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SPECIAL EVENTS

To learn about upcoming AALDEF events, please visit aaldef.org/events.

May 8 - Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority

AALDEF, with AABANY and Skadden, hosted a screening of this award-winning documentary about Patsy Takemoto Mink, the first woman of color elected to Congress (and AALDEF 1996 Justice in Action Award recipient) who battled racism and sexism to redefine American politics.

May 20 - #UndocuAsians

AALDEF's undocumented youth group RAISE presents #UndocuAsians, a new film and theater performance by undocumented Asian American youth at Culture Project.

June 6 - Adhikaar Honors Shirley Lin

AALDEF attorney and Skadden Fellow Shirley Lin will be honored by Adhikaar at its annual Spring for Justice event. Please join us in celebrating her work in promoting human rights and social justice on behalf of Nepali-speaking communities. For more details, visit www.adhikaar.org.



SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 25



AALDEF's annual Summer Cocktail Party will take place on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 6-9 pm at Providence in New York City. Join us for a raffle, live DJ, hors d'oeuvres, and cash bar. For tickets, email events@aaldef.org.

Coming in 2014: AALDEF celebrates its 40th anniversary!



Justice in Action 2013

AALDEF presented the 2013 Justice in Action Awards to Congressman John Lewis, Jose Antonio Vargas of *Define American*, and Simone Wu of Choice Hotels International at its Lunar New Year Gala on February 19. Thanks to our esteemed presenters David Henry Hwang, Rep. Grace Meng, and Gordon Smith, the energy of co-emcees Sree Sreenivasan and ABC's Juju Chang, and the surprise appearance of the ineffable BD Wong, it was an extraordinary celebration.

Before an audience of over 700 people, the three Justice in Action honorees spoke about the power of the civil rights movement, the value of diversity, and the necessity of defending immigrants' rights in our country.

Founded in 1974, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) is a national organization that protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans. By combining litigation, advocacy, education, and organizing, AALDEF works with Asian American communities across the country to secure human rights for all.

AALDEF focuses on critical issues affecting Asian Americans, including immigrant rights, post-9/11 civil liberties, voting rights, economic justice for workers, language access to services, educational equity and youth rights, housing and environmental justice, and the elimination of hate violence, police misconduct, and human trafficking.

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OUTLOOK Summer 2013



Catch up on the latest highlights from AALDEF's fight for civil rights

Immigrants' Rights

Immigration Reform: The Time Is Now!

In the spring of 2013, due to the efforts of immigrant rights groups like AALDEF, immigration reform took center stage. On April 16, a bipartisan group of eight Senators released a bill to overhaul current immigration laws. AALDEF is advocating for key revisions to the bill that are important to Asian Americans, including retention of sibling visa categories to preserve family reunification, a shorter and more inclusive path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, and stronger protections for all workers. "Bipartisan immigration reform will be a landmark achievement if it recognizes family values and closes the widening gap between immigrant-born and U.S.-born Americans," said Margaret Fung, AALDEF executive director.

Meet RAISE, AALDEF's Undocumented Youth Group

RAISE stands for "Revolutionizing Asian American Immigrant Stories on the East Coast." This pan-Asian undocumented youth-led group is working with AALDEF to create safe spaces for undocumented Asian American youth and advocate for just and humane immigration policies. With the guidance of AALDEF staff attorney Bethany Li, RAISE has become a force to be reckoned with. RAISE members were part of the first-ever Asian American contingent to the United We Dream convening of hundreds of immigrant leaders in Kansas City. In Washington DC, RAISE members rallied on the National Day of Action, discussed the state of immigration reform with members of Congress, and lobbied on Capitol Hill.

This summer, watch RAISE launch a new Tumblr campaign around increasing visibility of undocumented youth, live-tweeting activist events and hosting Twitter town halls, and presenting #UndocuAsians, a new film and theater performance at The Culture Project in New York City on May 20.

Economic Justice

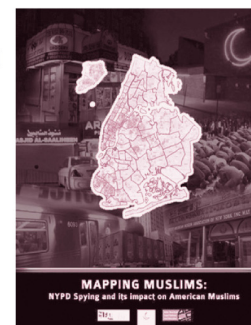
Domestic Worker Paid \$2/Hour Finds Justice

A Caribbean immigrant of South Asian descent represented by AALDEF reached a settlement with her former employers, a Long Island couple who paid her as little as \$2 an hour to work as a live-in housekeeper and nanny for at least 16 hours a day. She was paid an average of \$200 a month and denied a hospital visit when she was injured on the job. After hearing about AALDEF's work from a friend, she decided to seek her proper pay. "Domestic workers are entrusted with important responsibilities in our society," said AALDEF attorney Shirley Lin. "Respect, better pay, and legal protections for domestic workers—many of whom are immigrants—are integral to that work."

Post 9/11 Civil Liberties

New Report: NYPD Spying on American Muslims

AALDEF, together with the Muslim American Civil Liberties Coalition and Creating Law Enforcement Accountability & Responsibility (CLEAR), released a groundbreaking new report this spring, *Mapping Muslims: NYPD Spying and Its Impact on American Muslims*. This is the first report that documents the devastating impacts of the New York Police Department's extensive surveillance program that targeted American Muslims throughout the Northeast. "NYPD surveillance has affected every facet of American Muslim life," said AALDEF volunteer attorney Nermeen Arastu, who introduced the findings at a March 11 rally to deliver the report to NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly.



Within a week of the report's release and the start of a federal trial challenging controversial NYPD stop and frisk policies, the NYC Council finally began taking steps to create oversight of the NYPD.

Voting Rights

2012 Asian American Exit Poll

AALDEF polled 9,096 Asian American voters in the November 2012 elections across 14 states in 37 cities with large Asian American populations. Our exit poll, the largest survey of its kind in the nation, was conducted in 12 languages and reveals vital information about Asian American voting trends that is often overlooked in mainstream surveys. Among our findings: 77% of Asian Americans polled voted for Obama, almost two-thirds favored comprehensive immigration reform, and nearly half considered ethnic media to be their primary news source. In spring 2013, AALDEF Democracy Program Director Glenn Magpantay traveled across the country to hold community and press briefings on the exit poll results.

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Voting Rights Challenges Before SCOTUS

Two important cases could decide the future of voting rights for Asian Americans and other people of color. In *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*, the enforcement provisions of the Voting Rights Act are under attack. Twenty-seven Asian American groups joined AALDEF in urging the Supreme Court to uphold Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. In *Arizona v. ITCA*, the Court is reviewing Arizona's Proposition 200, which creates barriers to voter registration for naturalized citizens, who make up 40% of the state's Asian American population. AALDEF filed an *amicus* brief on behalf of Asian American groups, urging the Court to strike down this discriminatory law.

Anti-Trafficking Initiative

\$1.2 Million Award for Human Trafficking Survivor

Filipina immigrant worker Elizabeth Ballesteros was subjected to months of involuntary servitude, forced labor, peonage, debt bondage, and slavery as a domestic worker in the Rhode Island home of United Arab Emirates military officer Colonel Al-Ali. Her employer did not allow her a single day off work, forbade her from speaking to anyone outside the household, and withheld her passport. Ultimately, she was able to escape and obtain representation from AALDEF. Last December, a federal judge awarded her \$1.2 million in damages from Col. Al-Ali in a judgment that "reflects the suffering and emotional toll human trafficking has on victims," said Ivy Suriyopas, Director of AALDEF's Anti-Trafficking Initiative.



Obama Signs the Violence Against Women Act

In March, President Obama signed the bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA). Despite being the cornerstone of federal anti-trafficking law, the TVPA had faced numerous obstacles to reauthorization due to partisan politics. As Policy Co-Chair of the Freedom Network (USA), AALDEF attorney Ivy Suriyopas met with members of the Senate, House, and the Obama Administration, advocating for bipartisan support of the TVPA. The President signed the inclusive VAWA/TVPA to serve victims of domestic violence and human trafficking on the eve of International Women's Day.

Educational Equity

The Next Steps for Affirmative Action

As the country awaits the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the future of affirmative action in *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*, the Court has decided to take up another case implicating the use of diversity considerations, *Schutte v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action*. This case looks at the legality of Proposal 2 in Michigan, a ballot measure that prohibits the state government from ever considering diversity. "We cannot allow measures like Proposal 2 to silence our voices from the political process, especially when Asian American interests are the ones at stake," said Khin Mai Aung, Director of AALDEF's Educational Equity Program.



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