



Guide to the Caroline Wang Course Materials for "Asians in America", 1941, 1971-1994

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Summary

Collection Title:

Caroline Wang course materials for "Asians in America", 1941, 1971-1994

Creator:

Wang, Caroline C.

Abstract:

The "Asians in America" house course was the first course pertaining to the Asian diaspora and Asian American studies to be taught at Duke University. Undergraduate student, Caroline Wang, organized and instructed the class in the Fall and Spring of 1982. The collection contains syllabi, course proposals, readings, and materials related to Wang's senior thesis about Japanese American internment during World War II.

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection contains materials related to preparation and instruction for the 1982 house course, "Asians in America." This includes articles and course readings, course syllabi and proposals, subject files, correspondence, and student assignments. Also includes a script for Caroline Wang's senior honors

thesis and a video recording on the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, written and narrated by Caroline Wang.

Biographical/Historical

Caroline Wang graduated from Duke University in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in Arts, Media, and Politics. During her time at Duke, Wang pursued an interest in documentary photography and documentary writing. Her senior honor's thesis included a treatment and video recording for a documentary about Executive Order 9066 and the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Wang received a Master of Public Health in 1989 followed by a Doctor of Public Health degree in 1993 from UC Berkeley. In 1992, while researching women's reproductive health in Yunnan Province, China, she developed in partnership with Mary Ann Burris, the community-based participatory research methodology known as photovoice.

Duke University began the house course program in 1969 to offer courses based on student interests. These half-credit courses are typically taught by undergraduate students under a faculty advisor's supervision and are held in residence halls.

In January 1982, Caroline Wang submitted a proposal in application to teach the house course, "Asians in America," for the Spring semester at Duke. This would mark the first course taught at Duke pertaining to the Asian diaspora and Asian American studies. After receiving approval to teach the course, Wang, an undergraduate at the time, organized and co-instructed the class with Steven Chin, who had graduated from Duke in May 1981. That following Fall of 1982, Wang went on to teach the course again as its sole instructor. In describing the course's objectives and goals, Wang wrote that it would "introduce students to the history and literature of Asians in America, with special emphasis on the Chinese and Japanese experiences. Course attention will be directed also toward contemporary issues... and matters of identity."

Source: Course proposal summary form, September 1982

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Acquisition Information

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