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Subject: EM: 3/30 Speaker Event: Crafting Narratives - Transnational/Transracial Asian Adoptees

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Hi all!

TLDR:

WHO: [CAPAS](#) (Center for Asian Pacific American Students) and Dr. Beth Kopacz

WHAT: Screening of *Who is Park Joo Young?* (film on transnational/transracial Korean adoptee's search for her birth mother) followed by Q&A and talk

WHEN: Thursday, March 30, 6 - 7 p.m.

WHERE: Broad Center Performance Space (First floor of Broad Center, Pitzer)

WHY: To establish multiple, divergent, and complex narratives of transnational/transracial Asian adoption

RSVP: bit.ly/bethkopacz

Refreshments provided. Open to all 5C community members. FMI: capas@pitzer.edu

Join [CAPAS](#) (Center for Asian Pacific American Students) on **Thursday, March 30, 6-7 p.m. at Broad Center Performance Space** (first floor of Broad Center, Pitzer) for a screening of *Who is Park Joo Young?* — a short film on a transnational/transracial Korean adoptee's search for her birth mother, followed by Q&A and talk with Dr. Beth Kopacz. Come learn about the *multiple, divergent, and complex narratives of transnational/transracial Asian adoption* — We'll discuss the erasure, conflation, & de-prioritization of these narratives and explore various methods and means by which TN/TR Asian adoptees create meanings & personal stories. Some questions we'll explore through this event include:

- How do we envision creating spaces for TN/TR Asian adoptees not just in broader public histories in the U.S., but also in Asian American Studies and Asian American communities?
- Why do many TN/TR Asian adoptees on campus still not see themselves represented in academic and affinity spaces?
- How/why do TN/TR Asian adoptees opt to use DNA technologies in the first place?

This event is **open to all 5C community members**, including non-APIDA (Asian Pacific Islander Desi American) identifying students/faculty/staff! Come learn about an often overlooked issue and support our transnational/transracial Asian adoptee community on campus!

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Refreshments provided; feel free to bring your own dinner & eat during the event! Contact us at capas@pitzer.edu or [@pitzercapas](#) on Instagram with any questions/concerns.

Speaker Bio: Dr. Elizabeth Kopacz is an interdisciplinary scholar with research interests in U.S.

empire, Korean transnational adoption, race, kinship, feminist epistemologies, and histories of science and technology. She is currently a UC Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Anthropology at UC Irvine. She received her Ph.D. in Ethnic Studies from UC Riverside in 2022 and her M.A. in Asian American Studies from UCLA in 2014. In addition to her scholarship, Elizabeth is committed to making academic knowledge accessible to larger audiences through public humanities work. At UCLA, she directed a short film, *Who is Park Joo Young?*, that examined Korean adoption, kinship, and DNA. Most recently, she worked as a Documentary Research Assistant for the five-part *Asian American* series aired on PBS in May 2020.



[Image Description: A cream-colored letter-size flyer. The title on top reads, "Center for Asian Pacific American Students (CAPAS) Presents: Crafting Narratives - TN/TR Asian Adoptees." Below that, on the left is a blue block with the text "Thursday, March 30, 2023, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.," followed by a peach color block with the text "Broad Center Performance Space." In the middle is a photo of Dr. Beth Kopacz, an East Asian woman with shoulder-length wavy hair wearing large black square glasses. The text reads, "Guest Speaker: Dr. Beth Kopacz." To the right is the text "RSVP: bit.ly/bethkopacz" in a blue block followed by a QR code, and text "Scan for event packet" in a peach color block followed by another QR code. Black text below the blocks and the photo reads, "Join us for a screening of *Who is Park Joo Young?* — a short film on a transnational & transracial Korean adoptee's search for her birth mother, followed by Q&A and talk with Dr. Beth Kopacz. Come learn about the divergent & complex narratives of transnational & transracial Asian adoption — We'll discuss the de-prioritization of these narratives and explore various methods by which TN/TR Asian American adoptees create meanings & personal stories." **REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED** FMI: CAPAS@PITZER.EDU

various methods by which TN/TR Asian American adoptees create meanings & personal stories." In the bottom right corner of the flyer, the small orange text reads, "Refreshments Provided** FMI: capas@pitzer.edu." In the top left corner of the flyer is an illustration of a DNA strand, and in the top right corner are 4 logos of CAPAS, AARC, IDAAS, & AdBoard.]