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The Organization of Chinese Americans is a non-profit, non-partisan national civil rights advocacy organization of concerned Chinese Americans from around the country.

The primary objectives of OCA include: upholding the Constitution of the United States; fostering democracy; promoting active participation of Chinese Americans and Asian/Pacific Americans in civic and national life; securing social justice, equal opportunity and equal treatment of Chinese Americans and Asian/Pacific Americans; eliminating prejudices and ignorance and enhancing the image of Chinese and Asians in America; and promoting the cultural heritage of Chinese Americans.

Through its network of over 40 chapters throughout the United States and its headquarters in Washington, D.C., OCA provides a direct channel for its members to voice their issues and concerns on a national level. Locally, OCA-Greater Los Angeles Chapter has had a long and successful record of mobilizing our communities and coalitions around issues important to Chinese and Asian/Pacific Americans. Together, we embrace the hopes and aspirations of more than one million citizens and residents of Chinese ancestry in the United States.

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Reception 6:30 p.m.

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ON GOLD MOUNTAIN

Performance I

JOHN NAKAKI
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ON GOLD MOUNTAIN

Performance II



EMCEE



TRITIA TOYOTA
Television Journalist

Tritia Toyota is a veteran television journalist who has more than 20 years of experience in Los Angeles news media. Previously a CBS 2 News Anchor, Ms. Toyota also reported on special political and investigative news stories and series. In November 1994, Ms. Toyota was the only journalist to be granted an interview with Lance Ito, the presiding judge of the O.J. Simpson murder trial. Ms. Toyota played a prominent role in "A World of Difference," the Station's anti-discrimination project in 1989 and 1994.

As a journalist deeply concerned with the media's portrayal of Asian Pacific Americans, Ms. Toyota has monitored closely the case of Dr. Wen Ho Lee. She was affectionately described by Professor Don Nakanishi who heads up UCLA's Asian American Studies Program, as "the best student I have ever taught, and the only one I have ever given two A+'s." Ms. Toyota will be teaching a seminar at UCLA on Asian Americans and the Media, examining a wide range of recent media portrayals involving Asian Pacific Americans.



AWARDEES



JOHN NAKAKI, United Parcel Service Corporate Achievement



UPS's commitment to volunteerism and activism is displayed in a multiplicity of ways: encouraging its employees to volunteer for tutoring, immigrant assistance, and other services; launching a literacy initiative, and supporting community-based food rescue efforts. UPS has supported Organization of Chinese Americans with not only resource commitment but also through John Nakaki who is currently the West LA District Manager responsible for Workforce Planning, Employee Relations and Community Relations. An employee of UPS for 30 years, he continues to be involved in the community in all aspects of philanthropy. Mr. Nakaki is the chair of the Region/District Grant Committee for UPS and works with various charitable organizations such as Asian Miracle Marrow Matches, Children Affected by Aids Foundation, Juinio Diabetes Foundation, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics as well as many others. *Organization of Chinese Americans salutes UPS and John Nakaki with the Corporate Achievement Award for their continued support of civic programs that lend a helping hand to all of our communities.*

HELEN ZIA, Author, Journalist & Community Activist Community Achievement

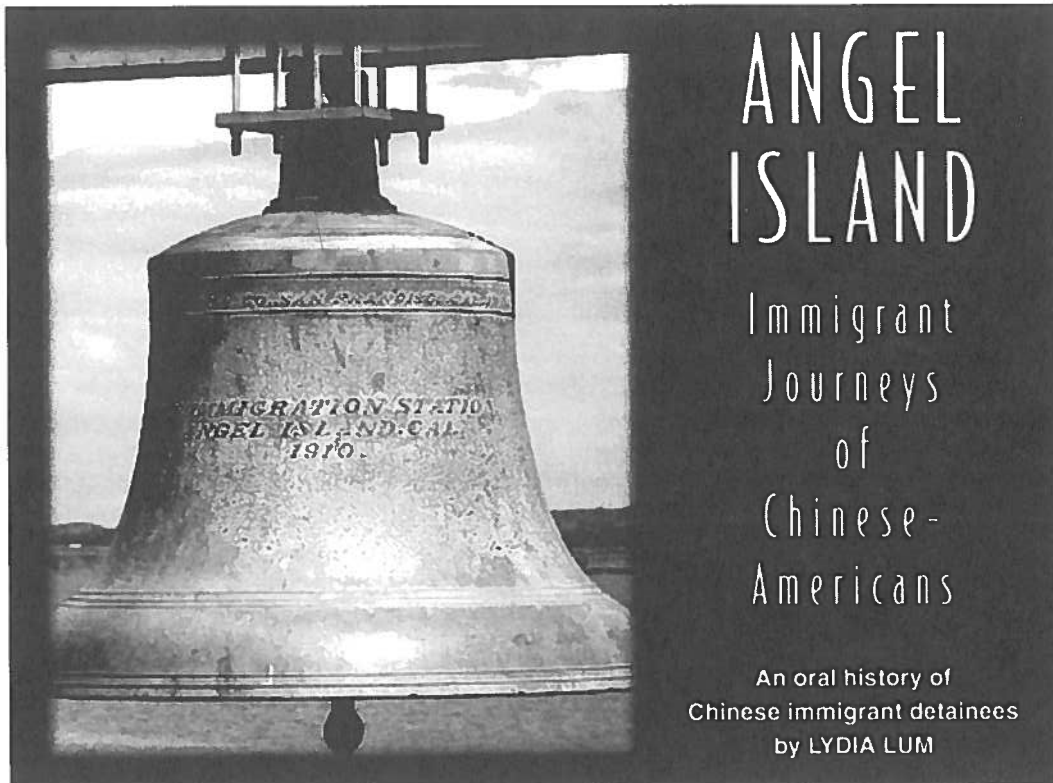


Helen Zia is the author of the critically acclaimed book, *Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People*. Not only is Ms. Zia an award-winning journalist and a Contributing Editor (formerly Executive Editor) to *Ms. Magazine*, she has been a long-time activist for social justice. In 1997, she testified before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on the impact of the campaign finance hearings on Asian Americans. Long involved in women's rights, Ms. Zia participated in 1995's UN Fourth World Congress on Women in Beijing. Her work on the Asian American landmark civil rights case of anti-Asian violence is documented in the Academy Award nominated film, *"Who Killed Vincent Chin?"* Most recently, Ms. Zia took the lead in galvanizing civil rights groups to build a successful nationwide coalition called CARES: Coalition Against Racial and Ethnic Scapegoating, to challenge the unfair prosecution of Dr. Wen Ho Lee. *For her dedication to advancing civil and human rights as a journalist and a community activist, OCA is proud to honor Helen Zia for her Community Achievement.*

ALBERTA LEE Inspirational Award



A technical writer who was neither outspoken nor on the frontlines of civil rights activism, Alberta Lee was thrust into the national arena when her father, Los Alamos nuclear scientist Dr. Wen Ho Lee, was investigated for espionage. "While I was at UCLA, I took Asian American studies classes, but the discrimination we studied seemed like a thing of the past." In December 1999, when her father was arrested, she became her family's spokesperson, championing her father's case to the Asian Pacific American community, to the public, to electeds, and to the media, including NY Times, the Washington Post, LA Times, CNN, ABC, and CBS. Her tireless efforts helped put a human face on her father's story as she told of how he was a simple man who liked fishing and never followed politics. *OCA is honored to bestow upon Alberta Lee the Inspiration Award for her courage in speaking out for her father when few others dared. We celebrate with Alberta her father's victory in winning his freedom from solitary confinement and in successfully dismantling the government's case against him.*



Photographed by Lydia Lum

Angel Island: Immigrant Journeys of Chinese-Americans, is a traveling photo exhibition created by journalist Lydia Lum. Her historical and poignant work captures this little-known experience of Chinese elders who immigrated to the U.S. between 1910-1940. Much more is known about Ellis Island on the East Coast and of the immigrants that came through there, than of Angel Island on the West Coast which makes this a vital chapter of the Asian immigrant experience.

To date, Ms. Lum has interviewed & photographed over 80 Chinese elders across the nation who were detained and interrogated at Angel Island in San Francisco Bay when they came to the U.S. It is estimated that only 1,000 Angel Islanders remain alive.

During the 1800s, countless Chinese came to labor on the transcontinental railroad and sent money back to China. But American laborers resented the Chinese because they were willing to work for cheaper wages. So white Americans lobbied for and won passage of anti-Chinese "exclusion laws" that limited immigration.

From 1910-1940, Chinese immigrants were detained and interrogated at Angel Island immigration station in San Francisco Bay. After interrogations, some were deported if they could not prove they were related to a U.S. citizen. Immigrants were detained weeks, months, sometimes even years.

The so-called "Chinese Exclusion Acts" eventually were repealed. Over the years, Chinese have settled in every U.S. city. Many years have passed but many Chinese still recall the hardships of detention. At Angel Island, a museum has been established in the old barracks, re-creating one of the living areas for Chinese detainees.

Ms. Lum was honored by OCA National with the 1999 First Place Award for Journalist of the Year. She is a full-time staff writer at the *Houston Chronicle*, currently on leave and working diligently on her book of the Angel Island detainee experience.

ON GOLD MOUNTAIN

LIBRETTO BY LISA SEE • MUSIC BY NATHAN WANG

SUMMARY

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FROM THE ACCLAIMED FAMILY MEMOIR *ON GOLD MOUNTAIN* BY LISA SEE, THIS POIGNANT NEW STAGE WORK TELLS THE STORY OF FONG SEE AND HIS AMERICAN BRIDE, TICIE PRUETT, WHO TURNED AN 1890'S LOS ANGELES UNDERWEAR STORE INTO A THRIVING ASIAN ANTIQUES BUSINESS. BASED ON THE TRUE STORY OF ONE OF LA'S MOST SUCCESSFUL CHINESE-AMERICAN FAMILIES, *ON GOLD MOUNTAIN* IS A POWERFUL LOVE STORY ABOUT A COUPLE WHO, DESPITE ALL ODDS, BUILT A MERCANTILE EMPIRE IN A MYTHIC LAND CALLED "GOLD MOUNTAIN".

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FONG SEE	•	GE-QUN WANG
TICIE	•	SHANA BLAKE HILL
YOUNG FONG SEE	•	JUDY HUR
SHUE-YING (FONG SEE'S MOTHER)	•	EUNMI PARK
YONG (FONG SEE'S CHILD BRIDE)	•	AKIKO FUJIMAKI

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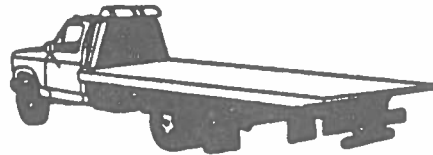


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RANDY LANKFORD, AT&T

Randy Lankford has had a 19-year career with AT & T, spending time in Sales, Information Systems and Human Resources organizations. He was a broadcast journalism major at Louisiana State University, and currently manages AT & T's community relations in Orange County and among Asian Americans in Los Angeles. Mr. Lankford has provided public relations support to AT & T's business and consumer marketing, wireless services, AT & T Labs, executive staff and law & government affairs organizations. Prior to joining AT & T, Lankford spent time as a newspaper reporter and editor. When he has free time, he enjoys golf, music and the theater. He and his wife, Linda, live in Encinitas, California.



LISA SEE, Author

Lisa See is the author of the national bestseller, *On Gold Mountain: The One Hundred Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family*. She is also the author of two novels, *Flower Net* and *The Interior*. Ms. See was the *Publishers Weekly* West Coast Correspondent for 13 years and as a freelance journalist, her articles have appeared in *Vogue*, *Self*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Los Angeles Times Magazine*, *The Washington Post Book World*, and *TV Guide*. She wrote the libretto for the Los Angeles Opera based on *On Gold Mountain*, which premiered in June 2000. This year she also created an exhibit on the Chinese American experience for the Autry Museum of Western Heritage, which will run until January 1, 2001. The exhibit will then move to the Smithsonian Institution in May 2001. Ms. See has endowed an imprint on Southern California history at the University of California Press. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two sons.



ISMAEL ILETO, Activist Against Hate Crimes and Gun Violence

When the Ileta Family first learned of their brother - Joseph Ileta's - shooting death at the hands of a white supremacist, they found the strength - even in their grieving - to reach out to other communities affected by hate crimes. Joseph Ileta's younger brother, Ismael Ileta, was thrust into the national limelight to speak to the media, at colleges, schools, community gatherings and before city councils. When the media lost his brother's story in its coverage of the related Jewish Community Center shootings, Ismael Ileta stepped forward to talk about his brother as a whole human being, who gave generously to his family and as a postal worker who was much loved by the neighbors on his route and his co-workers. Joined by his wife Deena, son Kyle, and his family, Mr. Ileta has addressed the AFL-CIO National Convention, marched with Reverend Jesse Jackson, and met with President Bill Clinton to discuss how to address hate crimes and gun violence. A proud employee of United Parcel Service (UPS) since 1984, Mr. Ileta has won several awards including an all expense paid trip to the Superbowl in '96.

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Organization Of Chinese Americans'
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Year 2000



Congratulations
For A Great Year As
OCA's President



To Our Colleen,

*We are so very proud of you
for all your hard work, compassion, leadership, and vision
as President of the Organization of Chinese Americans
during this special millenium year.*

*Your dedication to raising awareness and making a difference in the
Chinese American and Asian Pacific American communities
has not only demonstrated great leadership but also a true inspiration to all those
working together towards a stronger, unified community.*

With Love,

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*Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Auntie Sim, Uncle Howard, Auntie Fong, Tom, Amy,
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Volunteerism: UPS serving communities hands-on

- **Volunteer Impact Initiative**

Five national nonprofit organizations share a \$2 million grant in a unique effort to build the capacity of nonprofit agencies to effectively utilize volunteers. The organizations are the 100 Black Men of America; Big Brothers Big Sisters of America; Junior Achievement; the Points of Light Foundation; and United Way of America. Each organization received \$400,000 over two years to develop model programs that have been replicated nationwide and, in turn, increased volunteer involvement and service to communities.

- **Neighbor to Neighbor**

The UPS Neighbor to Neighbor program mobilizes UPS employees and their families to serve as volunteers in their communities. The company encourages active community service, such as tutoring, mentoring, feeding the hungry, and building homes.

Education: Fueling the minds that will drive the future

- **Family and Workplace Literacy**

Since the launch of the literacy initiative in 1989, The Foundation has been one of the leading private sector funders of literacy programs in the country, investing nearly \$8.5 million in projects to build the capacity of local literacy service providers and improve the lives of under-educated adults and their families. Under Phase IV of the initiative, The Foundation has committed \$2.6 million to support projects administered by six national and regional organizations, including: Laubach Literacy Action; Literacy Action, Inc.; National Center for Family Literacy; United Way of America; Work, Achievement, Values & Education; and Women's Employment Network.

Hunger Relief

- **Prepared and Perishable Food Rescue Program (PPFRP)**

This program was designed to provide support to community-based gleaning organizations to organize and expand their food rescue efforts. For more than a decade, The Foundation has supported the growth and development of hunger relief programs. UPS has invested a total of \$8.2 million in PPFRPs to preserve more than 132 million pounds of food to fight hunger in America.

UPS gives back at the local level

- **Region/District Grant Program**

Unique among American corporations, this program is designed to make direct use of employees' knowledge of local community needs by providing local organizations with financial support that will significantly affect their ability to serve those with urgent needs. Since its establishment in 1984, the Region District Grant program has awarded over \$36.8 million to charitable organizations on a local level.

- **Community Investment Grant Program**

In 1999, UPS launched the Community Investment Grant program to award grants specifically to non-profit organizations where UPS employees volunteer. Community Investment Grants are used to help people with various needs across the U.S., and special attention is given to often neglected rural communities. Grants are awarded in amounts of \$5,000 and above. In 1999, the Community Investment Grant awarded a total of \$9 million to organizations nationwide.