

Announcing a public lecture by
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Truman State University



CHINESE ST. LOUIS: FROM CHINATOWN TO CULTURAL COMMUNITY

Tuesday, February 16

7:00-8:00pm

S304 Memorial Union

Reception and book signing to follow

Where was the Chinatown in St. Louis?

Sitting in Busch Stadium watching a St. Louis Cardinals game, you would never know you are sitting on what was China Town. Many Chinese came to St. Louis in 1869 after losing their jobs as railroad construction workers. They chose St. Louis which was then the fourth largest city in the US.

What is the Chinese American community in St. Louis like today?

In her lecture, Dr. Ling will present the dramatic transformation of the Chinese community in St. Louis from an ethnic enclave Chinatown to a more suburban oriented “Cultural Community,” a community without geographical boundaries; defined by cultural infrastructure of Chinese churches, schools, and community organizations, as well as cultural celebrations.

An internationally renowned historian and prolific writer, Ling is Professor of History at Truman State University and Executive Editor of *Journal of Asian American Studies*. Currently she is Visiting Faculty Fellow at MU. A Ford Foundation Prize-winning author, she has published ten books and over hundred articles on Asian Americans. Her book *Chinese St. Louis: From Enclave to Cultural Community* (Temple University Press, 2004) has been featured in *The World Journal*, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *West End Word*, *St. Louis Chinese American News*, *St. Louis Chinese Journal*, the *Overseas Chinese World*, *River Front Times*, “Charles Brennan Show” KMOX 1120, “Voice of St. Louis,” KWMU 90.7 (NPR in St. Louis) “St. Louis on the Air,” among others. It has become a classic work on ethnic American communities in the Midwest.