

Lifting Up Asian American and Pacific Islander Staff Voices



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"I'm a proud descendant of the Bao/Bau and Fang lineage from the Shanghai area of China; we have 8 generations of my dad's family history written down. My father emigrated to Japan in his 20s to work there for 10 years after the war with Japan. My mother had to escape China to Hong Kong at the age of 20, because she had become a Catholic and her life was in danger when the Communist Party took power—she landed in England as a refugee and studied there. My parents were introduced by my aunt in Japan, married there, then moved on to Hong Kong.

"I was born in Hong Kong but immigrated to San Francisco, in the early 60s, after completing 2nd grade. Our journey here on the ship, the USS President Cleveland, took a month—we loved lining up in the evenings for the jook/xifan snack. Our family was very fortunate because my mom was able to continue being a teacher, and my dad an accountant with Mitsubishi (these were their same jobs in Hong Kong). But due to China closing its doors, we weren't able to meet or visit our extended family in China until the 1980s, so I've never met 3 of my grandparents."

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