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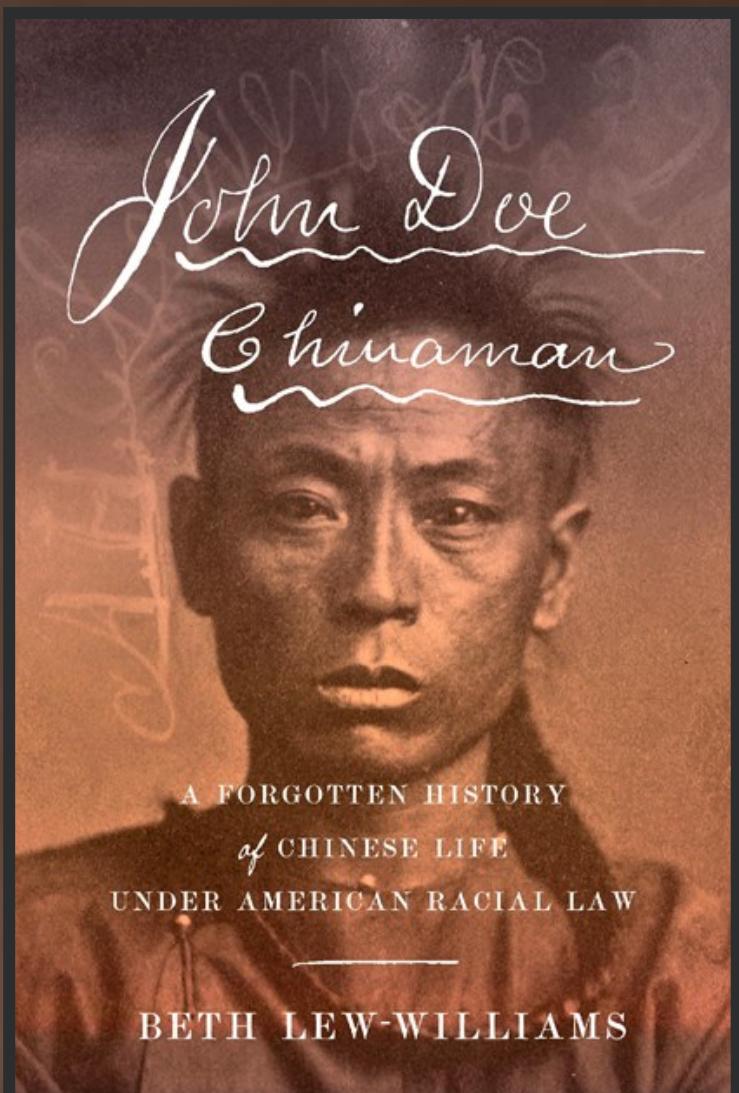
A RECEPTION FOLLOWS IN THE HUMANITIES LIVING ROOM (HUMN 170)

Beth Lew-Williams

Professor of History, Princeton University

John Doe Chinaman: CHINESE LIFE UNDER AMERICAN RACIAL LAW

Legal discrimination against Chinese people in the United States began in 1852, when California passed a tax on foreign gold miners that was explicitly designed to exploit Chinese labor. Over the next seventy years, officials in California, Oregon, Washington, and other western states instituted more than five thousand laws that marginalized and controlled their Chinese residents. Drawing on dozens of archives across the US West, Beth Lew-Williams reveals the depth of anti-Chinese discrimination beyond federal exclusion and tells the stories of those who refused to accept a conditional place in American life.



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