### Contents

**List of Figures**  
**List of Tables**  
**Acknowledgments**

Introduction: One Hundred and Fifty Years of Chinese in America: The Politics of Polarity  
*Susie Lan Cassel*  

**PART I  DEFYING STEREOTYPES: THE EARLIEST ARRIVALS**

1. The Social Origins of Early Chinese Immigrants: A Revisionist Perspective  
   *Haiming Liu*  
   
2. Chinese Placer Mining in the United States: An Example from American Canyon, Nevada  
   *David Valentine*  
   
3. To Inscribe the Self Daily: The Discovery of the Ah Quin Diary  
   *Susie Lan Cassel*  

**PART II  DISCRIMINATION AND EXCLUSION ACROSS AMERICA**

   *Victor Jew*
CONTENTS

5 Riot in Unionville, Nevada: A Turning Point 91
Elmer R. Rusco

6 Telling Their Own Stories: Chinese Canadian Biography as a Historical Genre 106
Nancy S. Lee

PART III LIVELIHOOD IN THE NEW WORLD

7 The Recurrent Image of the Coolie: Representations of Chinese American Labor in American Periodicals, 1900–1924 124
Shirley Sui Ling Tam

8 The Rise and Fall of the Chinese Fisheries in California 140
Linda Bentz and Robert Schwemmer

9 The Seaweed Gatherers on the Central Coast of California 156
Dolores K. Young

10 The Five Eras of Chinese Medicine in California 174
William M. Bowen

PART IV INFLUENCES: FROM OLD WORLD TO NEW WORLD

11 The Chinese Empire Reform Association (Baohuanghui) and the 1905 Anti-American Boycott: The Power of a Voluntary Association 195
Jane Leung Larson

12 Between Two Worlds: The Zhigongtang and Chinese American Funerary Rituals 217
Sue Fawn Chung

13 Family and Culture in the Control of the Delinquent Chinese Boy in America 239
Sheldon X. Zhang

14 Unbound Feet: A Metaphor for the Transformation of the Chinese Immigrant Female in Chinese American Literature 260
Bonnie Khaw-Posthuma

15 Nationalism, Orientalism, and an Unequal Treatise of Ethnography: The Making of The Good Earth 274
Zhiwei Xiao
PART V ESTABLISHING A CHINESE AMERICAN IDENTITY

16 The "In Search of Roots" Program: Constructing Identity through Family History Research and a Journey to the Ancestral Land  
*Albert Cheng and Him Mark Lai*  
293

17 Ah Quin: One of San Diego’s Founding Fathers  
*Murray K. Lee*  
308

18 Contesting Identities: Youth Rebellion in San Francisco’s Chinese New Year Festivals, 1953–1969  
*Chiou-ling Yeh*  
329

19 Mothers’ “China Narrative”: Recollection and Translation in Amy Tan’s *The Joy Luck Club* and *The Kitchen God’s Wife*  
*Yuan Yuan*  
351

20 Finding the Right Gesture: Becoming Chinese American in Fae Myenne Ng’s *Bone*  
*Vivian Fumiko Chin*  
365

PART VI CHINESE AMERICA: SETTLED

21 Archaeological Investigations of Life within the Woolen Mills Chinatown, San Jose  
*R. Scott Baxter and Rebecca Allen*  
381

22 The Chinese Immigrants in Baja California: From the Cotton Fields to the City, 1920–1940  
*Catalina Velázquez Morales*  
399

23 The Urban Pattern of Portland, Oregon’s First Chinatown  
*marie rose wong*  
416

24 The Diverse Nature of San Diego’s Chinese American Communities  
*Ying Zeng*  
434

Index  
449

About the Contributors  
457