

At the Center

California History Center & Foundation

*A Center for the Study & Preservation
of State and Regional History
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9:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

MARK THE DATE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Opening reception for the exhibit
"Wherever There's a Fight"
7pm at the Trianon

OCTOBER 10 – DECEMBER 2

"Wherever There's a Fight"
Exhibit at the Trianon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Charlie Chin in latest *History Alive!*
series: "Sun Yat-sen and the Three
People's Principles."
7pm at the Trianon

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

"A Taste of History"
Celebrating the Historic Corridor
at De Anza College
3pm–6pm at the Trianon

Fall 2011 Courses at the California History Center

For more information, please call Tom Izu, (408) 864-8986

Women's Suffrage in California: 100 years

LECTURES

Mon 10/10
4pm–7:50pm
Mon 10/24
4pm–7:50pm

FIELD STUDIES

Fri 10/14 and Sat 11/5

HIST-051X-95 • 2 units

Instructor Mary Jo Ignoffo

The year 2011 marks the 100th anniversary of women gaining the vote in California. Woman suffrage advocates hoped that their support for Progressive causes like an end to poverty and vice, and their promotion of transparency in government and environmental conservation, could change the nation. The 1911 suffrage campaign capitalized on the new automobile and telephone to carry its message to communities across the state. Church to church, school to school, club to club, door to door, person to person, advocates spoke, handed out fliers, and wrote newspaper articles about the suffrage movement. This class will examine the political strategies of the pro-suffrage movement and will discuss the individuals who influenced the vote. We will also analyze the impact that suffrage for California women had on the rest of the nation, particularly with the ratification in 1920 of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Uncommon Zeal: Junipero Serra and the California Missions

LECTURES

Thur 10/13, Thur 10/27
6:30–10:20pm

FIELD STUDIES

Sat 10/15
8:30am–5:30pm
Sat 10/29
8:30am–5:30pm

HIST-053X-95 • 2 units

Instructor Chatham Forbes

The missionary head of Spain's Sacred Expedition to Alta California, Father Junipero Serra, was both a profound religious leader and an experienced, driving executive. A passionate man, with traits of the martyr, Serra provided momentum as church and civil authorities built their chain of missions and presidios along the wild California coast.

Arc of the Meteor: Jack London and California

LECTURES

Thur 12/1, Thur 12/8
6:30pm–10:20pm

FIELD STUDIES

Sat 12/3,
8:30am–5:30pm
Sat 12/10,
8:30am–5:30pm

HIST-054X-96 • 2 units

Instructor Chatham Forbes

The quintessential man of action, gifted and generous, Jack London was as much a participant in the great events of his time as he was a writer. Through energy and brilliance he climbed out of a rough youth to world prominence as a controversial voice for the American working man and woman.

Wherever There's a Fight Exhibit opens October 10

A History of Civil Liberties in California

Showcasing powerful stories of the fight for freedom and equality in California from the Gold Rush to the post-9/11 eras, a new exhibition, *Wherever There's a Fight: A History of Civil Liberties in California*, opens October 10 and runs through December 2 at the California History Center. The traveling exhibition, rich with narrative and photographs, animates the history of civil liberties focusing on the hidden stories of unsung heroes and heroines throughout California who stood up for their rights in the face of social hostility, physical violence, and economic hardship.

Wherever There's a Fight is part of California Council for the Humanities' *Searching for Democracy*, a thematic program designed to examine the meaning of democracy today. The exhibition is based on the Heyday Books publication *Wherever There's a Fight: How Runaway Slaves, Suffragists, Immigrants, Strikers, and Poets Shaped Civil Liberties in California*, by Elaine Elinson and Stan Yogi (2009), and is presented by Exhibit Envoy and curated by Elinson and Yogi.

Said Ralph Lewin, President and CEO of California Council for the Humanities, "It has been said that democracy and liberty require vigilance. Fundamental questions of freedom—what it means in different contexts and for different people and how it can be exercised and protected in a country such as ours—are as important and controversial today as ever. The stories presented are of moments when individuals have stood up for democracy. These stories remind us of important episodes in our past and provide us with windows into current, ongoing debates around the civil liberties that are central to democracy."

Fourteen interpretive panels of photographs and texts tell the stories of ordinary people capable of extraordinary acts, who fought violations of their civil liberties in California, reflecting the prejudices and political winds of the times.

These include Paul Robeson, who told the House Un-American Activities Committee, "You are the Un-Americans and you ought to be ashamed of yourselves." Anton Refregier's colorful murals, targeted for destruction by a 1953 Congressional inquisition but ultimately declared historically protected, depict the

true stories of Indians at the missions, anti-Chinese riots, and labor strikes. And in 1939, the Kern County Board of Supervisors banned John Steinbeck's instant best-seller *Grapes of Wrath*, though 600 readers had already put it on reserve. "Banning books is so utterly hopeless and futile," said Kern County's librarian Gretchen Knief. "Ideas don't die because a book is forbidden reading."



AT THE
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OPENING RECEPTION

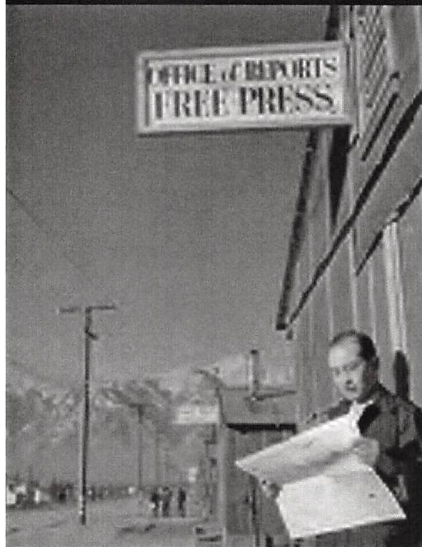
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 7:00 P.M.

This event is open to the public and free of charge. Come and meet exhibit curators and authors of the book, Wherever There's a Fight, Elaine Elinson and Stan Yogi.

WHEREVER THERE'S A FIGHT

**A New
Exhibit
at the
California
History Center**

A HISTORY OF CIVIL LIBERTIES IN CALIFORNIA



During World War II, the federal government incarcerated 120,000 Japanese Americans in isolated camps like Manzanar, located in the bleak high desert of Inyo County. The camp newspaper was "free" even though its readers—and its editor, Roy Takeno, pictured here—were not. Photo by Ansel Adams, 1943

**October 10
through
December 2
2011**

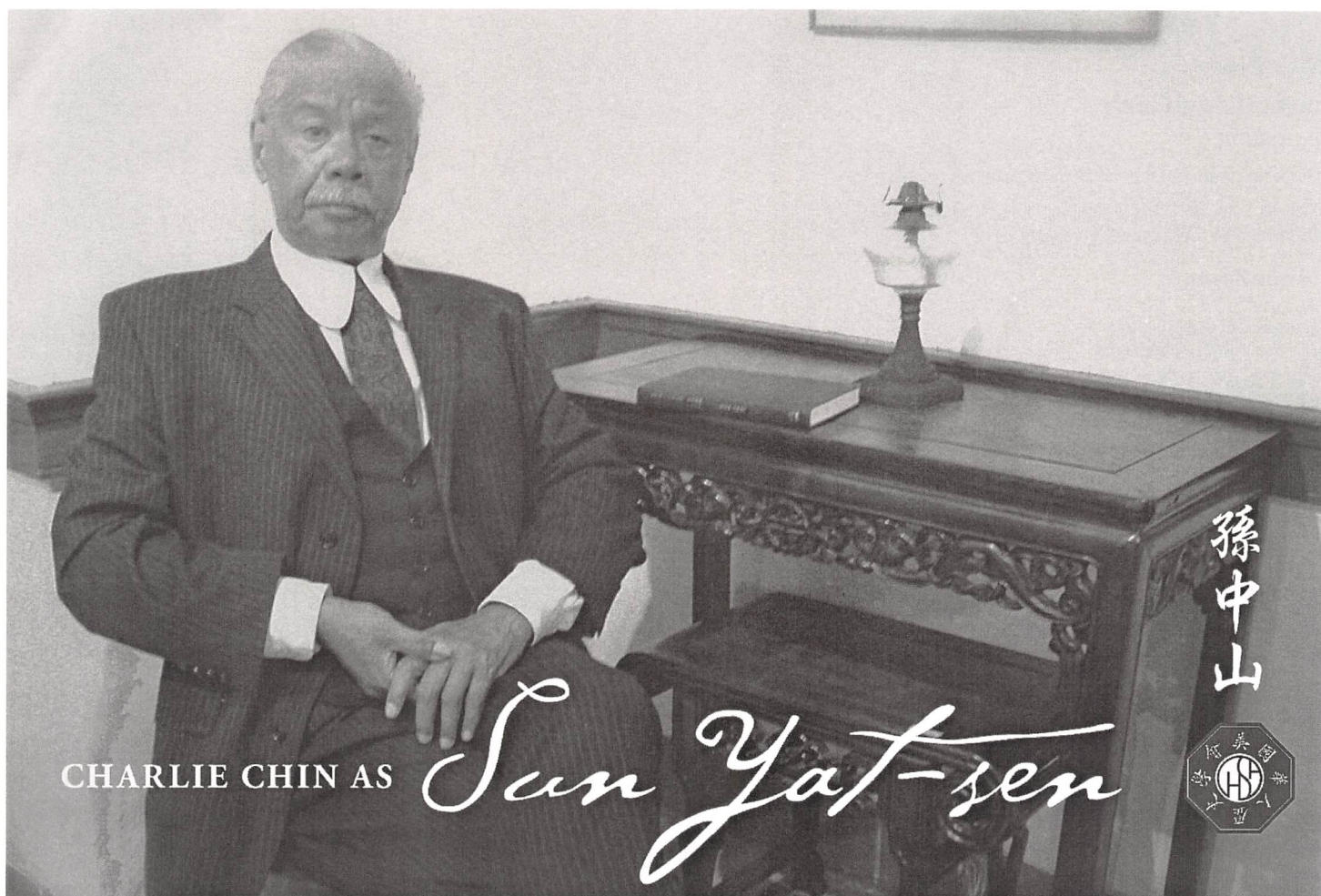
*You're invited
to the*

**Free
Opening
Reception**

*Thursday, October 6
at 7:00 p.m.*

*Meet curators and authors
Elaine Elinson and Stan Yogi!*

Support for this exhibit is provided by the California Council for the Humanities (CCH), which has launched a thematic program initiative designed to animate a public conversation on the meaning of democracy today through a series of local, regional, and statewide humanities-inspired activities. www.calhum.org Funding is also provided by Exhibit Envoy (formerly California Exhibition Resources Alliance), which provides traveling exhibitions and professional services to museums throughout California. Its mission is to build new perspectives among Californians, create innovative exhibitions and solutions, and advance institutions in service to their communities. www.exhibitenvoy.org



"Sun Yat-sen & the Three People's Principles"

New History Alive! Production comes to CHC October 20

On Thursday, October 20, 2011 the California History Center will feature Charlie Chin in the latest *History Alive!* series: "Sun Yat-sen and the Three People's Principles."

Featuring the unique story of Dr. Sun's life in America before returning to be the first provisional President of the Republic of China, "Sun Yat-sen" is a Chautauquan museum theater presentation by renowned writer, historian and performer, Chinese Historical Society of America Artist-in-Residence Charlie Chin.

This project will illuminate the linkage between the modern history of China and the history of Chinese American communities as well as the linkage between the democratic ideas pursued in the post American Civil War era and the aspirations of Chinese both in China and here in America.

This Centennial of the 1911 Chinese Revolution is a key teaching moment in Chinese American history shared by

Chinese throughout the global diaspora.

As such, this project will educate younger generations and the public at large of the place of Chinatown in history as well as the roots of the complex relationship between US and China that continues today. As such this project not only upholds the achievements of the past, it creates the foundation for the future of the community.

History Alive! caters to both kids & adults and everyone in-between. This event is free. Please call (408) 864-8986 with any questions.



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This event is open to the public, free of charge, and is being presented in conjunction with the Chinese Historical Society of America.

Phone (408) 864-8986 for more information.



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De Anza College Commission
& President Brian Murphy for*

A Taste of History

Celebrating the Historic Corridor at De Anza College

Saturday, November 5, 2011, 3 - 6 p.m.

*Featuring wine tasting by local wineries; Burrell School, Big Basin Vineyards,
Guglielmo Winery, House Family Winery, Jazz Cellars and Poetic Cellars,
hors d'oeuvres, entertainment & preview tours*

Tickets \$50

To order tickets online visit **www.foundation.fhda.edu**
or call 650.949.6230

Purchase tickets by October 21 – space is limited!

Free parking in the Flint Center Parking Garage

All proceeds support student & campus projects to preserve, record & share our local history.

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