

MARCH 2015

## Fighting for the Dream:

Voices of Chinese American Veterans  
from World War II to Afghanistan



Book presentation and panel discussion  
with veterans Janet Chin, Michael Chan,  
and author Victoria Moy

Wednesday, March 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

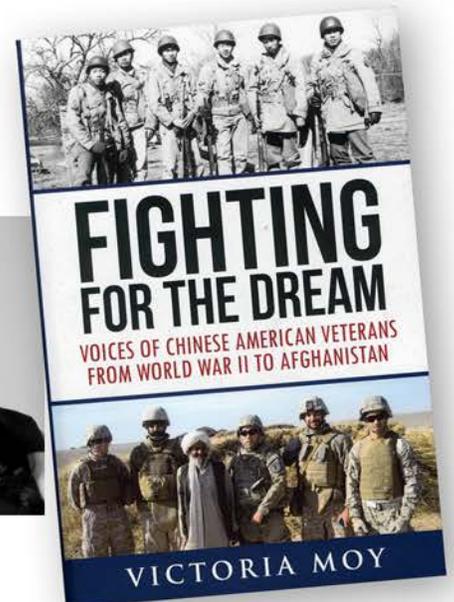
This event is free and open to the public

Author Victoria Moy, who spent seven years interviewing and recording fascinating stories of Chinese American veterans from World War II to Afghanistan, leads a panel discussion reflecting on war, ethnicity, military service, and identity. Joining the discussion are Michael Chan, a filmmaker and USC Cinematic Arts graduate who served two tours of duty in Fallujah, Iraq, in 2006 and 2007, and Janet Chin, who served in South Korea and Haiti and is currently running for Rosemead City Council.

Moy will share highlights from her book, including memories of World War II veteran and CHSSC member Dr. Wing Mar, who landed on the deserted beachhead of Okinawa with a yelping monkey on his shoulder and shared a foxhole with a Navajo Code Talker.

These personal stories of Chinese Americans who served present American history from a unique angle.

Victoria Moy was born and raised in New York's Chinatown and currently lives in Los Angeles, where she is pursuing a MFA in Playwriting/Screenwriting/TV writing at USC. She has written for Huffington Post, Brooklyn Rail, New York Press, and other publications and is a graduate of Dartmouth College.





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

In our last meeting, Laura Ng, CHSSC board member and historical archaeologist, shared her research on Chinese American interracial marriage in Massachusetts during the Exclusion Era. Many states during that era had actually banned marriage between Asians and Whites, with the exception of Massachusetts and a few other states (mostly in the Northeast). In her presentation, Laura managed to show records of interracial marriages between Chinese American men and women of non-Asian descent and elaborated on the various circumstances that led to these rare couplings. The following Q&A session sparked an engaging conversation about family lineage and the Asian American identity.



Marriage Licenses in Massachusetts among Chinese Americans, 1886-1930

	1886-1890	1896-1900	1906-1910	1916-1920	1926-1930
Chinese men-white women	15	11	22	14	13
Chinese women-white men	0	0	0	0	1
Chinese men-Chinese women	0	2	3	7	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43</b>
% interracial marriages	100%	85%	88%	67%	33%



-Photos by Rick Eng

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## Mission Statement

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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# 116th Golden Dragon Parade

On Saturday, February 21, 2015, the CHSSC joined in the Lunar New Year festivities in Chinatown by marching in the 116th Golden Dragon Parade. Leading off the parade, the CHSSC flag unit was comprised of CHSSC members, staff, interns, volunteers, and our good friends, Rotary District 5280. The lead flag bearer, Will Yuen, led the CHSSC flag unit as we made our way down the streets of Chinatown. Adding to the festivities, local lion dance groups paid a visit to CHSSC headquarters to wish us good fortunes for the coming year. Whether you were at CHSSC headquarters, or marching beside us in the parade, we want to thank everybody who was involved in making this year's Golden Dragon Parade celebration possible, and we hope to see you all again at our future events.





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## 2015 Irwin R. Lai Memorial Scholarship

CHSSC is proud to announce the 2015 Irwin R. Lai Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship includes two \$1000 awards: one for an undergraduate student currently enrolled in a 2- or 4-year institution in Southern California and majoring or taking coursework in Chinese American or Asian American Studies; and one for a currently enrolled graduate student pursuing thesis or dissertation research related to Chinese Americans in Southern California. The deadline for scholarship applications is 4:00 PM on Friday, March 27, 2015. Awards will be announced at the May monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 6. Please visit [www.chssc.org](http://www.chssc.org) for more information and instructions on how to apply or email CHSSC Scholarship Committee contact Kelly Fong at [kelfong@ucla.edu](mailto:kelfong@ucla.edu).

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### *Criteria for Scholarship:*

1. Minimum Eligibility:
  - Undergraduate students currently enrolled in a 2- or 4-year institution in Southern California and majoring or taking course work in Chinese or Asian American Studies; or
  - Graduate students currently enrolled and actively pursuing thesis or dissertation research related to Chinese Americans in Southern California
2. Complete application packet, electronically submitted as a PDF to [chssc scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:chssc scholarship@gmail.com) by 4:00 PM on Friday, March 27, 2015
  - a) Scholarship Application Form
  - b) Copy of all post-high school transcripts. Scanned copies are acceptable.
  - c) Personal essay, approximately 600 to 700 words, that discusses your work on Chinese American history or in the Chinese American community
  - d) Research paper, approximately 1000 to 3000 words, illustrating your research on Chinese/Asian American Studies. Paper can be original work or previously submitted for a class.
  - e) One letter of recommendation from professor or work supervisor
3. Finalists MUST be available for interview on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at CHSSC in Los Angeles' Chinatown (travel expenses to be paid by students).

All applications must include the following information

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name.
2. Graduate or Undergraduate student.
3. Current Academic Institution.
4. Current Address.
5. Current Phone Numbers.
6. Current Email.  
(Students will be contacted via email, unless student requests otherwise.)
7. Permanent Home Address.

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

8. History of High School/Colleges/Universities Attended.
9. Major(s)/Minor(s).
10. Units Completed for Current Degree.
11. Current Overall GPA.
12. Courses pending and currently enrolled in.
13. List courses you have taken that are relevant to Chinese/Asian American studies. List your grades for each of these courses.
14. Expected Degree and Date of Graduation.
15. What are your educational plans for the near future?

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

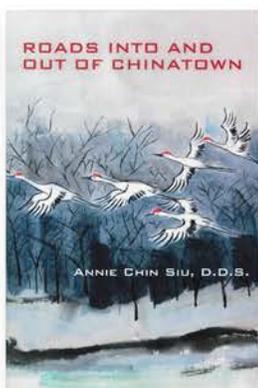
16. Please list organizations you are active with, offices held, awards received, and other relevant information.
17. (Optional) Please share any interesting information including financial status, special talents, general background, special needs, etc.

The Chinese Historical Society  
of Southern California  
would like to thank the anonymous donor  
who designated \$10,000

*in memory of Dolores Wong.*

**Roads Into and  
Out of Chinatown**  
*by Annie Chin Siu, D.D.S.*

This book tells the remarkable story of Annie Siu. She is not only a pioneering orthodontist; she was an Asian American leader before the San Gabriel Valley was a thriving Asian American community.



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## Community Calendar

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 7:00pm**

**Author Lisa See Talk, Q&A, Signing of her newest best seller "China Dolls"**

Santa Monica Public Library Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium  
601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90401  
For info: [www.smpl.org](http://www.smpl.org)

**Thursday, March 5, 2015, 6:00pm**

**Author Lisa See Talk, Q&A, Signing of her newest best seller "China Dolls"**

Whittier Library Parnell Community and Senior Center  
15390 Lambert Rd. Whittier, CA 90604  
For info and tickets, contact: [bweber@whittierlibrary.org](mailto:bweber@whittierlibrary.org)

**Saturday, March 7, 2015, 12:00noon-7:00pm**

**Los Angeles Lantern Festival**

425 N. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Join Angelenos beneath Chinese lanterns in the vibrance of Downtown L.A. This free signature event marks the closing of the Lunar New Year festivities with engaging community booths, live entertainment, music, arts & crafts, and food trucks.

## Save The Date

**Saturday, October 17, 2015**

**The 40th Anniversary Banquet**

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California  
Golden Spike Awards

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

Ching Ming and celebration of Donaldina Cameron House  
More information to come

**Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 10:00am to 12:00noon**

**Judy Yung Angel Island Immigration Station Research**

Presented by Chinese Family History Group, Chinese Historical Society of Southern Calif. and the Chinese American Museum at the Helmut-Quan Room next to the Chinese American Museum

**Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 2:00pm**

**Meet the authors:**

**Judy Yung** talk, Q&A, signing of new edition of *Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island*

**Eddie Fung** talk, Q&A, signing of *The Adventures of Eddie*

Fung: *Chinatown Kid, Texas Cowboy, Prisoner of War*

Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library

318 South Ramona Avenue Monterey Park, CA 91754

**Monday, March 30, 2015. 7:00pm**

**Meet the authors:**

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**Eddie Fung** talk, Q&A, signing of *The Adventures of Eddie*

Fung: *Chinatown Kid, Texas Cowboy, Prisoner of War*

Cerritos Library Skyline Room

18025 Bloomfield Avenue Cerritos, CA 90703