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Joint Seminar

Professor Dorothy Wang

American Studies Program and Department of English,
Williams College

English Poetry and the Legacies of Colonialism

5-6:30pm

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Room 4.04,

Run Run Shaw Tower

Centennial Campus

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Dorothy Wang is a Professor in Williams College's American Studies Program and a Faculty Affiliate in the Department of English, specializing in contemporary English-language poetry (particularly minority experimental poetry) and poetics, with subsidiary research interests in Anglophone Chinese diasporic literature and in American studies.

Her book *Thinking Its Presence: Form, Race, and Subjectivity in Contemporary Asian American Poetry* (Stanford University Press, 2013) received the Association for Asian American Studies' award for best book of literary criticism in 2016 and was chosen by Ben Lerner for *The New Yorker's* list of "The Books We Loved in 2016." It also garnered honorable mention in the Poetry Foundation's inaugural Pegasus Awards for Criticism in 2014. The first national conference on race and creative writing in the United States was named after *Thinking Its Presence* and was convened in 2014 and 2015 at the University of Montana and in 2017 at the University of Arizona.

Wang conceived of and co-founded the "Race and Poetry and Poetics in the UK" (RAPAPUK) research initiative, based in the UK, which held its second conference, "Race and Poetry and Poetics in the UK: Legacies of Colonialism," at Queens' College, Cambridge University, from Oct. 27-28, 2018. She has also published criticism on Asian Australian literature.

During the academic year 2017-18, Wang was an ACLS Frederick Burkhardt Fellow at the CUNY Graduate Center's Department of English. She is currently a visiting professor at Lingnan University in Hong Kong and was a visiting professor in 2014 at the Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. Wang holds a Ph.D. from the Department of English at U.C.-Berkeley and previously taught in the English departments at Northwestern University and Wesleyan University.