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## Western Region| Campus Compact Names Cal State Fullerton Professor as Regional Award Recipient

Denver, CO— Western Region| Campus Compact announces Dr. Jennifer A. Yee, Associate Professor of Asian American Studies at California State University, Fullerton, as the 2017 Community Engaged Scholar Award recipient. The Community Engaged Scholar Award recognizes one faculty member from a member campus in the Western Region who has demonstrated deeply engaged, high-quality academic work, community collaboration for change, and institutional impact.

Dr. Yee's scholarly and professional interests include transformative pedagogy and leadership development, organizational change, authenticity in mission-driven work, mentoring, activism, and social justice. In her nomination, Dean of College of Humanities and Social Sciences Sheryl Fontaine states "Both on- and off-campus, Dr. Yee aims to engage meaningfully with students, colleagues, and community partners and scholarship. . . .[Her] professional mission involves contributing her expertise in higher education & organizational change to foster collaboration for meaningful, sustained institutional collaboration."

The youngest of seven children of Chinese immigrants, Dr. Yee grew up in Compton, California, a predominantly African American community. She enjoys facilitating complex dialogues on diversity, building community, and supporting organizations as they establish their mission and vision. Her 25 plus years in higher education include working in both student affairs and academic affairs administration at California State University, Long Beach, Stanford University, New York University, and Mount St. Mary's College prior to teaching at UCLA and Cal State Fullerton.

"Dr. Yee's knowledge, skills, and achievements in the area of civic engagement, service learning, and higher education pedagogy, combined with her dedication to authentic community partnerships and high quality student learning are what make her so deserving of this award," states Dr. Elaine K. Ikeda, Executive Director, California Campus Compact.

The Award will be conferred at an award ceremony at the 2017 Western Region| Campus Compact Continuums of Service Conference in Denver, CO on April 7<sup>th</sup> in Turnehalle of the Tivoli Student Union on the Auraria Campus hosted by Metropolitan State University of Denver.

### **About Western Region| Campus Compact**

Campus Compact advances the public purposes of colleges and universities by deepening their ability to improve community life and to educate students for civic and social responsibility. We challenge all of higher education to make civic and community engagement an institutional priority.

Western Region| Campus Compact is a regional consortium of Campus Compact affiliates in California, Hawaii, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and the Mountain West (Colorado/Wyoming). Campus Compact member institutions from across the region (Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) were encouraged to nominate their institution, campus-community partnerships, or exemplary individuals for the inaugural offering of the Western Region| Campus Compact Awards in 2017.