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

**RESOURCES SHARED IN THE CHAT**

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.

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