



SPOKEN WORD || SOCIAL JUSTICE

FONG TRAN IS A SACRAMENTO-BASED POET, SPEAKER AND TEACHER. FONG BEGAN WRITING POETRY THROUGH THE JUNE JORDAN'S "POETRY OF THE PEOPLE" CLASS IN THE UC BERKELEY AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT. A PASSIONATE EDUCATOR & FACILITATOR, FONG HOLDS HIS MASTERS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FROM UC DAVIS, AND HIS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN SOCIAL WELFARE MAJOR, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC POLICY FROM UC BERKELEY. INFLUENCED BY HIS ACTIVISM, FONG'S WRITING AIDS IN AMPLIFYING FREQUENTLY SILENCED VOICES AND IS DEEPLY ENTRENCHED IN THE VALUES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INTERSECTIONS OF COMMUNITY STRUGGLE. FONG HAS BEEN A FEATURED POET AT EVENTS SUCH AS THE MAHOGANY OPEN MIC SERIES, LUNA POETRY SERIES, AND THE DVAN NATIONAL POETRY FESTIVAL. HE'S HAD THE HONOR OF SHARING STAGES WITH MANY INCREDIBLE ARTISTS SUCH AS HBO DEF JAM POET BAO PHI, ANDREW LAM, SAHRA NGUYEN, G YAMAZAWA AND ACTOR/ACTIVIST GEORGE TAKEI. AN ENTHUSIASTIC ORATOR, FONG HAS SERVED AS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR TEDX, UC IRVINE'S 1STSOUTHEAST ASIAN GRADUATION, GABY GRANT FOUNDATION CONVENING, CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF CULTURAL CENTERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION (CACCCHE) AND NASPA - STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATORS IN HIGHER EDUCATION. HAVING PERFORMED AT VENUES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES & IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES, FONG DREAMS OF BRINGING HIS ART TO ANY COMMUNITY THAT WILL HAVE HIM.



Dear Young Men of Color



PERFORMANCE & ORATION

SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCES

- SAN JOSE MUSEUM OF ART | 2017
- APARTURE PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE SAN FRANCISCO | 2015
- CACCHE OPENING CEREMONY | 2015
- BLACK FAMILY WEEK SOUL SPEAKS PERFORMANCE | 2013 - 2015
- FRED KOREMATSU COMMEMORATION CO-FEATURED WITH GEORGE TAKEI | 2015
- BOYS AND MEN OF COLOR RESOURCE FAIR SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE | 2014
- 35TH ANNUAL WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PERFORMANCE | 2014
- C.K. MCCLATCHY ASIAN ASSEMBLY | 2014
- FEATURED ARTIST, RESTORATIVE SCHOOLS VISION PROJECT (RSVP) HOT BUTTONS | 2014
- STAND UP, SPEAK OUT HATE CRIME RALLY | 2013
- MECHA DE UC DAVIS YOUTH CONFERENCE | 2012
- VIETNAMESE POETRY FESTIVAL | 2012
- JUSTICE BRILLIANCE POETRY NIGHT FEAT. MARK GONZALES AND REMI KANAZI | 2012
- APA HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY | 2011
- 6TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL VIETNAMESE YOUTH CONFERENCE, MANILA | 2011

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- SURVEYMONKEY/TECHVALIDATE "POETIC REALIZATIONS: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE OFFICE" | 2016
- NASPA SA SPEAKERS, SPEAKER | 2015
- DECA YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS AND LEADERS CONFERENCE, JUDGE | 2015
- LGBTIQ "NO TIME TO WAIT" CONFERENCE BY SACRAMENTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SPEAKER | 2015



KEYNOTES & PANELS

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- TEDXUC DAVIS, "A LOVE LETTER TO THOSE SAVING THE WORLD" | 2016
- CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ASSOCIATION (CCCEOPSA) CONFERENCE | 2017
- APAHE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION | 2016 & 2017
- UC DAVIS, NOR CAL UVSA CONFERENCE | 2015
- UC BERKELEY, STUDENTS OF COLOR CONFERENCE | 2015
- SLOW FOOD CONFERENCE BY SAC FOOD BANK | 2015
- UC DAVIS, "KEY TO COLLEGE" CONFERENCE BY CIRCLE K | 2012-2014
- UC DAVIS, TRANSFER COLLECTIVE | 2013-2015
- UC DAVIS, SOUTHEAST ASIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE | 2013
- UC IRVINE, SOUTHEAST ASIAN GRADUATION | 2013
- UC SAN DIEGO, ASIAN PACIFIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION (APSA) HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE | 2012
- GABBY GRANT FOUNDATION YOUTH CONVENING, "THE CHANGE GENERATION IN ACTION" | 2012

PANELIST

- "ADVOCACY FOR VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN API COMMUNITY" | 2015
- "SEA WRITERS PANEL", COMMEMORATING 40 YEARS OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN DIASPORAS | 2015
- "EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH", STATE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE HEARING: STATE OF MEN OF COLOR | 2012
- UNITED VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (UVSA) 20TH BLACK APRIL COMMEMORATION | 2011
- "CREATIVE WRITING ARTIST PANEL", COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE | 2011






WORKSHOPS

FONG'S EXPERIENTIAL & DISCUSSION BASED WORKSHOPS BRAVELY EXPLORE PROBLEMATIC ELEMENTS PREVALENT IN DAILY LIFE, WHILE EQUIPPING PARTICIPANTS WITH SKILLS & TOOLS TO UNEARTH THEIR OWN HEALING, ALLOWING THEM TO CREATE THE CHANGE THEY WISH TO SEE IN THEMSELVES & IN THE WORLD.

BECAUSE CHANGE IS A COLLECTIVE EFFORT, INDEPENDENT OF CONTEXT, THESE WORKSHOPS CAN BE CUSTOMIZED FOR ANY AUDIENCE, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, CORPORATE PROFESSIONALS, OR EDUCATORS.

TOPICS

- DECONSTRUCTING TOXIC MASCULINITY AND BECOMING STRONGER ALLIES: A CRITICAL REFLECTION**
- CREATING A GLOBALLY INCLUSIVE OFFICE CULTURE: FUNDAMENTALS IN SOCIAL JUSTICE, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**
- "RECLAIM STORIES/ RECLAIM SELF" FINDING THE MEANING IN YOUR WRITING.**
- "ACTIVISM IS NOT A SPRINT, IT IS A LIFETIME MARATHON" PRACTICING SELF-CARE TO STAY IN THE MOVEMENT**
- THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL, THE POLITICAL IS PERSONAL**

A photograph of two men standing in an art gallery. The man on the left is Black with short dreadlocks, wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. The man on the right is Asian with short black hair and glasses, wearing a black t-shirt and khaki pants. They are both gesturing with their hands as if speaking. The background features several framed abstract artworks on a dark wall.

Dubois
Angelou
Rustin
Lorde
Anzaldúa
Baldwin.

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neutral in
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- Desmond T.

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**FONG TRAN
FT. CHAZ ASHLEY**

ACCOLADES & AWARDS

PRESS

- *SACRAMENTO BEE* FEATURED ARTICLE, "MENTOR-POET MUSES AND AMUSES THROUGH VERSE" | 2012
- *UC DAVIS MAGAZINE* , "VOICE OF CHANGE GENERATION" | 2016
- *ANGRY ASIAN MAN*, "DON'T BE AN ACTIVIST" | 2015
- *KOLLABORATION*, "REPRESENTING THE MOVEMENT: FONG TRAN ON THE POWER OF PRESENCE AND PASSION" | 2015
- *FUSION*, "DEAR YOUNG MEN OF COLOR," BY FONG TRAN | 2015
- *ADBUSTERS & THE ABSOLUTE MAG*, "HISTORY TEXTBOOKS" | 2015
- *I AM VIETNAMESE, THE ANTHOLOGY* | 2014
- *UPWORTHY*, "THE WORLD SEES THEM AS A LIST OF STATISTICS" | 2014

AWARDS

- UC DAVIS AFRICAN AMERICAN FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION, SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD | 2016
- SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO COMMUNITY, CONGRESSMAN MIKE HONDA | 2010
- MENTOR AWARD, SOUTH SACRAMENTO COALITION FOR FUTURE LEADERS | 2010
- SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT "OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE" AWARD | 2009



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OUR STRUGGLE IS
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