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# **ASIAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP EQUIPPING SYMPOSIUM**

## **“LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL: ASIAN AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHALLENGES”**

CO-SPONSORED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF ASIAN AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY AND  
FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2009  
Fuller Theological Seminary  
Pasadena, CA

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### **The Symposium**

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The Asian American Christianity Symposium has been established in order to address the unique challenges facing Asian American Christians and churches in all their generational, cultural, and theological differences. Co-sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity (ISAAC) and Fuller Theological Seminary, which serves the largest and most diverse Asian American population in the United States, the annual symposium will provide an invigorating series of lectures by leading Asian American voices in theology and ministry.

#### The Objectives of the Symposium

- To engage in conversation with Asian American theologians and practitioners.
- To investigate and invest in the complex relationships between Asian American Christians, Asian American churches, and predominantly white seminary education.
- To challenge and construct Asian American theologies for the church.

#### The Symposium's Format

- Lecture and Discussion
- Panels
- Breakout sessions
- Asian American Art and Performances

### **“Living Out the Gospel: Asian American Contributions and Challenges”**

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This year's symposium, “Living Out the Gospel,” will address continuity and change in the on-going development of Asian American church ministries. It will specifically question the difficult and often painful relationship between innovation and faithfulness in the lives of Asian Americans and Asian American churches. What reconciliation is possible between generations that define themselves by, on the one hand, immigration, tradition, and family, and on the other hand, individualism and autonomy, integration, and friendship by internet? If newly emerging Asian American churches

remain loyal to their first-generation predecessors, will they be able to continue to move forward? What are Asian Americans sacrificing by leaving behind their mother churches and striking out on their own? What will “the Gospel” look like within the “living” context of changing Asian American identities, problems, and dreams? Richly theological and deeply personal, this year’s symposium will prove to be constructive.

This year’s lecturer will be Dr. Jonathan Tran (PhD Duke University) who is assistant professor of theological ethics in the Department of Religion at Baylor University, one of the largest Christian universities in the world. A former ministry practitioner with Asian American churches and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, he is author *Faith on the Edge* (IVP, 1999), *The Vietnam War and Theologies of Memory: Time and Eternity in the Far Country* (Blackwell, Fall 2009) and *Theology and Foucault* (T & T Clark International, Fall 2010). Emigrated from Vietnam at an early age, Dr. Tran’s journey into Christianity has been coupled with an ethnic awakening that has thoroughly influenced his theological life.

## 2009 Symposium Schedule

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### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 1:00pm Registration
- 1:30pm Announcements (Young Lee Hertig) & Welcoming by the President Rich Mouw
- 1:45pm Lecture [1] by Dr. Jonathan Tran
- 2:45pm Break
- 3:15pm Panel & Q&A
- 4:15pm Break out session
- 6:00pm Banquet at the Rose Tournament Headquarter

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 9:00am Lecture [2] by Dr. Jonathan Tran
- 10:00am Break
- 10:15am Panel & Q & A
- 11:15am Break
- 11:30am Break out session
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:45pm Break out session plenary
- 2:30pm Closing worship and remarks
- 3:00pm Adjourn

Panelists will be listed upon confirmation.

Small group facilitators: Local Asian American Pastors.

Onsite Registration: Fuller’s Alumni/ae Office