

AACP – A Look Back at 2025 and Ahead to 2026

Some Highlights from 2025

This year we finally reached our pre-pandemic years level of participation in events.

We started the year off by co-hosting a poetry event at the San Mateo Main Library. The theme of the event was “AAPI Poetry for Peace, Love, and Understanding.” We had three poets, including the current poet laureate of San Francisco, Genny Lim. The MC for the event was AAPI folk musician and historian Charlie Chin.

This year, we were able to attend the California Council for the Social Studies Conference. We usually try to attend this great educational conference whenever it is held in the Bay Area.

Once again, our biggest event for the year was the Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) Conference. I would venture to guess that this is probably one of the biggest AAPI educational conferences held each year.

An event that we have not gone to since before the pandemic was the Poston Pilgrimage. This year, we were able to travel the 1300-mile round trip journey to this Japanese American concentration camp near Parker,

Arizona. Our newest board member, a young teacher, was able to learn from this experience and actually got to meet some former incarcerated. The attendees, many that have not seen us before or in a while, were also pleased to see our selection of books.

This year, like last, we continued to serve the University of California Office of the President in Oakland by going to two of their events.

Here are some of the authors, book creators, artists, filmmakers, and historians whom we assisted and/or interviewed for our newsletter this year: Genny Lim, Brian Komei Dempster, Frances Kakugawa, Charlie Chin, Victor Labrador, Anna Wong, Jane Park, Judith Kajiwar, Faith Kazmi, William Gee Wong, Sharon Fujimoto-Johnson, Eddie Ahn, Marlene Shigekawa, Gary Ono, Adrian Miller, Deborah Chang, Phuoc Tran, Châu Thụy, Oliver Chin, Mina Eimon, Natasha Yim, and Apala G. Egan.

A Sad Loss

In May, we lost one of our founders and long time board members, Rosie Shimonishi. Thank you for all you did for AACP and your friendship. We miss you, Rosie.



Genny Lim & Charlie Chin, Poetry Event



Claire Yi at Poston



Florence & Mas Hongo, Rosie

Plans for 2026

We hope to attend the APAHE Conference, which will take place in Anaheim in April. This will be the first time we will be attending their conference when it takes place in Southern California. This will likely be a major undertaking for us since it is our biggest conference and therefore we will need to transport a lot of books a pretty good distance. We are also hoping to connect with some authors from the region – some that have signed with us in the past and perhaps some new ones.

We are in the early stages of planning more author events and book signings. Stay tuned for these events through our newsletter.

We are still working on some book project ideas and hope to make more progress on them in the coming year.

If you are working on a book or some other interesting project, feel free to contact us for assistance.