

## **Children of the Cold War: Asian Adoptees and the Politics of Interracial American Families**

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The intimate intercultural relations, including interracial dating and intermarriages that evolved among ethno racial minorities in multiethnic neighborhoods in California are the subject of Allison Varzally's book *A Non White America: Coloring Outside Ethnic Lines in Mid-20th Century California*, forthcoming from the University of California Press in Spring 2008. Inspired by similar questions about how the creation of interracial families reshaped notions of racial and national identity, her new research compares the practices and meanings of adopting Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese children between 1945 and 1975. Special focus will be on the relationships between these adoptions and ascendant Civil Rights Movements, the construction of Asian Americans as a pan ethnic and model minority, and American understandings of Asia as a region.

Should the title include the word as Non-White rather than as two words Non White?