

## **BONNIE TSUI**

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### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Writer, March 2003 – present**

Currently works as a San Francisco-based contributor to *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and Phaidon.com, the online home of Phaidon Press; other publications include *The Atlantic*, *Mother Jones*, *National Geographic Adventure*, *Outside*, and *Salon*. A selection of recent writings can be viewed under the “articles” and “news” sections of [www.bonnietsui.com](http://www.bonnietsui.com).

#### **Free Press (Simon & Schuster), August 2009**

##### **Author of *American Chinatown: A People's History of Five Neighborhoods***

Winner of the 2009-2010 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature and selected by *The San Francisco Chronicle* as one of its Best of 2009: 50 Notable Bay Area Books, this book offers uncommon insight to four iconic American Chinatowns—New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Honolulu—and introduces a new breed of modern Chinatown in Las Vegas (it's in a mall). Chapters profile multiple generations of Chinatown residents and tell compelling, little-known stories from each neighborhood. NPR's *Talk of the Nation*: “Tsui shows us there's more to Chinatown than many of us realize.” *The San Francisco Chronicle*: “An updated real-life insider look.” *Library Journal*: “Delightful...all readers interested in Chinese American subjects must consider this title.” Visit the companion site to the book at [www.ameranchinatown.com](http://www.ameranchinatown.com).

#### **Sierra Club Books, April 2007**

##### **Editor of the anthology *A Leaky Tent Is A Piece of Paradise: 20 Young Writers on Finding a Place in the Natural World***

Conceptualized this essay collection, which takes a fresh, modern look at the nature writing genre. Writers 30 and under talk about accessing the natural environment in an authentic and significant way. *Utne Reader* says that “these writers illuminate the inevitable connection between geography and identity, and... zip open the doors to a whole new breed of nature writing.” Selected as the debut pick for REI's book of the month program, featured in stores across the country. *Backpacker*: “Full of humor, surprises, and insight.” *Audubon*: “Inspiring.” *Publishers Weekly*: “Imaginative and unusual.” *Booklist*: “Boisterous and heartfelt... highly recommended.”

#### **Travel + Leisure magazine, April 2001 – March 2003**

##### **Associate Editor**

Headed up Outdoors, Driving, and Update news sections, handled Europe and Asia-Pacific coverage, and wrote the monthly Ask T+L column, which answers reader questions. Appeared often as a travel authority on CNN, MSNBC, NBC, ABC, CBS, and FOX, giving timely interviews and presentations on travel trends, political climates, and popular global destinations.

#### **Globe Pequot Press, September 2003**

##### **Author of the history book *She Went to the Field: Women Soldiers of the Civil War*.**

Featured in *Harvard Magazine*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Academia*, and [Powells.com](http://Powells.com).

#### **Advertising Age magazine, August 2000 – April 2001**

##### **Staff trends and features reporter**

The youngest staff reporter at the magazine. Wrote feature articles on travel, fashion, design, food, and other lifestyle topics.

#### **blue magazine and Blue Media Ventures, January 2000 – April 2001**

##### **Contributing Editor**

Wrote and edited for *blue*, the adventure lifestyle magazine.

**Radcliffe Traveling Fellowship, Fall 1999**

**Writer**

Traveled New Zealand's North and South Islands to write travel pieces and research a book on Maori myth and legend.

**Let's Go, Inc., April – August 1999**

**Researcher-Writer**

Worked as a travel writer in Greece's Cycladic Islands for *Let's Go: Europe* and *Let's Go: Greece*, the bestselling budget travel guide series.

**The Sydney Morning Herald, March – June 1998**

**Contributing Writer**

Worked part-time as a staff journalist for the largest newspaper in Australia.

**EDUCATION**

**Harvard University, September 1995 – June 1999**

Graduated *magna cum laude* with Bachelor of Arts in English and American Literature and Language.

Senior thesis awarded *summa cum laude* by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Awarded Faculty of Arts and Sciences Scholarship; John Harvard College Scholarship; Harvard College Research Fellowship; CBS Foundation Scholarship.

**RELATED SKILLS**

**Language:** English; proficiency in Cantonese, Spanish.