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Mia Bay

Mia Bay is the Roy F. and Jeanette P. Nichols Professor of American History at University of Pennsylvania. Bay is a scholar of American and African American intellectual, cultural, and social history whose publications include *Traveling Black: A Story of Race and Resistance* (Harvard University Press, 2021), *To Tell the Truth Freely: The Life of Ida B. Wells* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009), and *The White Image in the Black Mind: African-American Ideas about White People, 1830-1925* (Oxford University Press, 2000). Bay is currently working on a new book on the history of African American ideas about Thomas Jefferson.



Mae Ngai

Mae Ngai (GSAS'98) is Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies at Columbia University, Professor of History, and Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race. She is author of *The Chinese Question: The Gold Rushes and Global Politics* (W.W. Norton, 2021), *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America* (Princeton University Press, 2004) and *The Lucky Ones: One Family and the Extraordinary Invention of Chinese America* (Princeton University Press, 2010). She writes on immigration matters for The New York Times, the Atlantic, and other publications.



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