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History

Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

I am interested in several different areas of history, including the historical connections between race and ethnicity in America, on the one hand, and foreign relations, on the other, and trans-Pacific relations in their diplomatic as well as their cultural and social dimensions. I have written and continue to publish in the areas of U.S. diplomacy, America-China relations, the Chinese diaspora, Asian American history, and global history. In 2019, I published my history of Chinese railroad workers in America in the 19th century. In 2025, I published a collection of essays in "War, Race, and Culture: Journeys in Trans-Pacific and Asian American Histories."

I continue to work with undergraduates, master's students, and doctoral students.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, History

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Senior Associate Vice Provost, VPUE, (2019-2022)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (current)
- Fellow, Society of American Historians (current)
- Stanford Alumni University Fellow in Undergraduate Education, History (current)
- Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center (1993-1994, 2002-2003, 2010-2011)
- Fellow, American Council of Learned Societies (1999-2000)
- Fellow, John Simon Guggenheim Foundation (1999-2000)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- American Studies
- Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE)
- Center for East Asian Studies
- Modern Thought and Literature

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D, Stanford

- B.A., Princeton

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

I co-direct an international project that seeks to recover the history of Chinese railroad workers in North America.

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- 350 Years of America-China Relations: AMSTUD 256C, ASNAMST 256, EASTASN 256, HISTORY 256, HISTORY 356 (Aut)
- Anti-Asian Violence in America: A History: AMSTUD 254F, ASNAMST 254, HISTORY 254F (Win)
- Asian American History: An Introduction: HISTORY 58N (Spr)

2025-26

- 350 Years of America-China Relations: AMSTUD 256C, EASTASN 256, HISTORY 256, HISTORY 356 (Aut)
- American Marxism: AMSTUD 265, HISTORY 265, HISTORY 365 (Spr)
- Anti-Asian Violence in America: A History: AMSTUD 254F, ASNAMST 254, HISTORY 254F (Win)

2024-25

- 350 Years of America-China Relations: AMSTUD 256C, EASTASN 256, HISTORY 256, HISTORY 356 (Aut)
- American Marxism: AMSTUD 265, HISTORY 265, HISTORY 365 (Spr)
- Anti-Asian Violence in America: A History: AMSTUD 254F, ASNAMST 254, HISTORY 254F (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Jeffery Chen, Abigail Kahn

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **War, Race, and Culture: Journeys in Trans-Pacific and Asian American Histories**
  Chang, G. H.
  Stanford University Press.2025
- **Ghosts of Gold Mountain: The Epic Story of the Chinese Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad**
  Chang, G. H.
  2019
- **The Chinese and the Iron Road: Building the Transcontinental Railroad**
  edited by Chang, G. H., Fishkin, S. F.
  Stanford University Press.2019
- **Fateful Ties: A History of America's Preoccupation with China**
  Chang, G. H.
  Harvard University Press.2015
- **Asian American Art History: 1850-1970**
  edited by Chang, G. H.

Stanford University Press.2008

- **Chinese American Voices**
  edited by Chang, G. H.
  UC Press.2006
- **Asian Americans and Politics: Perspectives, Experiences, Prospects**
  edited by Chang, G. H.
  Woodrow Wilson Center and Stanford Univ. Press.2001
- **Morning Glory, Evening Shadow: The Wartime Writings of Yamato Ichihashi**
  Chang, G. H.
  Stanford University Press.1996
- **Friends and Enemies: The United States, China, and the Soviet Union 1948-1972**
  Chang, G. H.
  Stanford.1990
- **A 'New Normal' or Returning to the 'Old Normal': Deteriorating US- China Relations, Chinese Americans, and the Future** *JOURNAL OF CHINESE OVERSEAS*
  Chang, G. H.
  2024; 20 (1): 42-49
- **Foothills** *CALIFORNIA HISTORY*
  Chang, G. H.
  2019; 96 (2): 105–8
- **A Note for History INTRODUCTION** *AMERASIA JOURNAL*
  Chang, G. H.
  2019; 45 (1): 3–5
- **The Chinese and the Stanfords: Nineteenth-Century America's Fraught Relationship with the China Men** *AMERASIA JOURNAL*
  Chang, G. H.
  2019; 45 (1): 86–102
- **ghosts of gold mountain: the epic story of the chinese who built the transcontinental railroad**
  Chang, G. H.
  2019
- **Gordon H. Chang** *AMERASIA JOURNAL*
  Chang, G. H.
  2018; 44 (3): 133–35
- **The Many Sides of Happy Lim: aka Hom Ah Wing, Lin Jian Fu, Happy Lum, Lin Chien Fu, Hom Yen Chuck, Lam Kin Foo, Lum Kin Foo, Hom, Lim Goon Wing, Lim Gin Foo, Gin Foo Lin, Koon Wing Lim, Henry Chin, Lim Ying Chuck, Lim Ah Wing, et. al.** *AMERASIA JOURNAL*
  Chang, G. H.
  2008; 34 (2): 70-98
- **Remembering Yuji - Yugi Ichioka** *AMERASIA JOURNAL*
  Chang, G. H.
  2002; 28 (3): IX-XIV
- **Writing the history of Chinese immigrants to America** *SOUTH ATLANTIC QUARTERLY*
  Chang, G. H.
  1999; 98 (1-2): 135-142
- **HISTORY AND POSTMODERNISM** *AMERASIA JOURNAL*
  Chang, G. H.
  1995; 21 (1-2): 89-93

- **TO THE NUCLEAR BRINK - EISENHOWER, DULLES, AND THE QUEMOY-MATSU CRISIS** *INTERNATIONAL SECURITY*
  Chang, G. H.
  1988; 12 (4): 96-123
- **JFK, CHINA, AND THE BOMB** *JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY*
  Chang, G. H.
  1988; 74 (4): 1287-1310
- **A SYMPOSIUM ON MARXISM IN CHINA TODAY - COMMENTS** *BULLETIN OF CONCERNED ASIAN SCHOLARS*
  Chang, G.
  1988; 20 (1): 26-27