

## **ETHN 87—Asian Americans and the Model Minority**

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**Please note that we will meet on the following dates: 1/26; 2/2; 2/9; 2/23; 3/2; 3/9**

### **1/26: Introduction: From Yellow Peril to Model Minority**

### **2/2: The Construction of the Model Minority**

Victor Bascara, "Unburdening Empire: The Cultural Politics of Asian American Difference." Ch. 1 in *Model-Minority Imperialism*, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press (**E-Reserve**)

### **2/9: Consequences: "Good" and "Bad" Asians**

Chong, Sylvia Shin Huey. "Look, an Asian!": The Politics of Racial Interpellation in the Wake of the Virginia Tech Shootings." *JAAS*  
[http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal\\_of\\_asian\\_american\\_studies/toc/jaas11.1.html](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_asian_american_studies/toc/jaas11.1.html)

### **2/23: Consequences: Effects on Second-Generation Asian Americans**

Nazli Kibria, "The Model Minority At Work," ch. 5 in *Becoming Asian American: Second-Generation Chinese and Korean American Identities* (**E-Reserve**)

### **3/2: Asian American Critique**

Malcolm Yeung, *A student's perspective: Objectification of Asian-Americans: A Historical Consistency.*"

<http://www.modelminority.com/article72.html>

Michael Omi, "Asian-Americans: the Unbearable Whiteness of Being?"

<http://chronicle.com/weekly/v55/i05/05b05601.htm>

### **3/9: Asian American Resistance**

Rosalind Chou and Joe Feagin, "Acts of Resistance," Ch. 6 in *The Myth of the Model Minority: Asian Americans Facing Racism* (Paradigm Publishers, 2008).