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**“Purges and Purity: ‘The Chinese Must Go’”**



**Jean Pfaelzer** is Professor of English, Asian Studies, and Women and Gender Studies at the University of Delaware. She is the author of *Driven Out: The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans*, (Random House and University of California Press; forthcoming in Mandarin, Flower City Pub PRC), and four other books including *Parlor Radical: Rebecca Harding Davis and the Origins of American Social Realism* and *The Utopian Novel in America: The Politics of Form*. She is working on two books: *California Bound: Slavery in the American West* (Yale University Press) and *Muted Mutinies: Slave Revolts on Chinese Coolie Ships*. Jean is on the curatorial team for “I Want the Wide American Earth: An Asian Pacific American Story” Smithsonian Museum of American History 2013-present. *Driven Out* was named one of the “100 Notable Books of the Year” by the *NY Times*; she was named Asian American

Hero by *Asian Week*. She will appear in the PBS special on the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Law (Director Ric Burns) and in a three hour co-production of PBS and CCTV (U.S. Director Doug Shultz) on the Chinese in the American West. Jean consults for the “1882 Project” that gained Congressional acknowledgement of anti-Chinese legislation. She writes for *Huffington Post*, *History News Network*, and *The Globalist* and speaks frequently on NPR and Pacifica on issues of labor and immigration. She curated *Asian American Women: A History of Resistance and Resilience* for the National Women’s History Museum. Jean has served on the American Studies Association International Committee, Women’s Committee, and is founder and Chair of ASA International Women’s Task Force. Jean Pfaelzer received her Ph.D. from University College, London, a Graduate Certificate in Politics and Culture from Cambridge University (Dir. Raymond Williams) and her BA and MA from Univ. California, Berkeley (Dir. Henry Nash Smith). She is a member of the Chinese Railroad Workers Project.

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