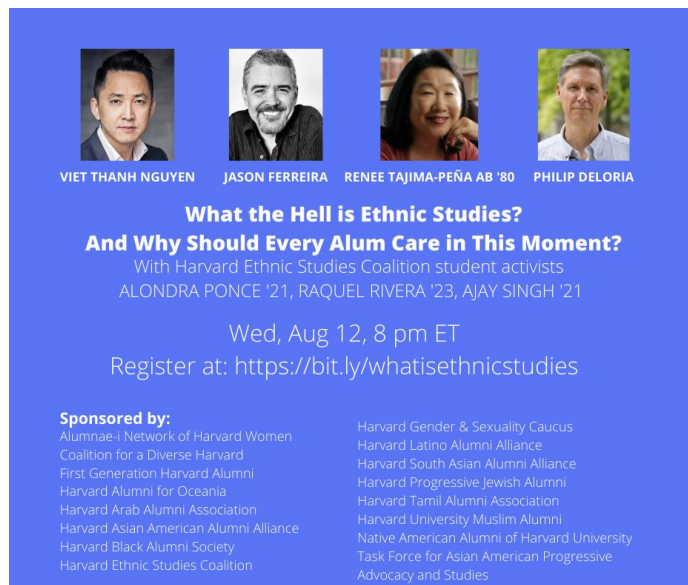


What The Hell is Ethnic Studies? And Why Should Every Alum Care in This Moment?

RESOURCES SHARED IN THE CHAT



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With Harvard Ethnic Studies Coalition student activists
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Wed, Aug 12, 8 pm ET
Register at: <https://bit.ly/whatisethnicstudies>

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Native American Alumni of Harvard University
Task Force for Asian American Progressive
Advocacy and Studies

With Viet Thanh Nguyen, Jason Ferreira, Renee-Tajima Pena AB '80, Philip Deloria

The recording of the webinar is [here](#).

The slideshow presented by the Harvard Ethnic Studies Coalition student activists, Alonda Ponce '21, Raquel Rivera '23, Ajay Singh '21, is [here](#).

By the Panelists

[Opinion | Will Harvard continue to fail Asian Americans — or will it learn from the past?](#) | Washington Post, by Renee Tajima-Pena

[How a New Show Tears Down the Myths of Asian American History](#) | Smithsonian Magazine, by Renee Tajima-Pena

[The Long, Bloody Strike For Ethnic Studies : Code Switch](#), featuring Jason Ferreira

[Native Modern: Philip J. Deloria studies American Indians and the contradictions that made America](#) | Harvard Magazine

[Bio of Viet Thanh Nguyen](#)

[Viet Thanh Nguyen](#) | New York Times opinions

Harvard Ethnic Studies Coalition press coverage

[Denying a Professor Tenure, Harvard Sparks a Debate Over Ethnic Studies](#) | New York Times

[How a denial of tenure at Harvard became a national controversy](#) | Vox

The decision is a blow to ethnic studies departments everywhere.

[Harvard niega puesto fijo a profesora dominicana y estudiantes firman carta de protesta en solidaridad](#) | Diario Libre

[Why Some Harvard Students Say An Ethnic Studies Department Is Needed Now](#) | WBUR

[Ethnic Studies Rise](#)

[Hundreds of scholars protest Harvard's decision to deny tenure to Latinx studies professor](#) | Boston Globe

[My mentor was denied tenure. Why should I stay in academia? \(op-ed\)](#) | Boston Globe

[She's a 'Star' Latina Professor. But Not Good Enough for Tenure at Harvard.](#) | Chronicle of Higher Education

[Harvard's Only Latina Professor on the Tenure Track Was Rejected & Students Are Protesting](#) | Remezcla

Additional speakers

Jeannie Park, President, [Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance](#)

Isamar Vega, VP of Governance, [Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance](#)

Michael Williams, Board Member, [Coalition for a Diverse Harvard](#)

Harvard Elections

In these difficult times, the [Coalition for a Diverse Harvard](#) urges you to VOTE in this year's critical Overseer and Elected Director elections. The crises relating to Black Lives Matter, Ethnic Studies and the emergency campus evacuation underscore the need for strong leaders who will promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.

We are joined in our [endorsements](#) by [First Generation Harvard Alumni](#), [Harvard Alumni for Oceania](#), [Harvard Arab Alumni Association](#), [Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance](#), [Harvard Black Alumni Society](#), [Harvard Gender & Sexuality Caucus](#), [Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance](#), [Harvard Progressive Jewish Alumni](#), [Harvard South Asian Alumni Alliance](#), [Harvard Tamil Sangam Alumni](#), [Harvard Women of Color](#), and [Native American Alumni of Harvard University](#). Please vote for these candidates for a more just, diverse, and inclusive Harvard!

For Overseer (in ballot order):

[Diego A. Rodriguez](#) MBA '01
[David H. Eun](#) AB '89, JD '93
[Raphael William Bostic](#) AB '87
[Tracy K. Smith](#) AB '94
[Thea Sebastian](#) AB '08, JD '16

For Director (in ballot order):

[Kelsey Trey Leonard](#) AB '10
[Joyce Y. Zhang](#) AB '09
[Mallika J. Marshall](#) AB '92
[Vanessa Zoltan](#) MDiv '15
[Santiago Creuheras](#) ALM '00, ALM '01
[Michael D. Lewis](#) AB '93

Diverse Harvard evaluated in detail all 13 Overseer and 9 Elected Director candidates, reviewing each candidate's [ballot bio](#) and [Diversity Questionnaire](#) response. We also independently researched each candidate and conducted individual video interviews with all 13 Overseer candidates. The Committee then met twice to arrive at our final endorsed slate of 5 Overseers – including four HAA candidates and 1 Harvard Forward candidate – and 6 Director candidates who we believe are **best positioned to help Harvard be a more diverse, inclusive, and just institution and will use their voices for change.**

Alums received an email invitation from harvard@mg.electionservicescorp.com on July 1 to vote online with a unique election validation number. Check your spam, etc. A Harvard Key is not required. Write to HarvardCoalition@gmail.com if you can't find your voting email.

Endorsed candidates who spoke on the Ethnic Studies Panel

Raphael Bostic: [A Moral and Economic Imperative to End Racism](#)

Ballot Statement <https://elections.harvard.edu/people/raphael-william-bostic>

David Eun Ballot Statement:

<https://elections.harvard.edu/people/david-h-eun>

Diego Rodriguez Ballot Statement

<https://elections.harvard.edu/people/diego-rodriguez>

Diverse Harvard

For updates on Ethnic Studies and other diversity, equity and inclusion issues, **join Diverse Harvard** at DiverseHarvard.org. Our 1,600 members (alums, students, staff, faculty) receive about 2 emails per month and invitations to special events and webinars like this one.

Email HarvardCoalition@gmail.com to join Diverse Harvard's **Ethnic Studies action group**.

Click [here](#) to make an **Ethnic Studies Now t-shirt** donation or order a shirt. For \$25, we'll send one shirt (or button) to you and give one to a student.

Shared in the Chat

[The Academic and Social Value of Ethnic Studies: A Research Review](#) | National Education Association, Sleeter, Christine E.

American Tropics: Articulating Filipino America, by Allan Punzalan Isaac,

The Miseducation of the Filipino, by Renato Constantino

Occupied America: A History of Chicanos, by Rodolfo F. Acuna

[How the Model Minority Myth of Asian Americans Hurts Us All](#) | Time , by Viet Thanh Nguyen

[The AAPI COVID-19 Project](#), Vivian Shaw, current Sociology lecturer at Harvard

The Black Revolution on Campus, by Biondi, Martha (Ch. 8 "What Happened to Black Studies" and Conclusion)

[Save CA Ethnic Studies](#)

[Save Arab American Studies](#)

Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW)
Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network (dvan.org)
Progressive Vietnamese Network (pivotnetwork.org)
South Asian American Digital Archive (SAADA)
Desis Rising up and Moving (DRUM)
Equality Labs
Escape from Plan A podcast
Red Canary Song, NYC



Ethnic Studies scholar-in-the-making Angel Trazo, <http://angeltrazo.com/>, captures the event magnificently in the illustration above.