SYLLABUS: ASIAN AMERICANS AND THE LAW

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READING CLUSTER 1: IDENTITY: THEORY AND NARRATIVES

A. Theory


B. Episodes


**Reading Cluster 2: Immigration, Exclusion, and Repeal**

A. Introduction: Early Experience and Narratives


B. Exclusion


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C. Repeal of Exclusion


READING CLUSTER 3: CITIZENSHIP

A. Citizenship and Naturalization


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**B. Birthright Citizenship**


**READING CLUSTER 4: LIVELIHOOD**

**A. Race, Class, and Labor**


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**B. Alien Land Laws**

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### C. Gender and Work


### Reading Cluster 5: Internment and Redress


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A. The Philippines


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C. Other


READING CLUSTER 7: RACIAL-SEXUAL POLICING

A. Asian American Femininity


B. Asian American Masculinity


C. Antimiscegenation Laws


READING CLUSTER 8: INTERGROUP RELATIONS

A. Early Episodes


B. The Los Angeles Unrest

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C. Coalitions and Faultlines


**READING CLUSTER 9: EDUCATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

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**READING CLUSTER 10: CONVERSATIONS**

**A. Culture Clash**


**B. Is there an Asian America?**


