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# Chinese American Interracial Marriage in Massachusetts During the Exclusion Era, 1885-1930



Presented by Laura Ng,  
CHSSC board member and historical archaeologist

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

*Castelar Elementary School*  
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Free parking - enter via College Street

Refreshments will be served

This event is free and open to the public

Laura Ng is a native of Los Angeles and received her MA in Historical Archaeology from the University of Massachusetts Boston. Her research interest is in Asian American historical archaeology, with a focus on Chinese American history and the World War II Japanese American incarceration experience.

Chinese American communities during the exclusion era have typically been portrayed as “bachelor societies” with most men either unable to bring their wives to the U.S. due to exclusion laws or unable to find Chinese American wives due to the low numbers of Chinese women in the U.S. In addition, many states in the West banned marriage between Asians and Whites. Thus the “bachelor society” narrative seems to have developed based upon the Chinese American experience in the West. However, in the Northeast there were no laws prohibiting marriage between Asians and Whites and a more complex, heterogeneous portrayal of historical Chinese American communities is emerging.

Using marriage licenses, U.S. censuses, and newspaper accounts, this presentation examines the extent of Chinese American interracial marriage in Massachusetts. Preliminary indications are that there was a high rate of interracial marriage between Chinese American men and White women from 1885–1910. This presentation also includes a discussion of newspaper stories, which reveal the general public's perception of these interracial marriages.

Map of Boston's Chinatown from 1895



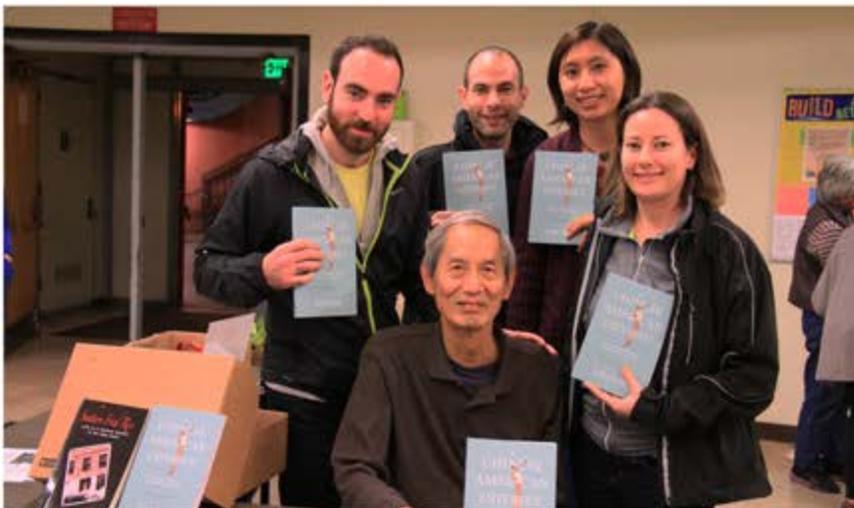
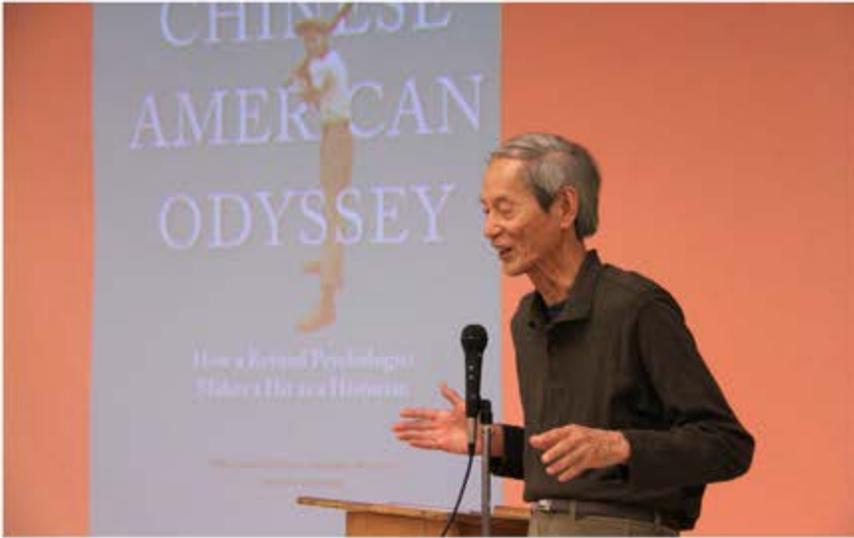


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## A Chinese American Odyssey

John Jung kicked off the new year with a fascinating talk about his journey to becoming an author after retiring as a professor of psychology. This journey is chronicled in his new book *A Chinese American Odyssey*. Professor Jung charismatically took us through several events in his life that served as turning points for him to become an author. He dedicated the presentation to his wife Phyllis. We are very grateful that he was able to come out and share his insights and personally sign copies of his book.

Order your copy today at: [www.amazon.com/John-Jung/e/B001IXO5CW](http://www.amazon.com/John-Jung/e/B001IXO5CW).



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The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California was organized in November 1975. The purposes of the Society are: 1) to bring together people with a mutual interest in the important history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in southern California; 2) to pursue, preserve and communicate knowledge of this history; and 3) to promote the heritage of the Chinese and Chinese American community in support of a better appreciation of the rich, multicultural society of the United States.



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Dear friends of CHSSC,

The start of this year was nothing short of exciting, and if you have not renewed your CHSSC membership yet, this is your chance!

As some of you may know, this year marks our 40th anniversary, and your continual support is much appreciated. As in past years, CHSSC has four different membership levels: Student/Senior (\$32/year); Silver (\$57/year); 100 x 100 Club (\$100/year); and Diamond (\$300/year). New for our 40th anniversary year is the ability to join CHSSC directly from our website! Instead of sending a check in the mail, you can renew your membership directly through our website via PayPal. Visit <http://chssc.org/Join/Membership> to renew today.

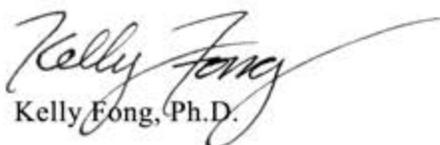
With a 2015 membership renewal, you will receive our monthly newsletter News 'N Notes as well as our yearly *Gum Saan Journal*. The 2015 issue of *Gum Saan Journal* explores the San Gabriel Valley Chinese American community. This is definitely an issue you do not want to miss! Please note that lifetime CHSSC members and members who would like an additional copy of *Gum Saan Journal* can purchase the 2015 edition for \$12. Copies of *Gum Saan Journal* will be available beginning at our December meeting and potluck.

Your membership also entitles you to a discount on books and goods at our store. Your membership discount would be a perfect opportunity to purchase our new and upcoming publications including Victoria Moy's new book on Chinese American veterans, *Fighting for the Dream*, or Dr. Annie Siu's upcoming autobiography, *Roads Into and Out of Chinatown*.

Your support this past year has allowed CHSSC to host our monthly meetings with speakers from across the United States as well as countless public programs at local libraries, community centers, and museums throughout Southern California. These events are organized by CHSSC volunteers and are free to the public. CHSSC staff and volunteers also have continued giving walking tours and collecting oral histories to continue to educate and preserve Chinese American history. With your support, we have made CHSSC one of the most active Chinese American historical societies in the United States.

We plan to continue organizing exciting events in 2015, but we cannot do this your continued support. Please help us make our 40th anniversary year a memorable one! Your membership fees and donations are essential to keeping our programs and events running, our publications printed and mailed, our facilities maintained, and our offices staffed. We also have ongoing projects in our archives, including digitizing and organizing our archives, and working with independent authors to publish their research on Chinese American communities. With your support, we will be able to continue projects and preserve and promote Chinese American history. Therefore, as we reach the last days of 2014, I encourage you to renew your membership and invite you to consider making a year-end donation to support CHSSC.

Sincerely,



Kelly Fong, Ph.D.

**Please Renew  
Your Membership Now!**

Renew online! [www.chssc.org/join/membership.aspx](http://www.chssc.org/join/membership.aspx)



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## Membership

### Silver

Monthly newsletter.  
Free *Gum Saan Journal*.  
Discount on field trips to historical sites.  
Discount on publications and products.  
Admission to Heritage Center during  
non-public hours (call in advance)

### 100 x 100 Club

All benefits of Silver membership.  
Invitation for 2 to special events.

### Diamond

All benefits of 100 x 100 Club membership.  
2 complimentary tickets to Annual Gala Dinner.

### Student/Senior (60+)

All benefits of Silver membership.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Silver	\$ 57.
<input type="checkbox"/> 100 x 100 Club	\$ 100.
<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond	\$ 300.
<input type="checkbox"/> Student or Senior (60+)	\$ 32.
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# 116th Golden Dragon Parade

Saturday, February 21, 2015 - 12:00 noon

Participants must wear a red top and black bottoms.  
Meet at Hill St. & Ord St. in front of the Chinatown Library



Join us in the Lunar New Year Festivities with the CHSSC! Take part in the 116th Golden Dragon Parade by marching with the CHSSC flag unit, or relax with fellow friends and members at the CHSSC headquarters on Bernard St. Every year, thousands of individuals line the parade route with many more watching the telecast. With over 100 years of tradition in Southern California, the Golden Dragon Parade has become the premiere cultural event for celebrating the Lunar New Year in the greater Los Angeles area.

The day of the Lunar New Year is the most celebrated holiday of the year for nearly 1.5 million persons of Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese descent in Southern California. It is celebrated with colorful festivals, parades, and most importantly, large family gatherings. It is also a time when ancestors are fondly remembered and families give thanks for their blessings. As always, the CHSSC wishes to do everything we can to keep these traditions alive, so that future generations can take part in them as well.

We invite you to be a part of this important annual celebration- as a spectator, participant, or sponsor.

For additional information  
email [CHSSC@hotmail.com](mailto:CHSSC@hotmail.com) or call (323) 222-0856

## Fighting for the Dream

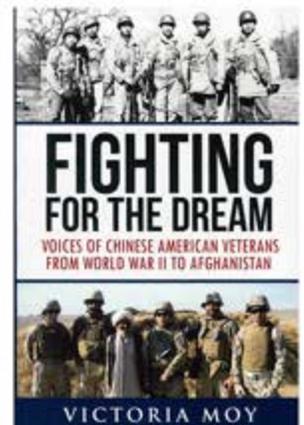
*Voices of Chinese American Veterans from World War II to Afghanistan*

Author Victoria Moy brings together a collection of oral histories from 40 Chinese American men and women—ages 24 to 94—who served in wars from World War II to conflicts in Afghanistan. These individuals defied boundaries, went against their cultural grain, and changed history. Through their personal stories, we see a greater tapestry that is the story of America in the last hundred years, from the lens of Chinese Americans who served. We see also how different wars affected the Chinese American community.

This collection includes interviews with the first Asian American general (John Fugh), the first Asian American Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy (Frederick Pang), the first Asian American full unrestricted Marine (Kurt Lee), the first Asian American National Commander of the American Legion (Fang Wong), the first Asian American judge in New York State (Randall Eng), as well as some of the 20,000 Chinese Americans—a quarter of the Chinese American population at the time—who served during World War II.

*Fighting for the Dream* is now available on Amazon for \$21.14.

For additional information on the book and future events please visit [fightingforthedream.com](http://fightingforthedream.com) or [facebook.com/fightingforthedream](https://facebook.com/fightingforthedream).





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### Community Calendar

**Saturday, February 7, 2015, at 11:15am**  
**Salute to WWII Flying Tigers in China**  
Opening reception of photo exhibition of Pedro Chan, Ph.D.  
Rosemead Library  
8800 Valley Blvd.  
Rosemead, CA 91770.  
For more information: (323) 721-0774

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**  
**116th Golden Dragon Parade**  
[www.lagoldendragonparade.com](http://www.lagoldendragonparade.com)

**Monday, February 23, 2015 7:00 pm**  
**A Chinese American Odyssey - Book presentation by John Jung**  
Cerritos Library Skyline Room 18025 Bloomfield Avenue  
Cerritos, CA 90703 (562) 916-1350 [library.ci.cerritos.ca.us](http://library.ci.cerritos.ca.us)

**Saturday, February 28, 2015**  
**L.A. Chinatown Firecracker Run / Bike Ride**  
8:15am: Bike Opening Ceremony  
9:00am: 30+ Mile Bike Ride 9:30am: 20+ Mile Bike Ride  
**Sunday March 1, 2015**  
7:30am: Run/Walk Opening Ceremony  
8:00am: 5K Run/Walk 8:30am: 10K Run/Walk  
9:45am: Kiddie Run [www.firecracker10k.org](http://www.firecracker10k.org)

Save the Date - October 17, 2015

*The 40th Anniversary Banquet*



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