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*2015 Haywood Burns Memorial Award Ceremony
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Honoring
Glenn D. Magpantay
Former Democracy Program Director, Asian American
Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)

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For over sixteen years**, Glenn D. Magpantay** has defended and prompted the voting rights of Asian Americans at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. As AALDEF's Democracy Program Director, he has pressed for inclusive access to the vote through bilingual ballots and greater political representation and recognition of one of the nation's fastest growing minority groups.

He oversaw AALDEF's Asian American Election Protection efforts in fifteen states. He has coordinated the nation's largest multilingual exit polls of Asian Americans. Every year he has worked with several law firms to encourage hundreds of attorneys to help monitor poll sites to guard against anti-Asian voter disenfranchisement.

He is a recognized authority on the federal Voting Rights Act and Asian American political participation, including language access, election reform, redistricting, minority voter discrimination, multi-lingual exit polling, and the census.

Magpantay has published numerous scholarly articles, authored a number of reports, and has given commentary to numerous media outlets, including The New York Times, USA Today, Boston Globe, CNN, and National Public Radio.

He teaches Race & the Law and the Individual Rights and Representation clinical seminar at Brooklyn Law School. He now serves as a Director of the National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA).

He is an active member of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) where he served on its Board of Directors and has led its Pro Bono and new LGBT Committees.

Magpantay attended the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook and graduated cum laude from New England School of Law in Boston, after being admitted as an affirmative action beneficiary.