At the end of this session, you should be able to understand

- The Development of a new multicultural ethnic identity as result of global migratory movements, guest lecture by Prof. Meena Sridhar/Indian Studies

**History of the Asian Americans in the Twenty First Century**

- CHINESE: 1848 GOLD RUSH
- KOREANS: 1903 TO 1905
- ASIAN INDIANS: 1904 TO 1923
- JAPANESE: EARLY 1900’S
- FILIPINOS: 1898 (US COLONY)
- VIETNAMESE: EARLY 1970’S
- HMONG, KHMER, LAO: 1970’S

**Immigrant Hardships**

- LONG WORKING HOURS
- LOW WAGES
- POOR LIVING CONDITIONS
- NO PROTECTION
- DENIED EDUCATION, CITIZENSHIP, PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, RIGHTS TO MARRIAGE, FAMILY

**Laws Against Asians**

- 1790 LAW: CITIZENSHIP LIMITED TO FREE WHITE PERSONS ONLY
- 1882-1943: CHINESE EXCL ACT
- 1906: ORIENTAL SCHOOLS FOR CH, JAP, FILIP, KOR, ASIAN IND CHILD
- 1924: ASIAN EXCLUSION ACT
- 1920 S FRANCISCO: NON-CITIZENS NOT ALLOWED TO OWN LAND
- 1924: BARRED JAPANESE FROM BECOMING AMERICAN CITIZENS
- 1965: IMMIGRATION OPENED TO ALL REGARDLESS OF COLOR OR RACE

**Asian Americans Today-2000 and beyond**

**Growth Patterns**

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Image of Asians: 1980’s
- MODEL MINORITY
- HIGHLY EDUCATED
- STRONG WORK ETHIC
- STRONG FAMILY VALUES
- RESPECTFUL
- HARD WORKING

Backlash against Asians
- UC BERKELEY
- 1990: KOREAN-BLACK ONFLICTS ESCALATED AFTER THE RODNEY KING CASE
- VINCENT CHEN CASE (DETROIT)
- MIT STUDY (2003)

U.S. Society
- BASICALLY TOLERANT
- EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
- DEMOCRATIC ORIENTATION
- AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
- CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION FOR MINORITIES

Predictions about Asian Americans
- All Asian groups in the Census 2000 had impressive growth between 1990 and 2000, except for the Japanese. In all likelihood, Asian Americans will wield more economic, social and political influence into the 21st century as they expand.