



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **December 5**, at 11:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Jason Oliver Chang Ph.D.

“Stages of U.S. Immigration History: from Colony to Empire”



Our nation’s immigration history begins with the period of British colonization, before the birth of the republic in the late-eighteenth century. Stretching our historical vantage point to include this earlier foundational period is crucial to questioning American myths of immigration history that suggest the U.S. welcomes all and is a free, open, society where anyone can make it.

Tracing the different ways that migration, conquest, settlement, and exclusion have developed helps to show how this mythology emerged during WWII and the Cold War. As American ideologies of immigration evolved, concepts of immigration with regard to citizenship, race, and labor were transformed. A spirit of U.S. nationalism fostered domestic and global projects related to capitalist development and empire-building.

Reflecting on this deep history, Professor Chang provides a view on today’s immigration debates as promulgated by the current and recent government administrations.

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His first book, *Chino: Racial Transformation of the Chinese in Mexico, 1880-1940* (submitted for review), analyzes the regional histories of Chinese migration and integration in Mexican society to show how the racial image of the Chinese shifted over the course of the 1910 revolution and subsequent reconstruction.

Next Week: December 12 Terri Ann Lowenthal, Census Expert & Staff Director of the U.S. House Census Oversight Subcommittee from 1987-94, “The 2020 Census: Counting Through Adversity?” *The Greenwich Retired Men’s Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40 AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org*