

## Professional Biography

Dr. Timothy P. Fong is the Inaugural Executive Director (ED) of the California State University Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Student Achievement Program (CSU ASAP). The ED is responsible for all aspects of establishing and leading a central office to administer the CSU ASAP. The Central Office operates on behalf of the CSU Chancellor's Office (CO) to allocate programmatic funding, support program development and training, and build a network across the CSU system in support of AANHPI student success. The office is housed at the Sacramento State campus within the Division of Inclusive Excellence.

Dr. Fong was previously Professor of Ethnic Studies at California State University, Sacramento. Dr. Fong received his doctorate in Ethnic Studies from the University of California at Berkeley. His research specialty areas include comparative race and ethnic relations, contemporary immigration, politics and public policy, community studies, higher education equity and student engagement, and qualitative methodology (ethnography and oral history).

Dr. Fong was the founding Project Director and Principal Investigator for the Full Circle Project (FCP) funded by the U.S. Department of Education. FCP is a comprehensive approach to implement a strategically focused, campus-wide effort to improve retention and graduation rates of underrepresented Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students. FCP aims to assist AAPI students throughout his or her entire college careers, and provide ample opportunities to engage in service both on and off campus to enhance their university experience.

Along with FCP, Dr. Fong was co-Principal Investigator (with Dr. Jana Noel, Dr. Su Jin Jez, and Dr. Jacqueline Brooks) for the Pathways Fellows Program first funded in 2016 by the Institute of Education Sciences. This program successfully supports undergraduate students and recent alumni, nearly all of them underrepresented minorities, to pursue graduate and doctoral studies in educational research. Sacramento State is one of only six universities nationally to receive this funding.

Dr. Fong has helped bring in over \$16 million in grant funds and other resources for the university to enhance research and student support.

In October 2022 Dr. Fong was named one of the [Sacramento Bee's Top 25 AAPI Change Makers](#), and is in Class XVII of the [American Leadership Forum](#) (ALF). ALF is a non-profit organization, national in scope, dedicated to joining and strengthening diverse, influential leaders to better serve the public good. It enhances leadership capacity by building on the strengths of diversity, understanding and leveraging of differences, and by promoting collaborative problem-solving within and among communities. Dr. Fong also serves as a facilitator with the [New Leadership Academy \(NLA\) Fellows Program](#) at the University of Utah. NLA was previously hosted at the University of Michigan.

He is on the [AANAPISI Steering Committee with APIA Scholars](#). He is also a [Faculty Affiliate](#) and [ELEVATE presenter](#) with Center for Minority Serving Institutions at Rutgers University. In addition, Dr. Fong was a Steering Committee member of the California State

University Asian American & Pacific Islander Initiative. The steering committee advised the Chancellor's Office on Asian American & Pacific Islander issues, provides direction to the CSU AAPI Initiative's programs on campus, and develops long-term strategies designed to increase the number of students who attend and succeed in college.

Dr. Fong has written and edited several books and has presented at numerous professional conferences across the nation and internationally. He was also the editor of the [Critical Perspectives on Asian Pacific Americans Series](#) published by AltaMira Press (a division of Roman & Littlefield). The Series presented books that are theoretically engaging, comparative, and multidisciplinary. Special emphasis is placed on works that reflect contemporary concerns critically important to understanding and empowering Asian Pacific Americans.

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