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## **AACC Okihiro Library Fellow—Yale's Asian American Cultural Center**

**Mentor:** Joliana Yee, Assistant Dean, Yale College & Director, Asian American Cultural Center, Yale's Asian American Cultural Center

**Fellow Title:** AACC Okihiro Library Fellow—Yale's Asian American Cultural Center

**Organization Name:** Yale's Asian American Cultural Center

**Organization Website:** <https://aacc.yalecollege.yale.edu/>

### **Organization Description:**

Established in 1981, the AACC plays a key role in ensuring the development and enhancement of Yale University’s commitment to the Asian and Asian American community. The AACC seeks to build a dynamic Asian and Asian American presence at Yale, support student exploration of identity development, and empower them to take an active role in shaping their learning experiences. The AACC is also committed to engaging the Asian and Asian American student body, Yale University, and the greater New Haven community in the learning and celebration of cultures, traditions, and issues related to the varied experiences of the Asian diaspora.

Located at 295 Crown St., the AACC is a three-level building that also serves as a gathering place for Yale Asian and Asian American students and affiliated student organizations for informal gatherings, social, cultural, and educational events. Having celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2021, the AACC was established as a result of Asian American student organizing efforts and remains a highly student-centered institutionalized diversity, equity, and inclusion resource today. As the Asian demographic at Yale has increased in numbers over these last four decades so has its richness and complexity of needs. The AACC Okihiro Library contains the largest collection of Asian American Studies books on campus donated personally by the late Professor Gary Okihiro and is located on the 3rd floor of the AACC.

### **GPE Fellow Responsibilities:**

The AACC Okihiro Library Fellow will have the option of creating and implementing programming initiatives centered on the AACC Okihiro Library that support the Asian and Asian American community at Yale. This includes but is not limited to organizing and sustaining

community engagement with the AACC Okihiro Library as a resource, curate targeted programming for various sub-groups that fall under the AACC umbrella that highlight the richness of the Asian diaspora, collaborating with AACC student staff and student organizations to create campus wide events inspired by the AACC Okihiro Library collection.

This is a unique opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the third oldest Asian American cultural center on a college campus in the United States as well as gain exposure to the vast impact Asian Americans had at Yale and beyond. This is an excellent opportunity for mentorship with our director, who has mentored many graduate students who have gone on to careers in teaching or administration at higher education institutions across the United States.

**Desired GPE Fellow Qualifications:**

Strong written and oral communication skills are required, along with initiative and organization. We welcome applications from all academic backgrounds (no experience with academic research in race is required); however, we encourage applicants whose research work intersects with the Asian diaspora. This opportunity is well-suited for individuals with an interest in growing national conversations around Asian American identity, history, and its utility in ongoing racial justice movements domestically and abroad. Willingness to work independently as well as part of a large team is important. Experience working with undergraduate students and event planning is preferred.

**GPE Fellow Learning Objectives:**

The GPE Fellow will have get hands-on experience with library management for a one-of-a-kind Asian American book collection. They will have the opportunity to exercise their creativity in curating community building/outreach initiatives to encourage utilization of this unique resource in ways that further the Asian American Cultural Center's mission and vision.

**Number of Available Positions: 1**