

## CALL FOR ARTICLES FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE

### 50th Anniversary of the Model Minority Stereotype

This special issue of *Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement* seeks to commemorate the **50th Anniversary of the Model Minority Stereotype**. An important element of any commemoration is historicization. Asians were reviled as yellow perils and then became revered as model minorities in the United States. William Petersen is credited as being the father of the model minority stereotype with the publication of his 1966 *New York Times Magazine* story “Success Story, Japanese-American Style.” But, as Hamamoto (1994) says in his book *Monitored Peril: Asian Americans and the Politics of TV Representation*, “Shortly after the publication of *The Negro Family*, professor William Petersen was asked by the editor of the *New York Times Magazine* to write an article on a distinct racial group that also had suffered past discrimination yet did not seem to be troubled by a breakdown in family life. The group happened to be Japanese Americans. Petersen himself admitted that he had little personal and absolutely no professional experience that qualified him to expound upon the subject matter, but he undertook the assignment nonetheless” (p. 64). Consequently, historicizing the model minority stereotype is a process that not only challenges ahistoricism and the mythologizing that results from appropriation and rhetoric, but it also allows scholars to philosophize future possibilities. What would society look like in a post-model minority stereotype future? Instead of debunking the model minority stereotype, how might the Southeast Asian community assert its own self-imposed identity?

Email the guest editor if you have an idea that you think could benefit this special issue. This *JSAAEA* special issue focuses on Southeast Asian Americans. It intends to contribute new discourses on the model minority stereotype by imagining a post-model minority stereotype moment. The issue also looks back on the 50 years of anti-model minority stereotype in order to look forward with new insights, ideas, and fresh ideographs for the diverse Southeast Asian community.

#### Project Timeline

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