

**Speaker Bio:**

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Dr. Gonzalves is the Interim Director of the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center (APAC), a museum without walls that brings Asian American and Pacific Islander history, art, and culture to communities through innovative museum experiences online and throughout the United States. Dr. Gonzalves is a scholar and educator with 30 years of experience as a university professor in the field of cultural history. He has taught in the United States (California, Hawai'i, Maryland, and the District of Columbia), Spain, and the Philippines. Dr. Gonzalves' work has received generous support as a Fulbright U.S. Scholar and in the form of several senior fellowships at the Smithsonian, the Library of Congress, and the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. Dr. Gonzalves frequently lectures on the topics of history, culture, and the performing arts. He is the author of several publications including six books on the topic of Asian American culture. Dr. Gonzalves' latest work will be titled *APA101*, a compendium of objects from the Smithsonian's vast collections that tell unique stories about Asian American and Pacific Islander history, art, and culture. He served as the 21st president of the Association for Asian American Studies. The son of immigrants from the Philippines, Dr. Gonzalves was born in Fort Ord, California.

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