



A Night at the State Library presents Hidden Histories: Asians and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. Civil War

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

In this illustrated talk, author Ruthanne Lum McCunn brings to life the amazing stories of Asian and Pacific Islander immigrants who served in the Union and Confederate navies and armies. Through research of military records, family papers and reminiscences, and archival documents of the U.S. Civil War, Lum McCunn has pieced together the largely unknown stories of Asian immigrants who fought in the nation's bloodiest conflict.

Discussing the subsequent battle of Chinese veterans for citizenship, she also explores an important and virtually unknown chapter in America's rocky yet persistent struggle towards a more perfect Union.

About the author: Raised in Hong Kong and of Chinese-Scottish descent, Ruthanne Lum McCunn has written several books on Chinese American history, including *Thousand Pieces of Gold*, which was adapted for film in 1991. Her book *Chinese Yankee* tells the story of Ah Yee Way, a Chinese immigrant who served in the Union army during the U.S. Civil War. Ms. McCunn lives in San Francisco.

WHERE: Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building
914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814

WHEN: Wednesday, March 11. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with light refreshments. Program runs from 6 - 7 p.m.

Please RSVP at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-at-the-state-library-presents-hidden-histories-asians-and-pacific-islanders-in-the-us-civil-tickets-15835235616>

Print your ticket and bring it to the door. The event is free.

For more information contact: kimberly.brown@library.ca.gov, 916-651-6466.

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