

## CSLS SPEAKER EVENT

Monday, September 22, 2014

Selznick Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley  
4:00-5:15p Reception to follow

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### **"Myanmar's Sexual Minority Rights Movement and the Cultural Processes of Translating and Mobilizing Human Rights"**

This paper draws from fieldwork in Myanmar and Thailand to examine how human rights matter to a sexual minority rights movement that is emerging in Myanmar as the country undergoes political transition. Building on the cultural study of human rights, it analyzes how activists collectively disseminate and mobilize the ideas and practices of human rights in a state known for its violation of human rights and repression of dissent.

Dr. Chua's new book, *Mobilizing Gay Singapore: Rights and Resistance in an Authoritarian State* (2104, Temple University Press), analyzes the strategies and tactics of Singapore's gay and lesbian movement and their relationship to law and the meaning of rights. In her new project on Myanmar she examines the role of human rights in its emergent sexual minority rights movement.

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