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Filipinos and Education in Hawaii: Challenges and Opportunities

Filipino American Access to Public Higher Education in California and Hawaii

By Jon Okamura

Dr. Okamura is a Professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies at UH Manoa and teaches courses on race and ethnicity in Hawai'i, ethnic identity, and Japanese in Hawai'i. He is the author of *Imagining the Filipino American Diaspora* and articles on Filipinos in Hawai'i and the Philippines where he taught in Manila for three years in the mid-1980s. His forthcoming book, *From Race to Ethnicity: Interpreting Japanese American Experiences in Hawai'i*, will be published by the University of Hawaii Press next spring.



In 1998, Filipino American students joined African American and Latino students in a class-action lawsuit that charged the admissions policies of the University of California, Berkeley violated federal antidiscrimination laws. Two years earlier, California voters passed Proposition 209 that prohibits race-based affirmative action in college admissions. In 1996, the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents approved a 50 percent tuition hike and another 23 percent increase for the following year. Okamura's presentation compares the impact of those policies on the admissions and enrollment of Filipino American undergraduates in the UC system and the UH Manoa since 1996.



Status of K-12 Filipino Education

By Patricia Halagao

Dr. Patricia Halagao is an Associate Professor of multicultural education and social studies at the College of Education in the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Her scholarship focuses on Filipinos and education. She has developed numerous Filipino curriculum and professional development programs such as Pinoy Teach, iJeepney.com sponsored by the Smithsonian, the Filipino American Education Institute, and the F.O.B. Project. She is recipient of the Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award (2012) and recently appointed to serve on the Hawaii Board of Education.

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