, Present and Future*. (Second Edition) Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Co., 2020
- León, Teresa Williams, Eunai Shrake and Edith Chen. "Growth and Diversity: Understanding Asian Pacific American Experiences Within the Context of Ethnic Studies." *Asian Pacific American Experiences: Past, Present and Future*. (Second Edition) Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Co., 2020
- León, Teresa Williams. "'Oriental' is for Objects and 'Asian' is for People: Asian Americans as the Racialized Other Then and Now: in *Asian Pacific American Experiences: Past, Present and Future* (Second Edition) Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Co., 2020
- León, Teresa Williams. "Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts 2.0: The Private and Public Identity of Multiracial/Multiethnic People." (ed. by Shrake, Eunai Teresa Williams León & Edith Wen-Chu Chen), In *Asian Pacific American Experiences: Past Present and Future*. (Second Edition) Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Co., 2020
- León, Teresa Williams. "Sidebar Article: The Indigenous Peoples of the Pacific Islands and Oceans" (ed. by Shrake, Eunai Teresa Williams León & Edith Wen-Chu Chen), *Asian Pacific American Experiences: Past Present and Future*. (Second Edition) Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Co., 2020
- León, Teresa Williams. "Sidebar Article: Bulletproof Boy Scouts [BTS] from South Korea with a Message of Self-Love and Acceptance Sweep the Globe" (ed. by Shrake, Eunai Teresa Williams León & Edith Wen-Chu Chen), *Asian Pacific American Experiences: Past Present and Future*. (Second Edition) Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Co., 2020
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- León, Teresa Williams. "Sidebar Article: Asian, Indian, Jamaican and Black: Biracial/International Vice President Kamala Devi Harris." (ed. by Shrake, Eunai Teresa Williams León & Edith Wen-Chu Chen), *Asian*

*Pacific American Experiences: Past Present and Future*. (Second Edition) Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Co., 2020

- Williams-León, Teresa. "Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts: The Private and Public Identity of Multiracial/Multiethnic People." (ed. by Shrake, Eunai & Edith Wen-Chu Chen), *Asian Pacific American Experiences: Past, Present and Future*. (First Edition) Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Co., 2012
- Williams, Teresa Kay and Michael C. Thornton. "Social Construction of Ethnicity versus Personal Experience: The Case of Afro-Amerasians" (reprint from 1998 *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*) in the second edition of *Contemporary Asian America: A Multidisciplinary Reader* (eds. James V. Gatewood and Min Zhou) New York University Press 2007
- Williams, Teresa Kay. (reprint from 1997). "Race-ing and Being Raced: The Critical Interrogation of 'Passing'" in (ed.) Jayne O. Ifekwunigwe. *'Mixed Race' Studies: A Reader* (London, England: Routledge, 2004
- Williams-León, Teresa. "Census, Consensus? APAs and Multiracial Identity." (ed. Eric Lai & Dennis Arguelles). *The New Face of Asian Pacific American: Numbers, Diversity, and Change in the 21st Century*. Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Asian American Studies Center Press & AsianWeek, 2004
- Williams-León, Teresa. "Check All That Apply: Trends & Perspectives Among Asian-Descent Multiracials" in (eds. Herman DeBose & Loretta Winters). *New Faces in a Changing America: Multiracial Identity in the 21st Century*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2002
- Williams-León Teresa and Cynthia L. Nakashima. (co-editors). *The Sum of Our Parts: Mixed Heritage Asian Americans*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 2001
- Williams-León, Teresa and Cynthia L. Nakashima. "Reconfiguring Race, Rearticulating Ethnicity." in (co-editors Williams-León and Nakashima) in *The Sum of Our Parts: Mixed Heritage Asian Americans*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 2001
- Williams-León Teresa. "The Convergence of Passing Zones: The Effects of Race and Sexuality in the Identity Formation of Asian-descent Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals." (co-editors Williams and Nakashima) in *The Sum of Our Parts: Mixed Heritage Asian Americans*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 2001
- Williams, Teresa Kay. "Historical Overview of Asian American Women in the U.S." in *American Journal: The Asian American Experience*. University of California, Los Angeles, Asian American Studies Center. Educational CD Rom Project, 1997
- Williams, Teresa Kay, Cynthia L. Nakashima, George Kitahara Kich, G. Reginald Daniel. "Being Different Together in the University Classroom: Multiracial Identity as Transgressive Education." In (co-editors, Timothy P. Fong and Larry H. Shinagawa). *Asian Americans: Experiences and Perspectives*. (New Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2000). Reprint from Sage Publications, 1996
- Williams, Teresa Kay, Cynthia L. Nakashima, George Kitahara Kich, G. Reginald Daniel. "Being Different Together in the University Classroom: Multiracial Identity as Transgressive Education." (Editor: Maria P.P. Root). *The Multiracial Experience: Racial Borders as the New Frontier*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications, 1996

- Williams, Teresa Kay. "Race as Process: Reassessing the 'What Are You/' Encounters of Biracial Individuals." (Editor: Maria P.P. Root). *The Multiracial Experience: Racial Borders as the New Frontier*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications, 1996
- Williams, Teresa Kay. "Theater of Identity: Multi-Race and Representation of Eurasians and Afroasians," (editor: Naomi Zack) *American Mixed-Race: The Culture of Microdiversity*. New York: Littlefield and Rowaman Press, 1995
- Williams, Teresa Kay. "Prism Lives: Identity of Binational Amerasians." (editor: Maria P.P. Root) Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications, 1992
- Williams, Teresa Kay. "Marriage Between Japanese Women and U.S. Serviceman Since World War II." *Amerasia Journal*. (Vol. 17, No. 1, 1991)

### **CAMPUS SERVICE [Partial List]**

- Faculty Advisor, CSUN LUCHA, Fall 2025 to the Present
- Educational Resources Committee, Fall, 2025 to the present
- Founding Member, Ethnic Studies Center for Research, Activism, and Community Empowerment (RACE) Advisory Board member (Fall 2025 to the present)
- Faculty Advisor, CSUN American Indian Students Association, 2023-present
- Student Veterans Success Advisory Committee, 2023-present
- Faculty Commencement Mace Bearer, College of Humanities, May, 2023
- AB1460 Implementation Working Group, 2021-2024
- Council of Ethnic Studies, 2021-present
- Search Committee Chair for Interim Dean, College of Humanities, 2019, 2020
- CSUN University President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion, 2019
- Search Committee, Associate Dean, College of Humanities, 2004, 2010, 2013
- Personnel Committee Member for Asian American Studies (2010-2022); Religious Studies (2011-2012) Jewish Studies (2025), and Central American & Transborder Studies (2010-2013; 2018-2022).
- AB1460 Implementation Working Group, 2021-2024
- Central American Studies (now Central American and Transborder Studies) Advisory Board, 2010-2013
- Asian Studies Interdisciplinary Studies Advisory Board (2000-2002)
- Faculty Fellows Selection Committee, 2005
- Women Studies (now Gender Women's Studies) Advisory Board, 2004-2005
- Humanities Interdisciplinary Committee, 2004-06
- Child Development Interdisciplinary Program Committee (1999-2002)
- EOP Research Project Coordinator, "Profile of EOP Students and Environmental Disadvantage," 1997-98
- EOP Faculty Mentoring Training Program, 1998
- EOP Summer Bridge, EOP 1997, 1998

### **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES:**

- English: native proficiency in spoken and formal language, comprehension, reading and writing
- Japanese: native proficiency in spoken and formal language and comprehension; intermediate to advanced level in reading and writing
- Spanish: advanced beginner/intermediate level in spoken & written language and comprehension; reading is more advanced