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### “CARCERAL STATES” (42:1; Spring 2016)

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#### PRIMARY CONCEPTS

Carceral State

Colonization

Cultural Labor

Japanese American internment/incarceration

Dispossession and relocation

Interethnic coalition building

Racialization

Settler Colonialism

Settler State

Sovereignty

#### ISSUE SUMMARY

This volume explores the related experiences of Indigenous and Asian immigrant communities in the U.S. and Canada of settler colonialism and the carceral state. It promotes relational ethnic studies that explores how different groups’ relationships to the state and to each other are structured by settler colonial and carceral logics.

#### ESSENTIAL READING

Introductory Essay by Karen J. Leong and Myla Vicenti Carpio.

#### KEY QUESTIONS FOR ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

- a. How does critical and relational analyses of colonization and settler colonialism foster dialogues about the ways in which the settler colonial and carceral state seeks to promote differences between groups? How might these dialogues contribute to greater awareness and collaboration in resisting the logics of the state?  
**See Juliana Hu Pegues, R. Vincent Moniz Jr., and Tou SaiKo Lee, Wendy Yamashita, and Cynthia Wu.**
- b. How has the dominant understanding of the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans in the United States obscured the longer history of the removal, dispossession and genocide of American Indians? How does the work of Horiuchi, Leong and Vicenti Carpio, and Phu provide different perspectives about the ways in which American Indians and Japanese Americans both experienced carceral logics, and how were Japanese Americans mobilized by the state to justify ongoing settler colonialism?
- c. The authors in this volume use different media and research to engage with the different carceral and colonial logics. How are these different approaches useful to better understand the complexity of the ways diverse histories and carceral logics intersect and result in shared experiences?

#### RELATED CENTER PUBLICATIONS

- *Amerasia* special issues on *Civil Rights and Law Parts 1 & 2 (2:2 and 3:1); Japanese Americans in the 1930s and 1940s (13:2); Japanese American Internment: Fiftieth Anniversary Commemorative Issue (19:1); Whose Vision? Asian American Settler Colonialism in Hawai’i (26:2); Asians in the Americas (28:2); Pacific Canada: Beyond the 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel (33:2); Transoceanic Flow: Pacific Islander Interventions Across the American Empire (37:3); Indigenous Asias (41:1).*
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