

'I'm not an alien': Narrating Race, Space, and Kinship in Chinese Adoption

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The stories and voices of Chinese adoptees in North America are increasingly found in film, magazines, web sites, and books. My recent research has focused on how the narratives of children adopted from China construct racialized identities across the spaces of home, city, and nation, with particular attention to what this means for kinship formation. To address these issues, I draw on a set of interviews and images I gathered from children ages 7-15, analyze them next to surveys conducted with their parents, and refer as well to some popular discourses.