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CITIZENS, IMMIGRANTS, AND THE STATELESS: JAPANESE AMERICAN MIGRANTS IN THE U.S.-JAPAN BORDERLANDS

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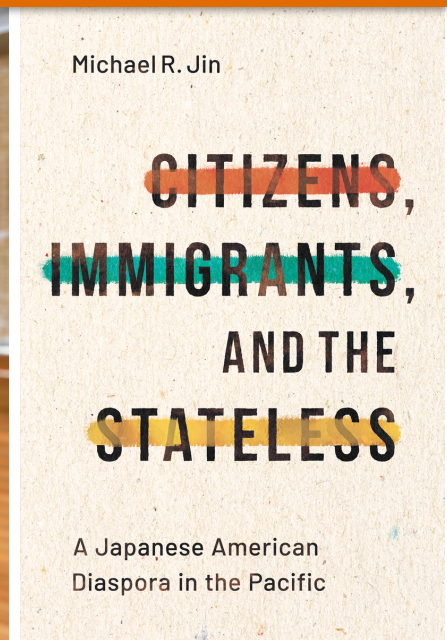
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About the Speaker

Dr. Michael R. Jin is Associate Professor of Global Asian Studies and History at the University of Illinois Chicago. His areas of specialization include migration and diaspora studies, Asian American history, transnational Asia and the Pacific world, critical race and ethnic studies, and the history of the American West. Jin is an interdisciplinary scholar whose research focuses on comparative and global dimensions of human migration and racial formation that push the conceptual, geographical, and linguistic boundaries of ethnic studies and area studies. He is the author of *Citizens, Immigrants, and the Stateless: A Japanese American Diaspora in the Pacific* (Stanford University Press, 2022). His work has been published in the *Amerasia Journal*, *Critical Ethnic Studies Journal*, and other scholarly venues.

About the Talk

Throughout the first half of the twentieth century, more than 50,000 second-generation Japanese Americans (Nisei) embarked on transpacific journeys to Japan and its colonial world in Asia, putting an ocean between themselves and pervasive anti-Asian racism in the American West. Born U.S. citizens but treated as unwelcome aliens, these American migrants came in search of better lives but instead encountered a world shaped by volatile U.S.-Japan relations that culminated in a tragic war. Dr. Jin's talk opens a window into the complex transnational lives of Nisei migrants who redefined ideas about home, identity, and citizenship as they encountered multiple social realities on both sides of the Pacific. Their stories illuminate the deeply intertwined histories of Japanese colonialism in Asia, Asian exclusion in the American West, and volatile twentieth-century geopolitical upheavals between the two empires at the crossroads of Asian and American histories.