



Circa 1970 (above, left)



**Professor Elizabeth Chin** is an anthropologist and ethnographer of children and childhood. Her work has been focused upon questions of inequality—particularly race and poverty—in shaping children's lives. Her book, *Purchasing Power: Black Kids and American Consumer Culture* (Minnesota, 2001) focuses on the consumer lives of poor and working class African-American children in New Haven, Connecticut and was a finalist for the C. Wright Mills Prize. She has also conducted fieldwork on children in Haiti. In all of her work, she uses participatory and action-oriented methodologies and has collaborated with children on numerous research projects. Her infamous course "The Unbearable Whiteness of Barbie" garnered her first place in the "Dirty Dozen," a list compiled by the Young America's Foundation of the "Most bizarre and troubling instances of leftist activism supplanting traditional scholarship at U.S. colleges and universities." For this and other accomplishments, she was awarded the American Anthropological Association/Oxford University Press award for excellence in Teaching in 2007.

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