City Stories: Digital Placemaking and Public History in Singapore

Created under the direction of Dr. Kang and supported by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore, “City Stories: Mapping the Narratives of Singapore’s Landscapes” is a digital placemaking project that explores the multi-cultural identity and urban history of two of Singapore's earliest streets – Telok Ayer and Amoy Streets. Developed in the 1820s, they are part of what is known today as “Chinatown” – the largest conserved historic district in Singapore. In this interactive project, viewers can discover the changing landscapes of these streets, and explore the transformation of this area from Singapore's shoreline to skyline. This talk will discuss the development of this project and show how this enclave, while known as Chinatown, has historically been home to multiple ethnic communities whose everyday activities create a more complex understanding of place and public history in the city.