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Induction

Chia-Chia Chien

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Presented by David Foster

Janlee Wong

Presented by Deborah Son, Rebecca Gonzales, and Jolene Hui

Closing Remarks

Maurice Hudson & Colleen Friend

California Social Work Hall of Distinction

Roster of Inductees

2002

Emory Bogardus
Zdenka Buben
Gardner Bullis
Milton Chernin
Norris Class
Arlien Johnson
Joe Maldonado
Biddy Mason
George D. Nickel
George Nishinaka
Lydia Rapoport
Charles Schottland

2005

Chauncey Alexander
Dana Bartlett
Marsena Buck
Frances Lomas Feldman
Mary Julia Workman
Myldred Jones
Anita Mackey
Faustina Solis
Ernest Witte

2009

Manuel F. Fimbres
Jeff Jue
Ben J. Kelley
Percy H. Steele, Jr.
Kunitake Morgan Yamanaka

2012

Helen Boardman
Teresa DeCrescenzo
Celeste Strack Kaplan
Consuelo Gomez Lopez
Rino J. Patti
Ann Shaw

2015

Sandra Baker
Ellen Russell Dunbar
Nancy A. Humphreys
Terry Jones
Kenji Murase
Richard O. Salsgiver

2018

Wilfred D. "Bill" Coggins
Kathleen Kubota
Dr. John Oliver
Yasuko Sakamoto
June Simmons
Diane Takvorian

2003

Bob Benedetto
Thomas Brigham
Genevieve Carter
Martha Chickering
Al Feldman
Walter Friedlander
Harry Kitano
Margarita Mendez
Mary O'Day
Elizabeth Robinson
Virginia Satir
Harry Specht

2007

Diana Ming Chan
Simon Dominguez
Richard Ford
Lillian Hyatt
Marianne Pennekamp
John Wax

2010

Tessie A. Cleveland
Jeanne M. Giovannoni
John G. Milner
Jim Yukihiro Miyano
Dolores I. Rodriguez
Barbara J. Solomon
John M. Wedemeyer, Jr.

2013

Sai-Ling Chu Chan-Sew
Ismael Dieppa
Barbara Lee
Joe Solis
Judith Wallerstein
Mariko Yamada

2016

Janet E. Black
Howard H. Carey
David Kuroda
Jane Kurohara
Armando Torres Morales
Terrence J. Roberts

2019

Salvador E. Alvarez
Peter A. Breen
Benjamin Cuellar
Jewelle Taylor Gibbs
James Midgley
Linda L. Wang

2021

Gary Bess
Bart Grossman
E. Jane Middleton
Chia-Chia Chien
Lillian Iida Matsumoto
Janlee Wong
Virginia Rondero Hernandez

2004

Bernice Augenbraun
Elsie Herman
Rose Kleiner
Dorothy Miller
Royal Morales
Effie Robinson
Lorenzo Traylor

2008

Nathan Cohen
Maurice Hamovitch
James Karis
Marie McNabola
Helen Northen
Patricia Pickford
Kurt Reichert
Maria Sardinias
Beverly Yip

2011

Richard Masato Aoki
Ronald V. Dellums
Herman Gallegos
Ed Nathan
Janice Kay O'Donnell
Kermit T. Wiltse

2014

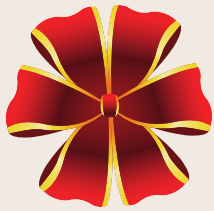
L. Georgi DiStefano
Marilyn L. Flynn
Marilyn Montenegro
Alex J. Norman
Helen Ramirez
Fernando M. Torres-Gil

2017

Doreen Der-McLeod
Bernice Catherine Harper
Rebecca Alicia Lopez
Ken Kaoru Nakamura
Barbara Needell
Benny Max Parrish

2020

Shirley Better
Jillian Jimenez
Robert Ketch
Annette Smith
Tetsu Sugi
Monika White
Marleen Wong



Chia-Chia Chien

Chia-Chia Chien has demonstrated command of social work practice modalities: psychiatric social worker, community organizer, collaborator, and advocate. She has dedicated her life to social work, community service, and improving the mental health and wellbeing of her clients, including countless youth, families, and seniors of California. She feels privileged to have served so long with populations with whom she can most identify.

Chien was born and raised in Taiwan, where she received a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Tunghai University in 1969. She immigrated to the US in 1970 for graduate school and received her Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1972, then a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley in 1974.

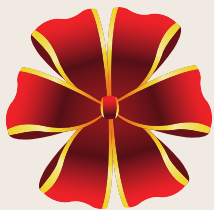
Chien was hired as the first Asian bilingual and bicultural mental health clinician for the City of Berkeley. She worked in their Mental Health Clinic for 28 years, witnessing how mental illness stigma affects our society, particularly within Asian communities. There, shame and denial of mental health needs lead to significant delays in seeking psychiatric treatment, often resulting in devastating outcomes including acute psychiatric crises, hospitalizations, and suicides. Chien found that support for such vulnerable populations *must* be culturally inclusive and responsive to be effective.

Chien retired from Berkeley Mental Health in 2003 but retained her commitment to promoting and providing culturally sensitive mental health care. In 2001, she founded the Culture to Culture Foundation (C to C), a non-profit organization whose mission is to raise mental health awareness and reduce associated cultural stigma, particularly in the Asian community. C to C partners with numerous Bay Area organizations and community leaders to provide education, resources, and direct services.



Chia-Chia Chien

With Chien at the helm, C to C uses a variety of media and programming, focused on youth and seniors. They provide numerous bilingual and bicultural mental health educational workshops for the Asian American community, e.g., using a suicide prevention video and live interactive skits to bridge cultural gaps between parents and children, promoting stronger relationships and mental wellness. They also sponsor scholarships for bilingual and bicultural students interested in mental health careers. Chien has learned that working in the field of social work, affecting change, and serving the needs of others, is a huge team effort which inspires and motivates her every day.



Virginia Rondero Hernandez

Virginia Rondero Hernandez earned her BA in Social Sciences, then a Master of Social Work from California State University, Sacramento, and her Ph.D. in Social Welfare from Case Western Reserve University, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. Over a 45-year career, Rondero Hernandez distinguished herself in the fields of social work practice, research, policy, social work education and leadership.

Rondero Hernandez's early career included clinical, medical, and school social work practice, leadership of the Children's Transplant Association in San Antonio, Texas, and the Solano County Head Start, research for the California Governor's Advisory Committee on Child Development Programs. Her academic career at California State University, Fresno's Department of Social Work Education began as an aspiring Latina scholar and leader in social work education. There, she was an assistant professor and associate director of the Central California Children's Institute, developing original research in child health disparities and illnesses which were influential throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

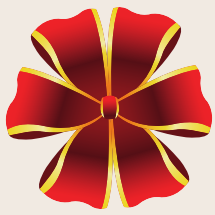
Rondero Hernandez secured funding for Central California's Social Welfare, Evaluation, Research, and Training Center (SWERT) to conduct more research and program evaluation in children's mental health, adult drug court services, and Latino behavioral health. Her scholarship includes over 75 research publications, refereed professional presentations, and invited presentations. She was also an outstanding instructor and mentor to students. Within a decade, she achieved tenure and a full professorship, then was appointed Department Chair and Director of SWERT. Her accomplishments included serving as Principal Investigator for the Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program, the Mental Health Services Stipend Program, and the Central California and Bay Area Regional Training Academies. Rondero Hernandez managed an extensive portfolio of external grants and contracts totaling \$14.9 million.



Virginia Rondero Hernandez

Rondero Hernandez left Fresno State in 2016 to become Executive Director of the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) at the University of California, Berkeley. She led the implementation of their 2016 strategic and 5-year work plans and served as principal investigator for a \$120 million portfolio of multi-year federal and state grants and contracts. She oversaw several new initiatives and program improvements including revisions to statewide child welfare training standards, implementation of two stipend programs, and enhancement of CalSWEC's communications and branding. To do all this, she forged strong collaborative relationships and kept CalSWEC at the forefront of social work workforce development efforts across the state and nation.

Rondero Hernandez continues to advance the professional development and well-being of her clients as an executive coach and consultant in the fields of health and human services and higher education.



Bart Grossman

Bart Grossman received his MSW in 1969 and his PhD in 1981 from the University of Michigan, following his BA from the City College of New York. Throughout his distinguished 30-year career as the Director of Field Education at the University of California, Berkeley, in the School of Social Welfare, he established himself as an outstanding practitioner and educator. He is a visionary with a strong commitment to social justice and leadership skills.

Grossman developed one of the top field education programs in the country, including agencies in and around the San Francisco Bay Area. Building partnerships and collaboration are themes of his career. Preparing students for professional practice required close collaboration with public and nonprofit agencies in the community, agency field instructors, and direct work with students to integrate classroom teaching and practice experiences. Local field education consortia (collaborative relationships among universities) were then grown from only a few in the early nineties to over 100 by the year 2000.



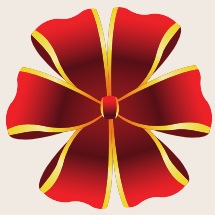
Bart Grossman

In the 1980s, Grossman noted the absence of field contributions to the program schedule of Council of Social Work Education (CSWE), the accrediting body for all U.S. social work programs, in its Annual Program Meeting (APM). He led other distinguished field educators to advance field-based contributions by launching an annual Field Education Symposium, which was then incorporated into all subsequent APM agendas.

Grossman also co-founded the North American Network of Field Educators and Directors (NANFED) in 1980. It steered field education into the new millennium. He gained approval for an annual Heart of Social Work Award to honor field instructors from around the country for their excellence.

Grossman was instrumental in establishing the program that trains public child welfare workers for California. He proposed a Bay Area coalition of 10 counties which later expanded statewide and sparked the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) with him as its first director. It continues today with a network of social work programs funded by Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act. All 58 county social services directors and a growing number of state universities with MSW programs are involved, providing enriched classroom content and relevant internships, with significant student scholarships. This program has produced over 10,000 social workers educated and trained to work with California's vulnerable foster youth and their families.

From 2002 to the present, Grossman has served as Academic Consultant to Help for Children, a global charity based in the finance sector. They have made grants totaling over \$10M to over 50 California agencies, for the prevention and treatment of child abuse.



Lillian Iida Matsumoto

Lillian Iida Matsumoto attended the University of California, Berkeley, completing her undergraduate degree in 1933. She was initially barred from postgraduate studies in social welfare because of her ethnicity, but after contesting the decision, she became the only Japanese American student then in the Graduate School of Social Welfare, not yet certified as a master's level program. Her matriculation in 1935 led to a graduate certificate, later recognized as equivalent to a graduate degree. Matsumoto soon became an advocate, program administrator, and direct practitioner.

Matsumoto was then hired as assistant to the superintendent at Shonien (*Children's Garden*), a home for Japanese children in Los Angeles. It was at Shonien that she met her future husband, Harry Matsumoto, who served on its Board of Directors.



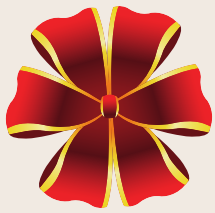
Lillian Iida Matsumoto

A few years later, the West Coast Japanese-American community was severely impacted by social fallout from the Pearl Harbor bombing and its follow up FBI-detention of all Japanese men of prominence. When the Shonien superintendent was thus detained, the Board appointed Matsumoto to his position, despite her youthful 28 years. Months later, a federal Executive Order mandated removal of all people of Japanese ancestry from their West Coast homes and properties, forcing their relocation to internment camps. Matsumoto responded by advocating for all the children in institutional homes such as Shonien and two others in San Francisco, to be moved to the same camp instead of isolating them in the cities or scattering them. Manzanar was offered and Matsumoto agreed.

There, the designated space for the children was called Children's Village. It was run by Matsumoto and her husband until September 1944. The emotional needs of Manzanar's 10,000 incarcerated people were also tremendous. In response, Matsumoto and Manzanar's Community Welfare Superintendent Margaret d'Ille, also from Berkeley, developed program criteria and training in counseling for other residents.

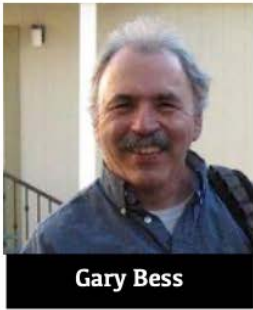
When the Matsumotos left Manzanar, they made a special request to take with them one of the orphans whom they adopted. After leaving Children's Village, Matsumoto raised her children and then worked for the Library on the UC Berkeley campus for 19 years before retiring. She passed away in 2014 at the age of 101.

In the short time that she practiced social work, Matsumoto positively impacted the lives of 105 Californian-Japanese orphans and hundreds more of their fellow captives during a very chaotic and dark time. Her caring, thoughtful, and well-implemented interventions, and her expertise in program development, practice, and education produced positive, tangible results, benefiting thousands of vulnerable people.



Gary Bess

Gary M. Bess has contributed to the social work profession in California for more than 40 years, specializing in macro social work practice. He is an expert in health and human services grant development, program evaluation, advocacy, and service design and implementation for underserved communities. He directed two free medical clinics in California, and since 1991 he has been a consultant to health and human services agencies across the state. Most notably, he has assisted several Native American tribes and urban agencies, homeless services programs, and health care services providers treating low-income, medically uninsured persons. He has contributed to social work education and its management literature on human services administration, childcare, behavioral health care, and social work leadership.



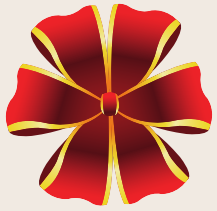
Gary Bess

Bess holds two masters' degrees in social work and applied sociology from Case Western Reserve University and Kent State University respectively, and a doctorate in social work from the University of Southern California (USC). He has taught macro-level social work practice at UCLA, USC, and at two California State Universities (CSUs): Long Beach and Chico. Bess and a team of early program implementors started the distance education MSW programs at CSUs Chico and Humboldt, which later added on-campus programs, educating many local students to address the needs of underserved, rural northern California communities.

Through his consulting firm, Gary Bess Associates (GBA), Bess has provided grant writing, program evaluation and consultation to nonprofit and government agencies. GBA is credited with supporting the development of more than 50 federally qualified health centers in California. He has brought millions of dollars in grants and enhanced Medi-Cal reimbursements to California agencies, as well as improved health care for the patients of the many agencies he has assisted.

Bess's staff, one-third of whom are master's level social workers, specializes in grant writing, program evaluation, community needs assessments and data analytics. They are involved in national cross-site evaluations for federal agencies and provide contracted technical assistance to grantees. GBA's assessments have covered a myriad of service programs.

Some of Bess's work has focused on Native American programs and services such as the Indian Health Services, Agency for Native Americans, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. His work with California Native American clients has included services for the Mechoopda Tribe, Karuk Tribe, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation, San Diego American Indian Health Center, American Indian Health & Services in Santa Barbara, and Susanville Indian Rancheria. He co-authored two articles in *American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research: Journal of the National Center on the life cycle of the evaluation process and on process evaluation among Native American communities.*



E. Jane Middleton

E. Jane Middleton earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Social Work from Temple University, School of Social Administration. While in the Philadelphia area, Middleton worked in several hospitals and health care settings establishing a keen reputation as an effective advocate for institutionalized patients and their families. In Pennsylvania, she joined the State Office of the Special Master for Pennhurst (the state's institution for 'the feeble-minded and epileptic'). Middleton was instrumental in bringing that advocacy case before the U.S. Supreme Court, which ultimately influenced their 1984 decision to de-institutionalize services for people with disabilities and guarantee their right to be integrated into their communities. Middleton's life has impressed many as an embodiment of the core values of social work.

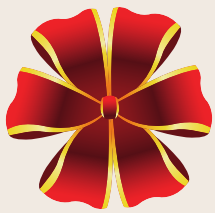


E. Jane Middleton

In 1985, Middleton earned her DSW from the University of Pennsylvania. She then served as a faculty member at Temple University, School of Social Administration from 1980-2000. She became the Chair of the School in April 1993. She served there until 2000 when she relocated to Fresno, California to become Chair of the Department of Social Work Education at Fresno State University. Her recruiter was another Hall of Distinction inductee, former Chair Benjamin Cuellar. At Fresno State, Middleton worked diligently to modify the curriculum, making it more responsive to the needs of people in California's Central Valley. She also helped establish the Central California Social Welfare Evaluation, Research and Training Center (SWERT) which supported faculty research and student internships, among other endeavors, bringing millions of dollars to the campus.

Middleton shared her advocacy vision with many: locally, statewide, and nationally. She served as President of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW)'s California Chapter and as Vice President of the national organization. She was selected to be part of two NASW National Delegate Assemblies, provided leadership to the California Association of Deans and Directors (CADD), and the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC).

Serving on several county boards in the areas of mental health, child welfare, and domestic violence, Middleton identified system strengths and needs, and was never shy about calling for system change that put those with service needs first. Instrumental in restructuring the Fresno County child welfare system, Middleton brought needed attention and resources to the grossly underserved and ignored African American neighborhoods of metro-Fresno.



Janlee Wong

Janlee Wong received his MSW from San Francisco State University and his BA in Asian Studies from Claremont McKenna College. He retired after 25 years as Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), California Chapter. He was NASW's first Asian American Chapter Executive from the mainland, often recognized by his national peers by being selected as their elected representative. Prior to NASW, Wong served in the San Diego County Chief Administrative Office, as the Public Conservator, and as Chief of Adult Protective Services. He was also a healthcare consultant and a budget examiner for the U.S. Office of Management and Budget in Washington, D.C.

During Wong's tenure at NASW-CA, membership grew significantly. He worked on many social justice and anti-racism efforts including expanding diversity, equity, and inclusion in NASW's national and statewide leadership and membership, increasing professional development education focused on practice and policy in communities of color, and promoting progressive legislation that expanded racial and social justice reforms. He oversaw over 25 state conferences, annual Chapter Lobby Days, growth of the Chapter's political action committee, and more than 500 continuing education workshops.



Janlee Wong

Wong has been a fierce advocate for the social work profession for over 25 years. He served on the NASW Presidential Initiative on Diversity, NASW Ethics panels, the Boards of Directors for the Council on Social Work Education and the California Social Work Education Center, the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, and several schools of social work advisory boards. He represented NASW and professional social work on numerous other national, state, and local boards, committees, and commissions, including leading a national redesign of NASW governance and standard-setting. And throughout this busy schedule of meetings and appearances, Wong maintained a commitment to promptly answering nearly every message and inquiry that came to him in person, via phone, email, or postal routes.

Wong's generous passion for social work was unmatched. He contributed to the education of social work students, lectured at hundreds of social work courses and program orientations to uplift the importance of ethics, commitment, and best practices. He served as a field instructor for over 75 social work student interns from a variety of schools, and a mentor and role model to numerous members who sought his guidance. The Chapter, under Wong's leadership, participated in vigorous negotiations to pass legislation to ban conversion therapy for minors, acted in coalitions to successfully lobby voters to pass the Mental Health Services Act, and supported the state effort for Medicaid expansions before and after The Affordable Care Act.

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CONGRATS!

*Bart Grossman
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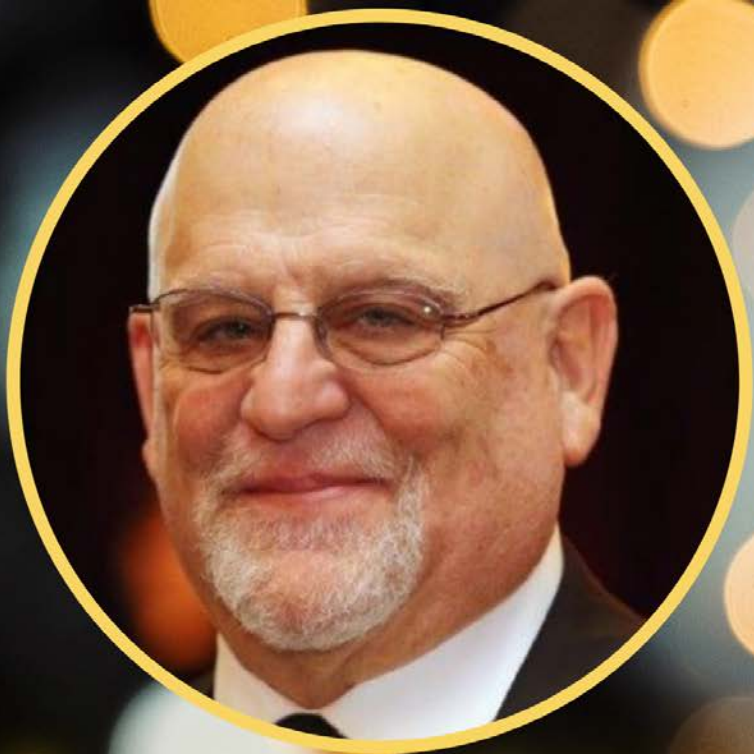
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TO THE LIVES OF
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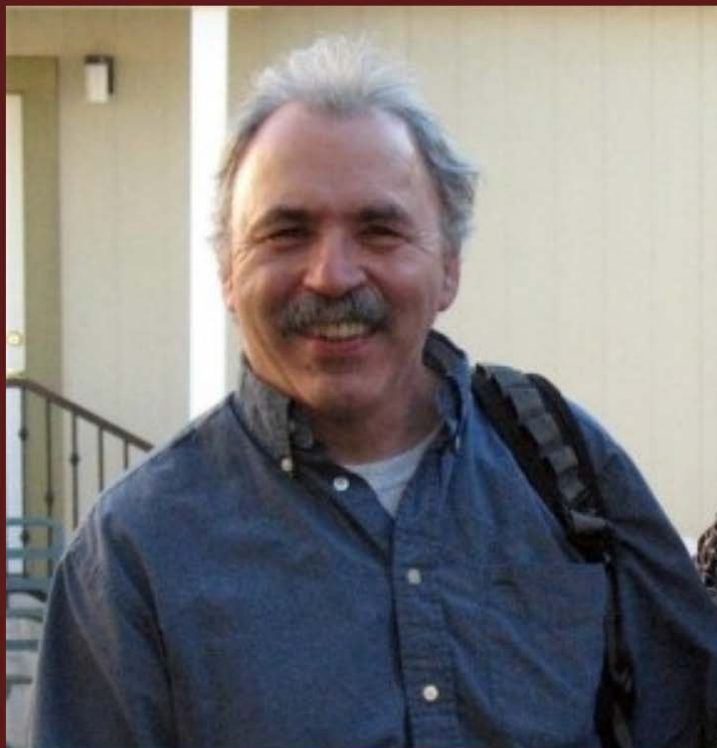
Congratulations Chia-Chia Chien



We are so proud of you and all your
years of service and dedication! You
are an inspiration to your community
and family!

– Your Loving Family





Gary Bess, PhD, MSW, CSWM

The Network for Social Work Management would like to congratulate Dr. Gary Bess, our long-time board member, colleague, and friend on his induction to the California Social Work Hall of Distinction.

Congratulations, Gary! We thank you for your leadership and commitment to our field.

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DR. E. JANE MIDDLETON

Congratulations, Mom!!

You are so very deserving of this recognition. The three of us, your aunt, son-in-law, grandchildren, cousins, and nieces are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You are the salt, pepper, and the glue of our family. Dear mother, you are finally getting the rewards due for your years of sacrifice and involvement in trying to change laws and social policies. You have contributed to and initiated conversations about child abuse, foster care, and mental health, while planting humanity in the hearts and minds of politicians and professionals nationally. We salute you, Doc.

Loving you always and eternally,

Daryl, Whitney, and Kelly





Congratulations

GARY BESS

ON YOUR INDUCTION TO

**THE CALIFORNIA SOCIAL
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HALL OF DISTINCTION

**YOUR COLLEAGUE,
JIM KELLY**



Congratulations

Congratulations to Janlee Wong on this well-deserved honor and recognition of your many achievements.

Your 25 years of leadership in NASW at the chapter and national levels has benefited countless Association members, volunteers, students, and the social work profession as a whole.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to NASW, your profession, and to advocating for social and racial justice. **We are proud of your induction to the California Social Work Hall of Distinction.**

Angelo McClain, PhD, LICSW, CEO;

Mildred "Mit" C. Joyner, DPS, MSW, LCSW, President;

and all the rest of your friends and colleagues throughout the NASW organization.



***Asian Pacific Islander
Social Work Council***
California Chapter of NASW
Congratulates our Council member

***Mr.
Janlee Wong***

On his induction into the California
Social Work
Hall of Distinction

Janlee was instrumental in the founding of the
API Social Work Council and the Council is
forever grateful for his ongoing support and
guidance.

***Congratulations and
Thank You, Janlee!***





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JANLEE WONG

ON YOUR INDUCTION TO

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JIM KELLY**



Congratulations

JANLEE WONG

on your well-deserved
recognition for your impeccable
work and dedication to serve our
most vulnerable people!



MAYOR MARTHA GUERRERO
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*Asian Pacific Islander
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California Chapter of NASW

Congratulates

Ms. Lillian Iida Matsumoto

On her induction into the California
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Congratulations

**Janlee Wong
Virginia Rondero Hernandez
E. Jane Middleton**



**on your induction to the California Social Work
Hall of Distinction**

**It has been an honor and a privilege to have worked
with each of you over the years.**

**This award appropriately reflects your countless
contributions to the field. Your work has touched
every significant aspect of social work, including
policy, practice and education. Present and future
social workers will benefit from your achievements
for decades to come.**

**Your friend and colleague,
Robin Carter
Dean Emeritus, Sacramento State**



Congratulations

**VIRGINIA RONDERO
HERNANDEZ**

ON YOUR INDUCTION TO

**THE CALIFORNIA SOCIAL
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**YOUR COLLEAGUES,
JIM KELLY & ANITA HARBERT**

CONGRATULATIONS
*Virginia Rondero
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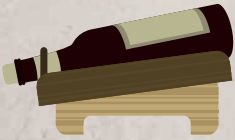
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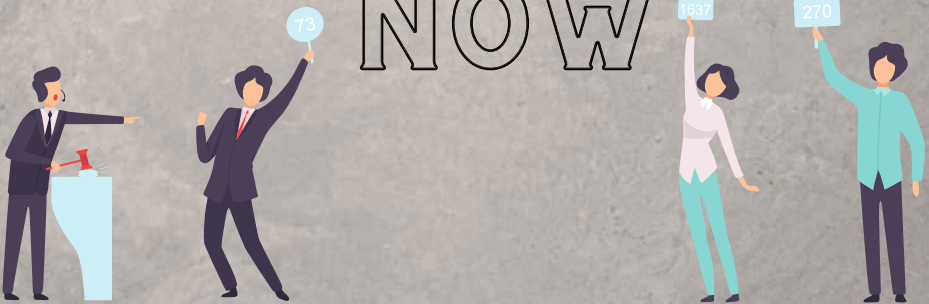


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Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis but must be submitted by February 1 to be considered for the coming year.

The induction class is announced in the spring. Submissions not selected are held over for review in future years.

Go to www.socialworkhallofdistinction.org to learn more and download a nomination form.

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