



Name in English: Helen Zia
Name in Chinese: 谢汉兰 [謝漢蘭]
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Gender: Female
Birth Year: 1952
Birth Place: New Jersey

Profession(s): Author, journalist, civil/human rights advocate

Education: BA, 1972, Princeton University.

Awards: Zia has received numerous journalism awards for her ground-breaking stories; her investigation of date rape at the University of Michigan led to campus demonstrations and an overhaul of its policies, while her research on women who join neo-Nazi and white supremacist organizations provoked new thinking on the relationship between race and gender violence in hate crimes. Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the Law School of the City University of New York for surfacing important matters of law and civil rights into public view.

Contribution (s): Helen Zia is an award-winning journalist, author, and scholar who has covered APA communities, and social and political movements (anti-Vietnam War) for several decades. Zia is a former Executive Editor of Ms. Magazine and her articles, essays, and reviews have appeared in numerous publications. A second-generation Chinese American, Zia has been a leading feminist voice on issues ranging from civil rights and peace to women's rights and countering hate violence and homophobia. In 1997, she testified before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on the racial impact of the news media. Her work on the 1980s Asian American landmark civil rights case on anti-Asian violence is documented in the Academy Award nominated film, "Who Killed Vincent Chin?" and she was profiled in Bill Moyers' PBS documentary, "Becoming American: The Chinese Experience."

Publications: Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People; Wen Ho Lee, of My Country Versus Me.