SPOTLIGHT ON LEADERSHIP CELEBRATION

Thursday, October 25, 2007
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Henry Yu

Born in Vancouver, Professor Henry Yu attended the University of British Columbia and received his BA in the Honours History program before receiving an MA and PhD in History from Princeton University in 1994. He taught in the History Department as well as the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA for over ten years and was invited to be a Visiting Professor at Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania. Henry held research fellowships at Wesleyan University and the University of California Humanities Research Institute. Recently, he returned to Vancouver as an Associate Professor in the History Department at UBC to build a program focusing on the history of Chinese and other Asian Canadian migrant communities in British Columbia.

Henry is both a second and fourth generation Canadian. His parents were first generation Chinese immigrants from Zhongshan county in Guangdong, China. They joined his grandfather who had spent almost his entire life in Canada. Henry's great-grandfathers were early Chinese pioneers in North America and Australia, part of larger networks of migrants who settled around the Pacific Rim.

An active community member, Henry is currently the Director of the Initiative for Student Teaching and Research in Chinese Canadian Studies (INSTRCC). He is also currently developing a digital database of Chinese Head Tax Payers with co-investigator Peter Ward. Henry was a founding member of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC and currently engages his students in community history projects for CCHS. He co-chaired the Anniversaries of Change Steering Committee – a network of community and cultural organizations, educational institutions, and labour organizations that came together to mark a series of important anniversaries in the history of Vancouver and Canada.

Henry's book, Thinking Orientals: Migration, Contact, and Exoticism in Modern America (Oxford University Press, 2001) won the Norris and Carol Hundley Prize as the Most Distinguished Book of 2001 from the American Historical Association's Pacific Coast Branch. He is currently working on a book entitled How Tiger Woods Lost His Stripes which examines the history of migration in the Pacific world.
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for demonstrating outstanding leadership
in community service and for
his dedication to preserving and
promoting Asian Canadian history

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