David Shih will discuss the process that led to the development of his first book, a memoir in essays entitled *Chinese Prodigal: A Memoir in Eight Arguments*, to be published in August 2023. He will begin by describing how the book developed from his earlier blogging days and need to write for the general public about race and racism in a way he hadn’t yet seen. His book belongs to an emerging genre popular among writers of color that combines memoir with cultural criticism. He will finish with a short reading from *Chinese Prodigal*. 

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