

Beyond the New Gold Mountain

National Conference

Keynote Speaker: Dr Selia Jinhua Tan - Associate Professor, Department of Architecture, Wuyi University. Researcher, Qiaoxiang Cultural Research Centre of China

Session 1 The New Gold Mountain: 19th Century Colonial Australia

Leigh McKinnon - Chinese Linguistic and Ethnic Groups on the Victoria Goldfields

Research officer at Bendigo's Golden Dragon Museum. His research interests are Chinese-Australian family history, goldfields history and Chinese language and culture.

Vivienne McWaters - Digging up Beechworth's Gold Rush History

The main Chinese encampment in Beechworth was located behind Vivienne's home and for many years she unearthed wonderful artefacts which she dug out of the ground. The camp was known by the locals as Beechworth's Little Canton.

Marilyn Sue Dooley - Celestials in Capricornia: A Heritage Perspective

Independent scholar and family historian. Her 2016 family history publication Golden Sherds story 1 about her maternal Irish great grandmother will be followed in 2017 by Golden Sherds story 2, focusing on her maternal Chinese great grandfather.

Dr Kate Bagnall - Naturalised Chinese in Colonial Australia

Dr Kate Bagnall is an ARC DECRA Research Fellow in the School of Humanities & Social Inquiry at the University of Wollongong, where she is working on a comparative study of Chinese colonial citizenship in Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

Moderator: Cheryl Cumines - President of Chinese Heritage Association of Victoria

Session 2 Federation and the Immigration Restriction Act 1901

Dr Michael Williams - Heads-I-win-Tails-you-lose: The test it was a crime to fail

Dr Michael Williams is an Adjunct Fellow at Western Sydney University, historian of the Chinese Diaspora and is a founding member of the Chinese Australian Historical Society. His current research involves a history of popular perceptions of the Dictation Test, a history of Chinese Opera in Australia, and a comparison of Australia's pre-1949 Chinese-Australian history with its post-1989 history.

Brad Powe - When is this lad going home?

Brad Powe is a technical writer as well as an enthusiastic family and local historian. Brad is heir to both a very mixed migrant heritage and to a substantial collection of original documents and photographs bequeathed by his Chinese-born ancestors. Items from his family archive have featured prominently in exhibitions.

Dr Mei-fen Kuo - The rise of Chinese unionists and pro-labour societies in Melbourne in the first decade of the 20th century.

Dr Mei-fen KUO is an ARC DECRA Research Fellow in the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry at University of Queensland, where she is working on a historical project on Enterprising Chinese Australians and the diaspora networks, 1890-1949.

Paul Macgregor - *Mrs Fabian Chow of Shanghai: journalist, broadcaster and goodwill ambassador – a Chinese Australian colleague of the Soong sisters*

Paul Macgregor is a historian and heritage consultant. He is currently researching the material culture heritage of Chinese in Australia as part of a wider investigation of the nineteenth and early twentieth century co-evolution of European and Asian societies in Australasia, China, Southeast Asia, the Indian Ocean and North America.

Moderator: Dr Sophie Lay-Wilson - Lecturer, Department of History, University of Sydney

Session 3 Beyond the White Australia Policy

Dr Karen Schamberger – *Dismantling the White Australia Policy*

Dr Karen Schamberger researches and writes about Australian museums and cultural diversity. She has previously worked in curatorial positions at the Immigration Museum, Melbourne and the National Museum of Australia, Canberra. She has a particular interest in migration history, transnational history and race relations in Australia.

Cher Chidzey – *Is racism still lurking?*

Cher Chidzey is a writer. She has performed at the Emerging Writers Festival and Writers Forum and as a guest speaker in 2016 at Footscray Community Arts Centre

David Wong – *The New Zealand Story*

David has a long involvement with the NZ Chinese Community. He worked with the NZ Labour government on the poll tax issue.

Moderator: Sam Wong AM, Life member and former President, ACT Chinese Australian Association Inc.

Session 4 Chinese Australians: Contributions and status

William Lye OAM – Chinese Australians: Where are we at?

William practises as a commercial and corporate barrister in Australia as well being an Accredited Mediator and a Victorian Bar Conciliator. He is passionate about education, and serves in a number of roles including that of Chief Examiner of Contract Law at Monash University Law Chambers. He serves as a board member on several non-profit organisations and also sits on the Global Advisory Council for the World Chinese Economic Summit.

Dr Alanna Kamp - Chinese Australian Women and the maintenance of Chinese culture

Dr Alanna Kamp is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Lecturer in the Urban Research Centre/School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University. She is interested in feminist and postcolonial understandings of migrant experiences and attitudes to immigration in Sydney. She is particularly interested in the ways historical geographies of migrant experience have contemporary relevance and shape current community experiences and identities.

William Yang – My Chineseness in a Changing Australian Cultural Landscape

William Yang is a photographer and performance artist who often use his Chineseness as a subject of his work.

Moderator: Ann Toy, Executive member, Chinese Australian Historical Society Inc

Session 5 Looking Ahead: Action and Challenges

Kingsley Liu – Towards equality and empowerment: Community challenges and opportunities

Kingsley Liu was the first Asian to set up a stockbroking firm in the ASX. He is now a leading human rights lawyer. He looks at how we can adopt processes and action that other communities have used successfully.

John Young – The representation of Chinese Australians in contemporary Australian cultural development

John Young is a visual artist who has recently created projects in relation to the history of the Chinese Diaspora in Australia.

Vivien Sung – The future of the Australia-China innovation landscape: Survive or Thrive

Vivien is a design strategist, innovation facilitator and academic at the University of Technology, Sydney. Her vision is on building empathy, co-creation and cross-cultural leadership skills to transform youth and leaders to lead and collaborate in the 21st century globalised environments.

Moderator: Professor John Fitzgerald - Director of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Social Investment and Philanthropy, Swinburne University.