

**Celebrating LAF:
A seminar to honour the life and work of
Professor Lee Ann Fujii**

Thursday, 27th September: Music Room, Hart House

4-6pm

Introduction and welcome

Diversity and Inclusion in the Profession

Who is hired, promoted, read, and cited in Political Science (and in the academy more broadly) has a lot to do with the topics we think about, the questions we ask, and the methods we employ; in turn, the “who” can impact the kind of scholarship that disciplines foster. What were Lee Ann’s contributions here and how did her scholarship and her professional life demonstrate the connections between diversity in the profession, and the broadening and enrichment of scholarship more generally?

This session will serve as an introduction to this assessment and celebration of her work in terms of her challenges to the profession, to the topics, methods and the broad analytic approaches she adopted, and to how her work might act as a template for thinking about making the discipline and the academy intellectually richer and deeper by being more inclusive of what we study and who is part of that conversation.

Address by:

Malinda Smith, University of Alberta (20-30 mins)

Responses by:

Wendy Wong, University of Toronto (10 min)

Kevin Edmonds, University of Toronto (10 min)

Q&A, contributions and responses from the audience

6-6.45pm RECEPTION (for all present at Hart House)

7 pm DINNER (for invited guests)

Friday, 28th September: Sidney Smith Rm 3130, 100 St George Street

9-10.30 am

Violence as Performance: Political, Public and Extra-Lethal (Topics)

What were the new topics (and the new approaches to existing topics) that Lee Ann’s work opened up? The topics that she explored were difficult and challenging in manifold ways. In



particular, this panel focuses on how her research helped us to understand the “unthinkable”—the phenomenon of unspeakable violence inflicted by one set of humans on another—in all its socially-embedded complexity as well as to consider why and how it was performed on so public a stage.

Martha Finnemore, George Washington University (20-30 min)

Doris Bergen, University of Toronto (10 min)

Jessica Soedirgo, University of Toronto (10 min)

Lilach Gilady, University of Toronto (10 min)

10.30 – 11.00 TEA AND COFFEE

11-12.30

The Ethnographic, the Accidental and the Interpretive (Methods)

How precisely do we research the unthinkable? Lee Ann’s work led her to consider deeply the question of the methods that we use in our research, how our ways of looking and how we behave as an audience are vital to what we actually see. She challenged us to treat with respect and thoughtfulness our “sources,” those we seek to interview, and to learn from all that we encounter, including the serendipitous.

Peregrine Schwartz-Shea, University of Utah (20-30 mins)

Aerie Glas, Northern Illinois University (10 min)

Lahoma Thomas, University of Toronto (10 min)

12.30-2pm LUNCH

2-3.30 Closing session:

Studying and Researching Race and Ethnicity

Race, ethnicity and other forms of political identification are often posited—not least by the political actors concerned—as lying at the heart of the violence that Lee Ann examined. She was however deeply conscious of the injunction by Rogers Brubaker not to reify these terms in how we deploy them in our analysis. In short, she urged us to consider that as academics we act too. How then, in our research, thinking and writing, do scholars best treat racial and ethnic identifications? And how does this connect to the broader set of challenges we face as a profession that we began this seminar with?

Ethel Tungohan, York University (20-30 min)

Erin Tolley, University of Toronto, Mississauga (10 min)

Jessica Thompson, University of Waterloo (10 min)

Yolande Bouka, George Washington University (10 min)

Thank you and closing remarks by Antoinette Handley, University of Toronto

Attachments:

- Brief biographies for all the participants
- APSA Announcement Blurb and Fundraising Flyer