

## CALL for EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### WORKSHOP with Prof. DAVID ENG (U of Pennsylvania, USA)

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11-12 December 2008; ANU House, 52 Collins St, Melbourne

This event is primarily a workshop for Early Career Researchers (ECRs – postgraduates and postdoctoral) that focuses on intellectual mentoring and affording ECRs international engagement with their work.

### INVITED KEYNOTE: Professor David Eng, U of Pennsylvania, USA



David L. Eng is Professor of English and Comparative Literature and also a core faculty member in the Asian American Studies Program. He received his Ph.D. in comparative literature from the University of California at Berkeley and his B.A. in English from Columbia University. His areas of specialization include Asian American studies, Asian diaspora, psychoanalysis, critical race theory, queer studies, and visual culture. He is author of *The Feeling of Kinship: Queer Liberalism and the Racialization of Intimacy* (Duke, forthcoming) and *Racial Castration: Managing Masculinity in Asian America* (Duke, 2001). In addition, he is co-editor with David Kazanjian of *Loss: The Politics of Mourning* (California, 2003), with Alice Y. Hom of *Q & A: Queer in Asian America* (Temple, 1998), and with Judith Halberstam and Jose Muñoz of a special issue of the journal *Social Text* (2005), "What's Queer about Queer Studies Now?". He is currently at work on two new projects, a study of neoliberalism and desire in Chinese cinema and an analysis of political and psychic repression.

**WORKSHOP PLACES are necessarily LIMITED and capped at 10-12 participants. Please submit your Expression of Interest form before 1 AUGUST 2008 (see Workshop Preparation Timeline below).** There are a limited number of bursaries to assist ECRs in travelling to the workshop. These bursaries are competitive and cover airfares/accommodation up to the value of \$500.

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 11 December	
09.00-10.00	Registration MORNING TEA
10.00-11.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome</li><li><b>Public lecture</b> by Prof Eng - Current debates around mourning and melancholia in terms of political and psychic reparation (title TBC)</li></ul>
11.30-12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Overview of workshop schedule</li><li>ECR meet and greet with Prof Eng</li></ul>
12.30-13.30	LUNCH
13.30-15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Workshopping and discussion: All participating ECRs will be expected to submit a draft article that will be circulated before the event to ensure maximum engagement and feedback on the work. Commentary from Prof Eng and your peers will be focused on constructive advice about revising the work to publishable standards.</li></ul>
15.00-15.30	AFTERNOON TEA
15.30-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Workshopping and discussion</li></ul>
FRIDAY 12 December	
On this second day, Prof. Eng will be meeting one-on-one with ECRs. This extended engagement will allow for follow-up discussion of both theoretical and conceptual ideas, as well as advice regarding publishing and academic career development.	
10.30-12.00	One-on-one sessions with Prof Eng (20 minute appointments)
12.00-13.30	LUNCH
13.30-15.00	One-on-one sessions with Prof Eng (20 minute appointments)
15.00-15.30	AFTERNOON TEA
15.30-16.30	One-on-one sessions with Prof Eng (20 minute appointments)

### WORKSHOP PREPARATION TIMELINE:

1 August	Closing date for EOIs.
1 September	All participants informed of participation and bursary outcomes.
6 October	Draft articles to be sent to workshop convenor for circulation to other participants.
13 October	ALL MATERIALS mailed out to participants for reading BEFORE workshop in December.
11-12 December	PUBLIC LECTURE + ECR WORKSHOP

### WORKSHOP OUTCOME:

The AASRN plans on the publication of a special issue journal (or feature section of a journal) with selected revised papers from the workshop. The publication will be co-edited by Dr Olivia Khoo and an outstanding ECR participant from the workshop. It is expected that the publication would appear approximately a year after the event (i.e. Dec 2009-Jan 2010).

This ECR workshop is hosted by the Asian Australian Studies Research Network, with support from:



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