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JOHN DOE CHINAMAN: RACE AND LAW IN THE AMERICAN WEST

A single word – “exclusion” – has provided a dominant framework for the history of Asians in America. Immigration law may have excluded Chinese migrants from the nation for more than fifty years, but those who were already in America (and those who continued to arrive) were also included within the political economy and racial regime of the U.S. West. This talk will explore the terms of that inclusion, focusing in particular on the role of civil and criminal law.

SPEAKER BIO

Beth Lew-Williams is Associate Professor of History at Princeton University.

She is a historian of race and migration in the United States, specializing in Asian American history.

With support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, her next book project will consider the policing of Chinese migrants in the American West.