

## SAPAAC July 2020 Newsletter

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#### Upcoming Events

- (Virtual) Brown Club of San Francisco co-sponsors a July Book Club: Night in the American Village with Akemi Johnson '04, 7/28
- (Virtual) APA Literature Book Club: Photographic Memories: A Story of Shinjitsu (by a Stanford Alumna), 7/29

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- 2020 Census

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Brown Club of San Francisco co-sponsors a July Book Club: Night in the American Village with Akemi Johnson '04**

Tuesday, July 28 at 7PM

Online Zoom Discussion, Free

[Please RSVP here](#)

Hear from author Akemi Johnson (Brown '04) in conversation with Ravi Chandra (Brown '89, Stanford MD '96) and the community about her book on the effects of American military presence in Japan.

Questions? Contact at [brownclubsf.com](http://brownclubsf.com)

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#### **APA Literature Book Club: Photographic Memories: A Story of Shinjitsu (by a Stanford Alumna)**

Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 5-6:30pm PST

Virtual Event via Zoom, Free

Please RSVP here: [www.stanford.io/2VPhOBD](http://www.stanford.io/2VPhOBD)

Co-author and SAPAAC member Risa Shimoda '77 has recently published a book titled, Photographic Memories: A Story of Shinjitsu which tells a story of passion, resourcefulness and diligence for sharing beauty, through the lens of her dad's pursuit of his professional passion. Her father's journey includes: a three-week long, trans-Pacific, ocean crossing without family or friends at the age of nine; a perilous evacuation from California in the immediate aftermath of the bombing of Pearl Harbor; refuge with a Mormon 'refugee' family in Utah; arrests for suspected espionage/treason; and federal internment he had so earnestly sought to avoid.

Authors Risa Shimoda and Bob Fleshner will read a few passages from the book, then hold a Q&A session. Completion of the book is not a requirement, and all are welcome to attend!

For more information, email [info@photographicmemoriesbook.com](mailto:info@photographicmemoriesbook.com) or check out <https://www.facebook.com/RandBPress/>.

Questions? Contact Angela Zhang '16 (SAPAAC Board) at [zhangela18@gmail.com](mailto:zhangela18@gmail.com).

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## ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

### Stanford Communities & “Black Lives Matter” Movement

Nationwide protests have arisen in response to the terrible murder of George Floyd by a police officer. In these challenging times, diverse Stanford groups are speaking out about pervasive racism, police brutality, and systemic violence against Black Americans. Below are statements, letters, and resources offered to the Stanford community—information for those who wish to take action, and expressions of solidarity for those most affected.

[Learn more on the SAPAAC website](#)

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### 2020 Census

Invest your time to shape your future...just ten minutes of your time will shape the next ten years! The Census can be a particularly important tool for minority groups which have not typically been well represented or recognized by the government. Make sure to represent yourself as specifically as you can and to take full advantage of the write-in options!

<https://2020census.gov/>

Also available in many different Asian languages

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## GET INVOLVED!

Do you want to have an impact on Asian American alumni? Work with any of our three working committees, which focuses on organizing events, advocating for Asian American issues within the university, and growing our membership.

Contact [sapaac@alumni.stanford.edu](mailto:sapaac@alumni.stanford.edu) for more details.

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**Submit to the SAPAAC Newsletter!**

As part of one of our newer initiatives, SAPAAC Board would like to create an opportunity for SAPAAC members to submit to the monthly newsletter. If you have any events, articles, or announcements you would like to share with your SAPAAC community, please use [this form](#) to submit them for distribution in next month's newsletter.