

**Beyond Borders: Diverse Voices of the American South**  
**2018 Southern Asian American Documentary Filmmakers Convening**  
Hosted by Center for Asian American (CAAM), Southern Documentary Fund (SDF) & UNC-TV  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
The Goodmon Studio, UNC-TV

**AGENDA**

**9:00 AM      BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION**

**9:30-9:40      WELCOME BY CAAM, UNC-TV, A-DOC, & JustFilms, Ford Foundation**

Don Young, Director of Programs, CAAM  
Tim Tsai, A-DOC  
Naomi Walker, Executive Director, SDF  
Rachel Raney, Director of National Prods. & Original Content, UNC-TV  
Chi-hui Yang, Program Officer, JustFilms, Ford Foundation

**9:40-10:45      OPEN**

Thomas Allen Harris, President, Digital Diaspora Family Reunion

**Keynote**

Dee Davis, President, Center for Rural Strategies

**Keynote**

Professor Jennifer Ho, Asian American Studies, UNC Chapel Hill

**10:45-11:30      SESSION 1 Asian American Community Panel**

Inquiry - Who are the Asian Americans in the South? What are the community issues and how do they figure in the larger political context of the South? Tell us the story of Asian Americans in North Carolina, in the South.

Cat Bao Le, Executive Director, Southeast Asian Coalition  
Chavi Koneru, ED, North Carolina Asian Americans Together (NCAAT)  
H'Abigail Mlo  
Manju Rajendran, AORTA  
Ricky Leung, NCAAT  
Moderated by Christine Chen, Executive Director APIAVote

**11:30-11:40      BREAK**

**11:40-12:40      Southern Filmmakers Showcase Panel**

Inquiry - Who are the Asian American documentary makers in the South? Where are they and what stories are they interested in telling?

Jennifer Crandall	Matthew Hashiguchi
Leena Jayaswal	Saleem Reshamwala
Ligaiya Romero	Yi Chen

**12:40-1:40 LUNCH Catered by Vimala's Curryblossom Cafe**  
Speaker Vimala Rajendran, Community Activist

**What is A-DOC?**

Inquiry - What are the pre-existing support networks and the unique challenges?  
Tim Tsai & Yi Chen [Facebook](#) or [@aadocnetwork](#) [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)

**1:40-2:40 SESSION 2 Media Arts Organization Panel**

Inquiry - What can we do to further support and create better opportunities for filmmakers/ media makers to thrive? How do we strategically build a stronger network of media arts and community organizations, and filmmakers to achieve deeper and broader impact – including partnerships, projects and funding?

Anjanette Levert, Stonehouse Residency

Chloe Walters-Wallace, Firelight Media

Clint Bowie, New Orleans Film Society

Darcy McKinnon, NOVAC

Mimi Pickering, Appalshop

Moderated by Naomi Walker & Rachel Raney

**2:40-2:50 BREAK**

**2:50-4:00 SESSION 3 Brainstorming Solutions in Break-out Sessions**

Inquiry – Given the diversity of challenges for the Asian American communities in the region, the unique challenges of filmmakers and the positioning of the media arts organizations, what are solutions to work towards? What would the proper environment we need to create look like in the next 5 years, that moves the narrative, changes the narrative, and that includes Asian Americans in the South?

**4:00-4:30 REPORT BACK & NEXT STEPS**

**4:30-5:00 CLOSING OBSERVATIONS & REMARKS**  
Rachel Raney, Naomi Walker & Don Young

**5:00 PM CONVENING ENDS**

**5:30-8:30 Reception at The Boot Restaurant**

*Purpose: This convening's focus will be to discuss strategic collaborations and opportunities for filmmaking, media arts organizations, and Asian American documentary filmmakers in the South, with the intended goals of developing new vehicles of production support and talent development for filmmakers in the region.*