

FINAL PROGRAM:
Tri-University, Community Conference
The 1907 Race Riots and Beyond: A Century of TransPacific Canada
(September 7-8, 2007)

Note: The Vancouver Public Library is closed because of the city strike. The Riot 100 event has therefore been cancelled but the Saturday conference sessions will take place.

All sessions, Friday and Saturday, will be held at:

Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings

For location, parking and other information visit www.harbour.sfu.ca/mecs/harbour.htm.

Friday, September 7, 2007

8:30 a.m.: Registration (Main Concourse)

9:00 a.m.: Welcome and Introduction to Conference (Room 1700, Labatt Hall)

Concurrent Sessions I: 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

- Panel A: Transnational Perspectives: From Guyana to Bellingham (Room 1520)

Chair: Tsuyoshi Kawasaki, SFU

Meleisa Ono-George, University of Victoria (UVIC)

“Coolies’, Containment, and Resistance: The Indentured System in British Guiana 1838-1917”

Seema Sohi, University of Washington (via videoconference)

“Riots, Radicals, and Borders: Asian Indian Migration and Transnational Politics on the Pacific Coast”

Paul Englesberg, Asian American Curriculum and Research Project, Western Washington University

“Intolerance in the Pacific Northwest”

- Panel B: Translocality, Gender and Identity (Room 1510)

Chair: Jo-Anne Lee, UVIC

Hijin Park, Department of Sociology and Equity Studies in Education, OISE, University of Toronto

“Constituting “Asian women”: Canadian gendered orientalism and multicultural nationalism in an age of “Asia rising””

Hui-Ling Lin, Women's Studies, University of British Columbia (UBC)

“Translocality in the Asian Lesbian Film Festival and Kai-ling Xue’s A Girl Named Kai”

Jane Lee, UBC

“Footnotes on Hannam: Searching for Diaspora, Community, Home, and Belonging in Greater Vancouver’s ‘Koreatown’”

10:30 a.m.: Refreshment Break

10:45 – 12:15:

Plenary Session: Mapping the 1907 Vancouver Riot (Room 1700, Labatt Hall)

Chair: Henry Yu, UBC

John Price, University of Victoria (UVIC)

“Belabouring the Origins of the 1907 Riots”

Masumi Izumi, Doshisha University

“Views from the Other Side: Japanese Community’s Reactions to the Vancouver Riot”

Timothy J. Stanley, University of Ottawa

“The 1907 Vancouver Riot in Antiracist Perspective: Everyday Racist Violence and Chinese Reactions”

12:15 – 1 p.m.: Lunch Break

1 – 2:15 p.m.: Concurrent Sessions II

- Panel C: Ongoing Research on the Vancouver/Bellingham Riots (Room 1700, Labatt Hall)

Chair: Timothy Stanley, University of Ottawa

Noreen Ma, UBC

“Recovered Voices: Testimony from the King Commission”

Judy Maxwell, Australia National University

“Chinatown Damage Report: Revealing the Investigation of the 1907 Riot”

David Cahn, Community to Community Development, Bellingham

“The Bellingham Riot and the 1924 National Origins Act”

Woan-Jen Wang, UBC

“Assessing Newspaper Accounts, Global Perspectives”

- Panel F: Roundtable: Women, Resistance, and Cultural/Community Activism (Room 1520)

Chair:

Jo-Anne Lee, UVIC works the overlooked roles of Asian Canadian women, and their voices and creative tactics of culturally hybrid forms of grassroots resistance.

Rita Wong, Critical + Cultural Studies, Emily Carr Institute, is a writer who is grappling with what it means to inherit and decolonize the cultures of "Canada." She is the author of two books of poetry: *monkeypuzzle* (Press Gang, 1998) and *forage* (Nightwood Editions, 2007).

Dorothy Christian, Communications, SFU, is a video artist. Her latest work, an experimental film, "a spiritual land claim" is on the film festival circuit. A member of the Splatsin (Secwepemc) from the interior of BC, Dorothy has produced, directed and written over 75 mini documentaries for VISION TV. Raised with an Okanagan-Secwepemc worldview, Dorothy is developing a film that explores her Native and Chinese heritage.

Xiaoping Li has just published a book on Asian Canadian cultural activism, with a chapter on Asian Canadian women's participation in creating subversive expressions and images.

2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Refreshment Break

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.: Concurrent Sessions III

- Panel G: The 1907 Riots: Reaction and Consequences (Room 1700, Labatt Hall)

Chair: Patricia Roy, UVIC

Michiko Midge Ayukawa, Victoria

"The Gentlemen's Agreements Between Japan and Canada and Their Consequences"

Simon Nantais, University of Victoria

"Race, Empire, and the 1907 Lemieux Mission to Japan"

Greg Robinson, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)

"French Canadian Responses to the Vancouver Riot: Humanitarianism and Nationalism"

- Panel H: Actively Asian Canadian: Framing Issues, Transforming Questions (Room 1520)

Chair: Tara Lee, SFU

Chris Lee, English, UBC

"On the Asian Canadian/American Studies Border"

Larissa Lai, English, UBC

“Labour Asian Can: National, Institutional and Capital”

Kirsten McAllister, Communications, Simon Fraser University (SFU)

“Moving into the Present: From Histories of Displacement to Transnational Flow”

Lily Cho, English, University of Western Ontario

“Redress Revisited: Citizenship and the Chinese Canadian Head Tax”

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.: Plenary Roundtable

- “Catalyzing Agents: The Ethics of Doing ‘Asian Canadian’” (Room 1700, Labatt Hall)

Glenn Deer, Moderator, English, UBC

Christine Kim, SFU

Roy Miki, English, SFU

Rita Wong, Critical - Cultural Studies, Emily Carr

Tara Lee, English, UBC

Evening Events, Friday, September 7

5:00 p.m.: Re-imagining the Riot: A Walking Tour (departing from SFU Harbourside)

6:30 p.m.: Reconciliation Dinner, Floata Restaurant, 400 – 180 Keefer Street, Vancouver (tickets available at registration desk)

Saturday, September 8

NOTE: The following sessions are also at SFU Harbour Centre

9 a.m. – 10:30: Plenary Panel

- The Chinese in Canada: A Century of Historical Change and Continuity (Room tba)

Panel Chair: tba; Discussant: Yuen-fong Woon, UVIC

Zhongping Chen, UVIC

“Cultural Prejudice vs. Racial Discrimination across the Pacific: Historical Connection and Comparison between the Boxer Uprising in Beijing and the Anti-Chinese Riot in Vancouver, 1901-1907”

Patricia Roy, UVIC

“Opening the Door to Immigrants from China: Canadian Policy, 1947-1967”

David Chuen-yan Lai, UVIC

“Chinese Immigrants from Hong Kong and Their Impact on the Urban Landscape of Canada”

10:30 – 10:45: Refreshments

10:45 – 12:15: Roundtable Plenary (Room tba)

- "From Redress to Justice: Cross-Community Collaboration in the Search for Social Change" (Room tba)

Chair and Moderator: Henry Yu, UBC

Roy Miki, SFU

Jo-Anne Lee, UVIC

Grace Eiko Thomson, National Association of Japanese Canadians

Harbhajan Gill, Komagata Maru Heritage

Sid Tan, National Chair, Chinese Canadian National Council

12:30 – 1:30: Lunch and Informal Discussion:

- Next Steps in TransPacific Canadian Studies