



# Reflections on the Historical Study of Asians in the United States

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Early traces of Asian American and Pacific Islander experiences have deep connections to water and land, from the traversing of great distances to inhabit islands in the Pacific Ocean to imperial routes that would reach to the Americas and the Caribbean over the course of at least five centuries. Glimpses into these experiences are offered within a larger conversation about the development and future trajectories of the study of Asian American history. This academic field emerged from social movements of the 1960s and 1970s that through struggle and protest eventually gave rise to ethnic studies and Asian American studies programs based in universities and colleges - a period and a process now approaching fifty years.

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