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**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN
LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**

❖ 14th Annual ❖

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B A N Q U E T**



Friday, April 5, 2019
Michigan League - Ballroom
Reception at 6:30pm
Dinner at 7:30pm

About Origins

Welcome to APALSA's 14th Annual Origins Banquet! The Origins Banquet celebrates the heritage and achievements of the Asian Pacific American community at the University of Michigan Law School and in the legal profession more broadly.

Tonight, we will also recognize the recipients of the 2019 George Ariyoshi Fellowship. The Fellowship, named after pioneering lawyer, statesman, and Michigan Law alumnus George Ariyoshi ('52), provides funding to highly qualified first-year students working to advance social justice and the public interest in the course of their 1L summer jobs. The Fellowship aims to remove financial barriers to Asian Pacific American law students hoping to begin their legal careers in non-profit organizations or in public service, with particular emphasis on the intersection of social justice and Asian Pacific American identity.

We have worked hard to put together a night filled with music, inspiration, and celebration. We truly hope you enjoy your evening, take the opportunity to meet someone new, and walk away feeling inspired to help APALSA spread its message of diversity, inclusion, and the Michigan Difference.

ORIGINS 2019

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

OPENING REMARKS

Emily Hu ('19) & Jeff Xu ('20)
APALSA Development Co-Chairs

PERFORMANCE

Sinaboro
Korean Traditional Drumming Group

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Emily Houh
*Gustavus Henry Wald Professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law
Co-Founder of the Michigan Journal of Race and Law*

PERFORMANCE

Xiao Dong Wei with Lydia Yang, Lianne Yan, and Nancy Yan
*Playing the Erhu, a traditional Chinese violin and the
Guzheng, a traditional plucked string instrument*

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CLOSING REMARKS

Emily Huang ('20) & Ian Lee ('20)
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Performances

Sinaboro

*Korean Traditional
Drumming Group*



Sinaboro (시나브로) is a Korean Traditional Drumming Group at the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor. Sinaboro was founded in 1998, and has had members of all backgrounds learn and perform *samulnori* (사물놀이), including Korean International Students, Korean-Americans, Non-Koreans, Undergraduates, Graduate Students, Alumni and more.

Sinaboro seeks to share Korean culture with the Ann Arbor community and beyond through *samulnori*. Sinaboro prides itself not only on its hard work, dedication, and commitment to the *samulnori* tradition, but also on the warm friendships and lasting memories Sinaboro creates between members and with the community.



Xiao Dong Wei

Music Artist

Xiao Dong Wei, a Kresge Artist Fellow in Detroit, began studying the erhu (二胡) at the age of 5 with her father. At the age of 11, she was accepted by the prestigious Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. She earned her degree ten years later, and is now considered a "Master" of the erhu. Xiao Dong has received numerous awards for her erhu performances. She has been featured on National Public Radio and as the guest soloist for various orchestras, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Xiao Dong is a lecturer at the University of Michigan Residential College teaching Chinese Music Ensemble and recently opened her own music and art school in Novi, Michigan.

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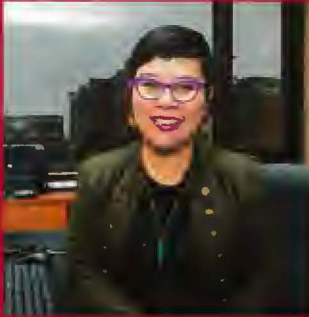
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Emily Houh

Keynote Speaker

Emily Houh, Gustavus Henry Wald Professor of the Law and Contracts at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, has been teaching contracts, commercial law, and critical race theory since 2003 at UC Law, where she has twice won the Goldman Prize for Teaching Excellence and also serves as co-director of the College's Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice.

Prior to joining the faculty at UC Law, Professor Houh was an assistant professor of law (2000-2003) at the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. A graduate of Brown University, Professor Houh earned her JD from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was a founding member and article editor of the Michigan Journal of Race & Law. After law school, Professor Houh served as law clerk to the Honorable Anna Diggs Taylor, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and then as a staff attorney with the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago and later as a commercial litigation associate at Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC, in Detroit.

Much of Professor Houh's scholarship focuses on the interplay between contract law, critical race theory, and socioeconomic (in)equality. Additionally, her recent research with UC Law colleague Prof. Kristin Kalsem looks at how participatory action research methods can be used to engage in critical race/ feminist praxis, by exploring the raced and gendered nature of the "fringe economy."

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The Year In Review

APALSA is proud to be part of the Michigan Law community. We strive to celebrate and increase diversity both at Michigan Law and in the legal field. APALSA hosts numerous academic and social events, and as part of the Annual Origins Banquet, we would like to take a moment to look back at some of the amazing events organized by APALSA's executive board and Political Action Committee this year.

Seeking Solidarity: Asian-Americans and Affirmative Action in *SFFA v. Harvard*



In November, APALSA sponsored a panel addressing the stakes and prospects of the *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* lawsuit, the future of affirmative action, and the role of Asian-Americans in advocating for racial justice.

APALSA FRIENDSGIVING Potluck Feast

APALSA members came together for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck. Many of our members hail from parts that make traveling home for break difficult. In times like this, being able to gather and celebrate the holidays can help provide a much-needed sense of home away from home.



PENN LAW CONFERENCE

Forging Ahead: Confronting Today's Global Challenges



APALSA members took a week-end trip to Philadelphia to attend the Penn APALSA 18th Annual Conference, featuring a series of panels touching on the topics of immigration, international trade, and national security. The conference also featured keynote speaker Dale Minami, the lawyer and civil rights activist who overturned the conviction of Fred Korematsu.

KOREMATSU DAY 2019

Korematsu's Legacy in the Trump Era



In honor of civil rights icon Fred Korematsu, APALSA organized a panel addressing the modern parallels of Korematsu, including the 2018 travel ban decision, the Tornillo border detention camp, and detainment of Iraqi families here in Michigan. The panel featured Ford School of Public Policy Professor Ann Lin, Michigan Law Professor Margo Schlanger, and former internee Mary Kamidoi, with Caitlin Hatakeyama acting as a moderator.

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