

2012 SUMMER BROWN BAG SERIES

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Open to the public. Please feel free to invite your friends, co-workers, and community members.

THURS, JUNE 7

12:00- 1:30PM

Angela Chan, Criminal Justice Reform Staff Attorney
Julia Mass, ACLU of Northern California
Angie Junck, Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Meredith Desautels, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights

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Civil Rights of the SF Bay Area

LOCAL POLICE AS ICE AGENTS?

S-COMM & OTHER POLICE/ICE ENTANGLEMENT PROGRAMS

***Special Location: Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
The Orrick Building, 405 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105**

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)'s controversial Secure Communities Program (S-Comm) relies on local police as "force multipliers" to conduct federal civil immigration enforcement. Through the automatic transmission of fingerprints from local police to ICE at the point of arrest, over 182,000 people have been deported nationally as of March 2012. About 70 percent of those deported do not have criminal convictions or were arrested for lesser offenses. This panel will discuss the harm caused to community policing, transparency, and local resources. We also will discuss solutions for disentangling police from ICE, including the TRUST Act (AB 1081-Ammiano), a pending CA state bill.

WED, JUNE 27

12:00- 1:30PM

Carlo De La Cruz, Voting Rights Coordinator
Carolyn Hsu, Voting Rights Fellow

DEFENDING DEMOCRACY:

FACING MODERN BARRIERS TO VOTING RIGHTS IN THE U.S.

We will present our ongoing elections protection work in the Bay Area and nationally for the 2012 elections. We will also examine the historic trends of voter disenfranchisement in the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community, with particular attention to the recent passage of numerous state laws that threaten to disenfranchise over 3.2 million voters of color in the 2012 election. Despite landmark victories, such as the Voting Rights Act and the Help America Vote Act, communities of color still face exclusionary practices in the voting system. Both explicit and subtle forms of disenfranchisement prevents many APIs from voting, especially those with limited English proficiency.

THURS, JULY 12

12:00- 1:30PM

Nasrina Bargzie, National Security Staff Attorney
Summer Hararah, National Security Coordinator
Christina Sinha, National Security Fellow

SAFE SF CIVIL RIGHTS ORDINANCE:

NEXT STEPS TO LIMITING RACIAL & RELIGIOUS PROFILING

Post-9/11, the Arab Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian communities have experienced extreme discrimination. The historic Safe SF Civil Rights Ordinance, signed into law in May 2012, is a huge step toward protecting our community from racial and religious profiling and requiring transparency and oversight of local police collaborations with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. The law affirms that no community should be treated as suspect without any evidence of criminal wrongdoing. We will discuss ALC's partnership with community organizations to ensure proper implementation of the law and our sustained efforts to challenge discrimination that targets vulnerable communities in the name of national security.

MON, JULY 23

12:00- 1:30PM

Anoop Prasad, Immigrants' Rights Staff Attorney

ASIAN AMERICANS, IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, & SB 1070

Arizona's anti-immigrant law SB1070 permits local police to stop individuals perceived to be "undocumented" and demand to see their immigration documents. We will take a closer look at the Supreme Court's decision on SB1070 and how it impacts immigration enforcement. We will also examine how the changing landscape of immigration enforcement, detention, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)'s stated desire to focus on removal of "criminal" immigrants through prosecutorial discretion affects Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

FRI, AUG 3

12:00- 1:30PM

Winnie Kao, Employment Rights' Staff Attorney
Grace Lee, Chinese for Affirmative Action

ASIANS & AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

IMPLICATIONS OF FISHER V. UT ON THE API COMMUNITY

Later this year, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the case of *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*. *Fisher* involves a challenge to the constitutionality of the University of Texas' consideration of race as one factor in a holistic, individualized review of about 25 percent of its undergraduate applicants' admissions profiles. The Asian American Center for Advancing Justice will be filing an *amicus* brief in the case supporting race-conscious admissions. We will discuss how *Fisher* affects Asian and Pacific Islanders (APIs), the arguments made in Advancing Justice's *amicus* brief, and the question of APIs and affirmative action generally.

MON, AUG 13

12:00- 1:30PM

Catherine Eusebio, ASPIRE Co-Chair
Steve Li, ASPIRE Outreach Intern

UNDOCUMENTED & UNAFRAID:

API STUDENTS MOBILIZE FOR PRO-IMMIGRANT LEGISLATION

Come join Asian Students Promoting Immigrant Rights through Education (ASPIRE), the first Asian Pacific Islander undocumented student group of its kind in a candid conversation about what struggles students without legal status confront every day. We will talk about the challenges and victories in building a multi-racial grassroots effort in the Bay Area to advocate for the DREAM Act, a piece of bi-partisan legislation that would provide undocumented students a pathway to citizenship. We will also discuss what's next for ASPIRE and how communities can support us.