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CHOP SUEY

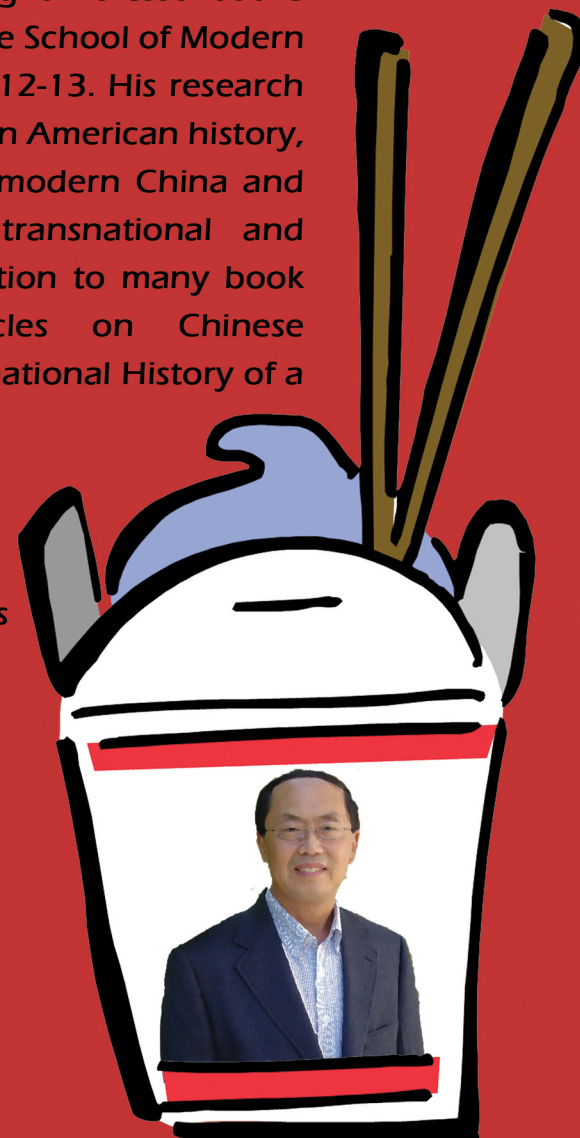
*as Imagined Authentic
 Chinese Food in America*

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From 1900 to the 1960s, chop suey was a synonym of Chinese food in the United States. Most Chinese restaurants in America were called chop suey houses. Serving a wide range of American customers, chop suey eventually evolved into a popular American ethnic food and a culinary identity for Chinese restaurant business. Its history illustrates how Chinese immigrants adapted Chinese food to mainstream American taste and the restaurant market. The dynamic interaction between Chinese food and American customers was an interesting process of cultural negotiation. While the Chinese restaurant business helped shape American diet, Chinese food was at the same time being shaped, transformed and even altered by American popular taste and social expectations. Though popular, chop suey was essentially an imagined authentic Chinese food.

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