

**“Diasporic Futures: Sinophobia, Techno-Political Strife, and the Politics of Care”  
(30th Anniversary Conference of the founding of the International Society for the  
Study of Chinese Overseas (ISSCO))**

November 11-12, 2022

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**Symposium: “The Pandemic and Anti-Asian Violence in the U.S.”**

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 9:30 - 11:00 AM Pacific Time**

- Moderator: **Henry DER**, Volunteer Coordinator, CAA Oral History Project
- Speakers:
  - **Russell JEUNG**, Professor of Asian American Studies, San Francisco State University
  - **John WALSH**, Professor Emeritus, School of Medicine, University of Massachusetts
  - **Cynthia CHOI**, Co-Executive Director, Chinese for Affirmative Action, San Francisco

**Henry Der**

A son of immigrant parents, from 2008 to 2020, Henry Der was a senior program officer at Four Freedoms Fund, a national funders’ collaborative supporting pro-immigrant justice groups across America. For more than 22 years, he was the executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, working to promote the civil rights of Chinese Americans and other racial minority groups in employment, education, and voting. A former Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, he is currently the volunteer coordinator of the CAA Oral History Project, a collaboration among Chinese for Affirmative Action, UC Berkeley Asian American Research Center and Ethnic Studies Library.

**Russell Jeung**

Professor of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University, Dr. Russell Jeung is an author of books and articles on race and religion. He’s written *Family Sacrifices: The Worldviews and Ethics of Chinese Americans* (Oxford U Press, 2019); *Mountain Movers: Student Activism and the Emergence of Asian American Studies* (UCLA AAS Center, 2019); and *At Home in Exile: Finding Jesus Among My Ancestors and Refugee Neighbors* (Zondervan, 2016). In March 2020, Dr. Jeung co-founded Stop AAPI Hate with Chinese for Affirmative Action and the AAPI Equity Alliance. It tracks incidents of COVID-19 discrimination to develop policy interventions and long-term solutions to racism. Stop AAPI Hate was awarded the 2021 Webby Award for “Social Movement of the Year.” Dr. Jeung has been named as one of the TIME 100 Most Influential Persons, as well as the Bloomberg 50 and Politico 40 most impactful persons.

## John V. Walsh

John V. Walsh, until recently a Professor of Physiology and Neuroscience at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, has written on issues of peace and health care for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *EastBayTimes/San Jose Mercury News*, *Asia Times*, *LA Progressive*, *Antiwar.com*, *CounterPunch*, *Consortium News*, *Scheerpost* and others.

## Cynthia Choi

Cynthia Choi (she/her) is the co-executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, a community based civil rights organization committed to protecting the dignity and fair treatment of all immigrants and fulfilling the promise of a multi-racial democracy. Cynthia is also co-founder of Stop AAPI Hate, a national coalition addressing anti-Asian racism across the U.S. She was recently appointed by Governor Newsom to serve on California's Commission on the State of Hate. Along with Stop AAPI Hate cofounders, Cynthia has been recognized and commended by numerous outlets for her work to advance racial equity.

# Keynote and Welcome

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 5:00 - 6:15 PM Pacific Time**

- **Introduction: Lok SIU, Associate Professor of Asian American Studies, UC Berkeley, and Chair of the Asian American Research Center**
- **Welcoming Remarks by**
  - **Raka RAY, Professor of Sociology and Dean of Social Sciences, UC Berkeley**
  - **LIN Rupeng, Professor and Chairman of Jinan University Council, Guangzhou, China**
  - **LI Minghuan, Distinguished Professor, Academy of Overseas Chinese, Jinan University, and ISSCO President**
  - **WANG Gungwu, University Professor at the National University of Singapore; Emeritus Professor, Australian National University; and ISSCO Founding President**
- **Keynote: Mae M. NGAI, Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies and Professor of History, Columbia University**

## Lok Siu

Lok Siu is Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies and Coordinator of the Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies program at the University of California, Berkeley. She is currently chair of the Asian American Research Center. Professor Siu is also a faculty affiliate for multiple campus research hubs including the Berkeley Food Institute, the Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative, the Center for Race and Gender, the Center for Latin American Studies, and the Center for Chinese Studies. She specializes in migration, Asian Diasporas, Belonging/Citizenship, the Cultural Politics of Food, and Ethnography. Her award-winning books

include *Memories of a Future Home: Diasporic Citizenship of Chinese in Panama* (Stanford U Press 2005), *Asian Diasporas: New Formations, New Conceptions* (Stanford U Press 2007), *Gendered Citizenships: Transnational Perspectives on Knowledge Production, Political Activism, and Culture* (Palgrave 2009) and *Chinese Diaspora: Its Development in Global Perspective* (Zoryan Institute 2020).

### Raka Ray

Raka Ray is Professor of Sociology and Dean of the Division of Social Sciences at the University of California, Berkeley. Her work encompasses gender studies, feminist theory, postcolonialism, and class in India. Professor Ray has authored and edited numerous works including *Fields of Protest: Women's Movements in India*, *Social Movements in India: Poverty, Power, Politics, Cultures of Servitude: Modernity, Domesticity and Class in India*, *Elite and Everyman: The Cultural Politics of the Indian Middle Classes*, and has edited *Handbook of Gender*. She is a prolific scholar whose work has addressed postcolonial critiques of sociology and how issues of gender and class are mediated through global relationships of power.

### Lin Rupeng

Professor Lin Rupeng has been the Chairman of Jinan University Council since November 2015. Professor Lin has been engaged in teaching and research in the field of journalism and communication for many years. He has published a large number of academic papers, and has won the National Model Teacher and Guangdong Outstanding Teacher prizes. He is a member of the New Century Talent Project supported by the Ministry of Education. Currently Professor Lin also serves as vice President of the Chinese Association for History of Journalism and Mass Communication.

### Li Minghuan

Li Minghuan, Ph.D., is Distinguished Professor, Academy of Overseas Chinese, Jinan University, and President of ISSCO. Prior to 2013, she was Professor, School of Public Affairs, Xiamen University. She specializes in Chinese overseas, particularly on Europe as a destination society and Qiaoxiang (China) as a sending region. She has published, in Chinese and English, over 100 academic papers and seven books, including *We Need Two Worlds*, *Seeing Transnationally*, and *History of Chinese Migrants in Europe*. A frequent keynote speaker at national and international conferences, Professor Li has been widely consulted and has served as Advisor to Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of State Council, and National Immigration Administration, PRC.

### Wang Gungwu

Professor Wang Gungwu is University Professor at the National University of Singapore (NUS), and Emeritus Professor at the Australian National University. He was Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong when ISSCO was founded. In Singapore, he was Director of the East Asian Institute (EAI). His most recent publications are *Home is not here* (2018); *China Reconnects: Joining a Deep-rooted Past to a New World Order* (2019); *Home is where we are* (with Margaret Wang) (2020).

## Mae Ngai

Mae M. Ngai is the Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies and Professor of History, and Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race. She is a U.S. legal and political historian interested in the histories of immigration, citizenship, nationalism, and the Chinese diaspora. She is author of the award winning *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America* (2004); *The Lucky Ones: One Family and the Extraordinary Invention of Chinese America* (2010); and *The Chinese Question: The Gold Rushes and Global Politics* (2021). Ngai has written on immigration history and policy for the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *the Atlantic*, *the Nation*, and *Dissent*. Before becoming a historian she was a labor-union organizer and educator in New York City, working for District 65-UAW and the Consortium for Worker Education.

## Symposium: “Racial Profiling and Discrimination against Chinese American Scientists and Engineers”

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 9:00 - 10:30 AM Pacific Time**

- Moderator: The Honorable **Lillian K. SING**, Retired Judge, San Francisco Superior Court
- Speakers:
  - **Gang CHEN**, Carl Richard Soderberg Professor of Power Engineering, MIT
  - **Xiaoxing XI**, Laura H. Carnell Professor of Physics, Temple University
  - **Sherry CHEN**, Hydrologist, US National Weather Service
  - **Dr. Jeremy S. WU**, Founder of APA Justice, Washington, D.C., formerly with U.S. Census Bureau and the Departments of Transportation, Energy, and Agriculture

## Lillian Sing

Judge Lillian Sing is the first Asian American female Judge in Northern California. She has received numerous awards including:

- Trial Judge of the Year Award from the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association
- Outstanding Jurist award from the San Francisco Women Lawyers Alliance
- Presiding Judge Award from the Lawyers' Club of San Francisco
- Joe Morozumi Award for Exceptional Legal Advocacy from The Asian American Bar Association
- Women Who Could Be President Award, from the League of Women Voters

Judge Sing's community service includes being a founding member of Chinese for Affirmative Action, the California Asian Judges Association, and Pivot to Peace. She retired from the California Judiciary in September 2022.

## Gang Chen

Gang Chen is a Chinese-born American mechanical engineer and nanotechnologist. He is currently the Carl Richard Soderberg Professor of Power Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Professor Chen's research interests center on nanoscale transport and

energy conversion phenomena, and their applications in energy storage, conversion, and utilization. He has made important contributions to the understanding of heat conduction in nanostructures such as ballistic and coherent heat conduction in quantum wells and superlattices via both modeling and experimental studies.

### Xiaoxing Xi

Xiaoxing Xi is the Laura H. Carnell Professor of Physics at Temple University. Prior to joining Temple in 2009, he was a Professor of Physics and Materials Science and Engineering at the Pennsylvania State University. He received his PhD degree in physics from Peking University and Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Science, in 1987. Xiaoxing Xi's research focuses on the materials physics underlying the applications of oxide, boride, and transition metal dichalcogenide thin films, in particular epitaxial thin films and heterostructures at the nanoscale. He has published over 350 papers in refereed journals and holds three patents in the area of thin films of high-T<sub>c</sub> superconductors and magnesium diboride. Since 2015, he has spoken out actively for open fundamental research and against racial profiling, and received the American Physical Society 2020 Andrei Sakharov Prize for his effort.

### Sherry Chen

Sherry Chen is a hydrologist with the National Weather Service, the Department of Commerce. A large river forecast model that covers eight states called *Ohio River Community HEC-RAS model* developed by Sherry Chen is one of the largest hydraulic models in the nation, which has been used by government agencies, universities and consulting firms for flood and river level predictions, and water quality analysis. The model was used to produce lifesaving river forecasts for the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers during 2011 record flooding. Sherry Chen and her team were recipients of a national level award, The Larry R. Johnson Special Award, by the National Weather Association.

### Jeremy Wu

Dr. Jeremy S. Wu retired from the U.S. federal government after more than 30 years of public service serving in the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Energy, Transportation, and Commerce. During his tenure, Jeremy maintained a two-track career in statistics and civil rights. Jeremy is passionate in public and community service. Asian Fortune listed him as one of 40 influential Asian Americans in Washington in 2015. He is a co-organizer for the APA Justice Task Force, a group of volunteers formed to address racial profiling and related justice and fairness issues for the Asian American community since 2015. He has also served as Trustee for the Sherry Chen Legal Defense Fund since 2016. His bio page is available at <https://jeremy-wu.info/about-2/>.

## ISSCO Founders Roundtable

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 3:45 - 4:45 PM Pacific Time**

- Moderator: **Madeline HSU**, Professor of History, University of Texas, Austin
- Slideshow by: **Wei LI**, Professor of Asian Pacific American Studies and Geography, Arizona State University
- Speakers:
  - **L. Ling-chi WANG**, Professor Emeritus of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley
  - **Karen HARRIS**, Professor of Historical & Heritage Studies, University of South Africa, Pretoria
  - **Emmanuel MA MUNG**, Emeritus Director of Research, French National Center for Scientific Research
  - **Teresita ANG SEE**, President, Philippine Association for Chinese Studies

## L. Ling-chi WANG

Ling-Chi Wang is Professor Emeritus of Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley. He helped establish Asian American Studies and taught its first course in 1969. He is a founder of Chinese For Affirmative Action and the recipient of the Association for Asian American Studies Lifetime Achievement Award. Before his retirement in 2006, Professor Wang headed the program and the Ethnic Studies Department several times. Professor Wang co-founded the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas (ISSCO) in 1992, which has since been sponsoring conferences at sites around the world where Chinese diaspora communities are located. He has been at the forefront of language education rights advocacy for more than four decades, advocating for language immersion programs, inclusion of Asian languages by the Educational Testing Services and, most recently, the building of a San Francisco community college branch in San Francisco Chinatown, where Chinatown restaurant and garment workers might take ESL classes in and near the communities where they work and live.

## Karen Harris

Karen Leigh Harris is a full professor at the University of Pretoria where she is both the Head of the Department of Historical and Heritage Studies and Director of the University Archives. She did her PhD on the history of the overseas Chinese in South Africa while her Masters included the indentured Chinese labourer scheme on the gold mines. Her research focuses on the earliest encounters of China with Africa, the Chinese within the southern African region throughout the colonial period, apartheid to the new democratic dispensation. Her research was also used in the high court case regarding the BEE court case and Chinese hate speech court case both of which were won by the South African Chinese community.

## Emmanuel MA MUNG

Emmanuel MA MUNG is a geographer and director emeritus of the Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) at the Université de Poitiers. His research focuses on social autonomy apprehended in its manifestations among migrant populations, mainly North African and Chinese. He is interested in initiatives, individual, and collective to the processes of differentiation introduced by spatial and social mobilities, to the spatial organization of these mobilities and to their localized manifestations, focusing on two objects of study, the diasporas

and the ethnic economies. He has gradually developed a paradigm of autonomy in the study of international migrations which leads to “thinking about them from the inside” by favoring the point of view of the subject, individual or collective. From 1995-2004, he served as the Director of Migrinter, a unit of research of the CNRS at the Université de Poitiers. He has been a member or leader of various research evaluation offices. E. Ma Mung was co-director of the *Revue Européenne des Migrations Internationales* and editor of several issues of this scientific journal, and the author of numerous articles and several books, including *La Diaspora Chinoise, Géographie d'une Migration* (Paris, 2000) and *Commerçants Maghrébins et Asiatiques en France* (Paris, 1990). He has edited several books, including, with L. Mu Si Yan and B. Saura, *Diasporas chinoises et créolisations* (Paris, 2016). The last is, with Y. Scioldo-Zürcher et M. A. Hily, *Etudier les migrations internationales* (Tours, 2019).

### Madeline Hsu

Madeline Y. Hsu is professor of history and Asian American Studies at UT Austin. Her books include *Dreaming of Gold, Dreaming of Home: Transnationalism and Migration between the United States and South China, 1882-1943* (2000); *The Good Immigrants: How the Yellow Peril Became the Model Minority* (2015); and *Asian American History: A Very Short Introduction* (2016). She co-edited the anthology *A Nation of Immigrants Reconsidered: U.S. Society in an Age of Restriction, 1924-1965* (2019) and the *Cambridge History of Global Migrations Vol. II* (forthcoming 2023). Please visit her online curriculum project for K-12 classrooms, “Teach Immigration History,” at [immigrationhistory.org](http://immigrationhistory.org).

### Teresita Ang See

Teresita Ang See (洪玉華) is a well known social-activist who has championed the cause of the ethnic Chinese minority in Philippine society. She served as past President of ISSCO, the Philippine Association for Chinese Studies and Kaisa Para Sa Kaunlaran and now serves as Executive Trustee of the Kaisa Heritage Center, which houses Bahay Tsinoy, the museum of the Chinese in Philippine life. She has authored, co-authored, edited and co-edited 21 books, among them the five volumes *The Chinese in the Philippines – Problems and Perspectives and Tsinoy: the Story of the Chinese in Philippine Life*.

### Wei Li

Wei Li is Professor at the Asian Pacific American Studies / School of Social Transformation, and School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning at Arizona State University, USA. Her foci of research are migration and integration, and transnational connections, focusing on the Indo-Pacific Region. She is the author, [co-]editor or co-translator of seven scholarly books, three journal theme issues, and has 156 other academic publications. She was a National Councilor of the American Association of Geographers (2019-2022), and is the North American Director for the International Society of Studying Chinese Overseas (2010-2025), and currently the Carroll Visiting Professor at University of Oregon.

# Symposium: “Changing US-China Relations and Their Impact on Chinese in the U.S. and Elsewhere”

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## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 5:00 - 6:30 PM Pacific Time

- Moderator: **Don TOW**, President - NJ-ALPHA (New Jersey Alliance for Learning and Preserving the History of WWII in Asia)
- Speakers:
  - **Gordon CHANG**, Senior Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and the Olive H. Palmer Professor in Humanities, Stanford University
  - **K.J. NOH**, activist and scholar on the geopolitics of the Asian continent who writes for *Counterpunch* and *Dissident Voice*; special correspondent for KPFA Radio on the “Pivot to Asia,” the Koreas, and the Pacific
  - The Honorable **Julie TANG**, Retired Judge, San Francisco Superior Court
  - **George KOO**, founder and former managing director of International Strategic Alliances; Commentator for *Asia Times*

### Don Tow

Don Tow has a Ph.D. in physics from the University of California at Berkeley. He performed research in physics at Institute for Advanced Study, Brown University, University of Paris VI and XI, and University of Texas in Austin. He also taught undergraduate and graduate Physics courses at UT Austin. Then he changed fields from academia to industry working at Bell Laboratories, Bellcore, Motorola, Telcordia, and Raritan Computer. He served as the President of the New Jersey Alliance for Learning and Preserving the History of WWII in Asia (NJ-ALPHA). He is also a Co-Founder of [10.000 Cries for Justice](#) as well as the [Coalition Peace Initiative](#). He posts regularly on his [website](#).

### Gordon Chang

Gordon H. Chang is a professor of History at Stanford University, the Olive H. Palmer Professor of Humanities, and a former director of the Center for East Asian Studies. In 2019, he published *Ghosts of Gold Mountain: The Epic History of the Chinese Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad* and *The Chinese and the Iron Road: Building the Transcontinental Railroad*. His other books include *Friends and Enemies: The United States, China, and the Soviet Union, 1948-1972* and *Fateful Ties: A History of America's Preoccupation with China*, which studies the long arc of U.S.-China relations from American colonial days to the present. Among his other publications is *Chinese American Voices*, which he co-edited with Judy Yung and Him Mark Lai.

### K.J. Noh

K.J. Noh is a journalist, political analyst, writer and teacher specializing in the geopolitics of the Asia-Pacific region. He writes for *Dissident Voice*, *Black Agenda Report*, *Counterpunch*, *Popular Resistance*, *Asia Times*, *MR Online*. He also does frequent commentary and analysis on the news programs *The Critical Hour*, *By Any Means Necessary*, *Fault Lines*, *Political Misfits*, *Loud*



*& Clear, Breakthrough News, Flashpoints*. K.J. Noh has reported extensively on great power competition, geostrategic messaging, and the media ecology and its effects on communities. He has also collaborated with various scholars on the geopolitics of global health, Indigenous health rights policy, structural violence, and medical care delivery under neoliberal capitalism. He recently pioneered a study with Dr. Claudia Chauhan on the military transmission of infectious diseases and its implications for Covid transmission. He believes a functioning and healthy society requires good information; to that end, he strives to combat the weaponization of disinformation in the current cold war climate.

### Julie Tang

The Hon. Julie M. Tang is a retired judge of the San Francisco Superior Court. Before her judgeship, Judge Tang worked as an Assistant District Attorney in San Francisco and served three terms as President of the SF Community Board. Upon retirement, Judge Tang co-founded the “Comfort Women” Justice Coalition and “Pivot to Peace.” Through these organizations, she actively promotes awareness of the issues of sexual violence against women and the importance of peace between the US and China. Judge Tang was named “Outstanding Chinese American” by the SF Board of Supervisors; she was inducted into Hastings’ College of the Law’s LEOP program’s Hall of Fame and received the “Joe Morizumi Award for Exceptional Legal Advocacy” from the Asian American Bar Association.

### George Koo

George Koo retired from a global advisory services firm where he advised clients on their China strategies and business operations. Educated at MIT, Stevens Institute and Santa Clara University, he is the founder and former managing director of International Strategic Alliances. He is currently a board member of Freshfield’s, a novel green building platform. Dr. Koo is one of the leading Chinese-American writers and organizers in regard to U.S.-China policy and on the conditions of Chinese-Americans in the United States, especially the persecution over these last years of Chinese-Americans and Chinese in the U.S.