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**CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PROFESSOR WINNER OF BOOK AWARD**

Hartford, CT – Jeffrey F.L. Partridge, assistant professor of Humanities at Capital Community College and coordinator of the college’s Liberal Arts & Sciences program, has been selected by the Before Columbus Foundation as a winner of the twenty-eighth annual American Book Awards for his book *Beyond Literary Chinatown*.

The Before Columbus Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of contemporary American multicultural literature. The American Book Awards were created to recognize outstanding literary achievement from the diverse literary community in this country, and are awarded by writers to writers.

In *Beyond Literary Chinatown* Partridge examines the relationship between reader expectations and the challenges posed to those expectations by recent Chinese American texts. His book demonstrates how the works of writers such as Gish Jen and Li-Young Lee function as a potent medium of cultural transformation.

“Asian American literature is a vibrant field of study that has grown incredibly in the past twenty years,” says Partridge. “The aim of my book is to explore the dynamic interventions this literature is making into America’s self understanding – especially in terms of race and reading.”

Prior to his arrival at Capital Community College two years ago, Partridge taught Asian American literature at the National University of Singapore, Central Connecticut State University and the University of Connecticut.

“I’m deeply honored to receive this award,” says Partridge. “The Before Columbus Foundation is a respected and important advocate of American literature in all its diversity. I couldn’t be happier.”

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