Organized Crime, Illegal Immigration, and Chinese Food: How Gangs Built a Culinary Empire

Lecture by
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Professor Lee’s research interests are urban and legal history and the history of race and ethnicity in the US. Her first book, Chop Suey Corridor, tells the ironic story of how federal anti-Chinese laws spurred the Chinese restaurant industry in New York City.

Professor Lee is also a public historian. Her research has been featured in NPR, Atlantic magazine, and Gastropod, a podcast on food science and history. She has advised and curated museum exhibitions and is a member of the Scholar Strategy Network.

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