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Chinese Americans in the Heartland: Migration, Work, and Community

Online Talk by

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Dr. Huping Ling is Professor of History, the founder of the Asian/Asian American Studies Program, and the past department chair at Truman State University. She is the Visiting Fellow of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and the Changjiang Scholar Chair Professor of the Chinese Ministry of Education. She is the funding and inaugural book series editor Asian American Studies Today for Rutgers University Press, on the Editorial Board of Overseas Chinese History Research Institution, Beijing, China. She also serves as a consultant to the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Guangdong

Provincial Government. A Ford Foundation Prize-winning author, she has authored/edited more than 30 books and published over 200 articles on Asian American studies, including topics on immigration and ethnicity, assimilation and adaptation, transnationalism, family and marriage, employment patterns, and community structures. Her recent books include Chinese American History (2023), Chinese Americans in the Heartland: Migration, Work, and Community, (2022), Pin Piao Mei Guo: New Immigrants in America (2021). She is a recipient of numerous awards and honors and is listed as One of 145 Eminent Scholars in U.S. by the National Museum of the American People.

Abstract: This talk is based on Professor Ling's book "Chinese Americans in the Heartland." It will provide a better understanding of the rapidly emergent regional, racial, and nuanced ethnic racialized politics of the 'American heartland' region. As the Midwestern and Southern states experienced more rapid population growth than that in California, Hawaii, and New York in the recent decades, the Heartland region has emerged as a growing interest of Asian American studies. Focused on the Heartland cities of Chicago, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri, the talk will give evidence from various government records, personal stories and interviews, and media reports, and sheds light on the commonalities and uniqueness of the region, as compared to the Asian American communities on the East and West Coast and Hawaii.

