ETHN 119: Filipino Americans
Dr. Sobredo: Terms/concepts
Exam 2: SCANTRON #4521

Labor Migration to the United States
Filipinos came to American when it was at the height of racism
Filipinos as "savages" and "Injuns" and "niggers", social darwinism, eugenics

Filipino families, "war brides," Rufina Clemente Jenkins, Corporal Frank Jenkins, Buffalo Soldier, multilingual family

Model minorities: pensionados/pensionadas, 200 scholars and 8 women, 1903 Pensionado Act, fountain pen boys, best and the brightest, women as healthcare professionals (nurses), men in technical/scientific fields, top universities

Hawaii Sugar Plantations: Albert J. Judd, Ilocos region, Visayan region, sakadas Post-World War II labor shortage, more recruits arrive (Ilocos and Visayas)
Two routes: Hawaii (65%) and Seattle (35%), Stockton farms, Alaska canneries,

Carlos Bulosan's America is in the Heart
Bayambang, Pangasinan, Seattle to Stockton to LA to Alaska migration, "crime to be a Filipino in America," Union/leftist organizer

Perfecto delos Santos, Aklan Province, arrived in Seattle 1929, SS Madison Grant, migrated with Uncle Benny, "split-family" household (Evelyn Nakano Glenn), worked in agricultural fields (80%), Stockton/Salinas/Monterey, Filipinos as "Nationals," Seattle: King Street, LA: Bunker/Temple, SF: Kearney Street, Stockton: El Dorado Street, Alaska canneries, Thelma Garcia Buchholdt (Alaska Legislature)


Filipino Exclusion Law
Social Darwinism was at its height in America, Great Depression 1929
SOCIAL CONTEXT: social Darwinism, eugenics, nativism, racism, Exeter "race riot" 1929, Watsonville "race riot" 1930, Fermin Tobera shot/killed, Judge Rohrbach
ECONOMIC CONTEXT: Great Depression, Philippines as an economic threat, sugar, copra, protectionism. Filipinos blamed for the economic crisis
Filipinos in World War II
US Commonwealth, US Armed Forces in the Far East, "little Brown Brothers,
Corregidor & Bataan, Patricial Todtod & letter writing campaign, changed Selective
Service Act to allow Filipinos to join military

1st and 2nd Filipino Infantry Regiments
Camp San Luis Obispo: Lt. Col. Robert Offley, Filipinos were granted US citizenship
1st Infantry: Camp Beale, 2nd Infantry: Camp Cooke
Older manongs from Mainland vs. younger recruits from Hawaii
St. Leon Giron: Bayambang, Pangasinan, arrived as 15 years old in US, practices
Filipino martial arts, joined US Army, reconnaissance, dropped by submarine in the
Philippines, fought as a commando in WW2

Filipino Labor Activism (Alex Fabros article)
Larry Itliong, Dolores Huerta, Cesar Chavez, Andy Imutan
1933 Filipino Labor Union, 1938 Filipino Ag. Laborers Association (FALA)
AWOC (Larry Itliong), Philip Vera Cruz, Pete Velasco
Context of 1965 Grape Strike: 1964 Civil Rights movement, 1965 Immigration
Reform Act, 1965 Voting Rights Act, harsh working conditions, Edna Bonacich's
"split-labor market", Filipinos started the Delano Grape Strike, Huerta convinced
Chavez to join the strike