

Textbook on Asian Americans

LOS ANGELES — Representing more than 15 million Asian Americans in the United States, *Untold Civil Rights Stories* is the first book created for high school and freshmen college students to learn and discuss the social struggles Asian Americans have faced both before and after Sept. 11, 2001.

The book is co-edited by UCLA Asian American Studies adjunct professor Russell C. Leong, and Asian Pacific American Legal Center President & Executive Director Stewart Kwoh.

According to editors Leong and Kwoh, Asian Americans are part of the untold story of America's continuing civil rights, labor and human rights struggles. For decades, Asian Americans, together with African Americans and others, have fought discriminatory laws around segregation, citizenship and marriage; have helped organize farm workers with Cesar Chavez; and spoken out for the rights of American veterans and other groups.

“Their stories are powerful and we have gathered them here in one book. We created 'Civil Rights Stories' for all Americans because this is part of America's untold story.”

Ten fully illustrated chapters of *Untold Civil Rights Stories* each come with an extensive lesson plan and historical timeline, together with rare newspaper and personal photos.

Long-time multicultural curriculum consultant for Los Angeles Unified Schools Esther R. Taira provided lesson plans and a timeline for the book.