ENGAGING THE WORLD: Leading the Conversation on the Significance of Race

Lecture Series

Reclaiming our Roots: Ethnic Studies as a Legacy of Intersectional Resilience and Resistance

Friday, May 7, 2021

Event: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. (PST): Chinatown Rising Documentary

Chinatown Rising is a documentary film about Asian-American Movement from the perspective of the young residents on the front lines of their historic neighborhood in transition.

6:30 -7:30 p.m. (PST): Origin Story: Panel Discussion

with the scholar activists, featured in the documentary, on the front lines that helped form Ethnic Studies as a collaborative effort between Black, Chicano, and Asian American Communities at SF State

Zoom Link to register: https://www.accelevents.com/e/EthnicStudiesSummit

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Against the backdrop of the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-1960s, a young San Francisco Chinatown resident armed with a 16mm camera and leftover film scraps from a local TV station, turned his lens onto his community. Totalling more than 20,000 feet of film (10 hours), Harry Chuck’s exquisite unreleased footage has captured a divided community’s struggles for self-determination. Chinatown Rising is a documentary film about the Asian-American Movement from the perspective of the young residents on the front lines of their historic neighborhood in transition. Through publicly challenging the conservative views of their elders, their demonstrations and protests of the 1960s-1980s rattled the once quiet streets during the community’s shift in power. Forty-five years later, in intimate interviews these activists recall their roles and experiences in response to the need for social change.

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