

"From Psychologist to Historian and Recollections of a Paper Son"

Dr. John Jung

Professor Emeritus of Psychology
California State University
Halle Speaker Series Event
Thursday, September 29 | 7 p.m.
Joseph W. Jones Room, Woodruff Library



Dr. John Jung will discuss his search for the story of his parents' immigration to the United States in the 1920s, which led to an exploration of the history of Chinese immigrants across the United States and to the publication of four books. His latest work, *Sweet and Sour: Life in Chinese Family Restaurants* (2010), is a social history of Chinese restaurants and the lives of the families that operated them. Jung will share some of the many rewarding and often-unexpected experiences that arose from this endeavor.

This event is free and open to the public, but guests must [register here](#) by Wednesday, Sept. 28.

About John Jung

A native of Macon, Georgia, John Jung was born to Chinese immigrant parents who operated a laundry for more than 20 years. Jung received his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and went on to earn a doctorate in psychology from Northwestern University. He is professor emeritus of psychology at California State University at Long Beach, where he taught for 40 years, and is the author of several academic textbooks, including *Psychology of Alcohol and Other Drugs*.

Following his retirement in 2005, Jung published several books: *Southern Fried Rice: Life in a Chinese Laundry in the Deep South* (2005), a memoir about his family's life in Georgia; *Chinese Laundries: Tickets to Survival on Gold Mountain* (2007), which examines the role that Chinese laundries played in the economic survival of immigrants throughout North America from the 1870s to the 1970s; *Chopsticks in the Land of Cotton: Lives of Mississippi Delta Chinese Grocers* (2008), which explores the history of Chinese immigrants who ran groceries in largely black neighborhoods in the 19th century; and most recently, *Sweet and Sour: Life in Chinese Family Restaurants* (2010).

This event is co-sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Historical Society, the [National Association of Chinese-Americans](#), and the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association.