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The Pacific Northwest's Japanese American Internment Remembered

Joel Yamauchi Lectures

School of Architecture and Allied Arts
University of Oregon, Eugene

April 8 (Wednesday) 6 pm, Room 177 Lawrence Hall

The Social Context of the Japanese American Incarcerations

Tetsuden Kashima

Professor of American Ethnic Studies, Univ. of Washington, author of *Judgment Without Trial: Japanese American Imprisonment during World War II*

April 15 (Wednesday) 6 pm, Room 177 Lawrence Hall

The Legal Implications of Japanese American Internment: Then and Now

Peggy Nagae

Lead attorney Yasui vs. the United States, former Assistant Dean University of Oregon Law School, Principal Peggy Nagae Consulting

May 6 (Wednesday) 6 pm, Room 177 Lawrence Hall

Experiences of Japanese American Internees from Oregon

Henry Sakamoto, Alice Sumida, George Azumano, Kennie Namba

Three former University of Oregon students and a veteran of the all-Japanese 442nd US Infantry Regiment, all held at Minidoka, Idaho

June 3 (Wednesday) 7 pm, Room 177 Lawrence Hall

Remembering the Japanese American Internment in the Pacific Northwest: The Future of Minidoka National Historic Site

Wendy Janssen

Superintendent, National Park Service, Minidoka Nat'l Historic Site

Although US law at the time prohibited those born in Asia from owning land in the United States or becoming American citizens, in the early 1940s there was a thriving Japantown covering ten blocks of downtown Portland. With the outbreak of the Pacific War in December 1941, however, Portland's Japantown disappeared, never to return.

On February 19, 1942, it was announced by presidential executive order that all people of Japanese ancestry living in the western United States were to be sent to internment camps. Two thirds of the 120,000 men, women and children incarcerated had been born in the United States and were therefore American citizens, but were still imprisoned, solely on the basis of their ethnicity.

This series of public lectures will examine the social and cultural implications of the Japanese American internment as it affected the Pacific Northwest. The lectures are free and members of the general public are especially welcome. For information and accommodations, please call (541) 346 3656.

