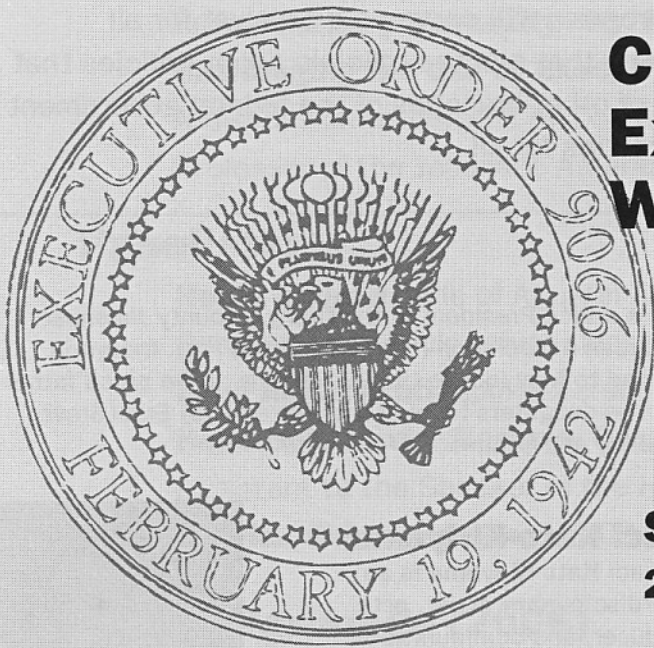


DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 2007

From “Military Necessity” to “National Security”...

Challenging the Use of Executive Power from World War II to Iraq



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2:00 PM**

George and Sakaye Aratani Central Hall
Japanese American National Museum
369 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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The Day of Remembrance is held each year to commemorate President Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942. Roosevelt proclaimed "military necessity" and set into motion the removal and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans with little or no challenge from congress or the nation.

The program for Day of Remembrance 2007 examines the use of Executive Power from both historical and present-day perspectives and explores the ways in which challenges to this presidential authority have been enacted. This year's program will serve as a catalyst for all Americans to evaluate governmental authority and ensure that elected officials adopt policies that uphold the constitution. Panelists will discuss the role of other branches of the federal government and the importance of activism in safeguarding civil liberties for all.

YOUR HOSTS

Ken Inouye

Ken Inouye was born in Alamosa Colorado and his family moved to California when he was two years old. He attended California State University at Los Angeles where he received his B.S. degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis in accounting in 1968. Upon graduation from college he began his professional career with the international CPA firm of Arthur Young & Co. and became a senior tax manager before leaving the firm in 1976. He co-founded the CPA firm, Inouye, Shively & Longtin which is located in Laguna Hills, CA. Inouye is active in various human relations organizations and he currently serves as the Chair of the Orange County Human Relations Commission, the past President and current Treasurer of the California Association of Human Relations Organizations (CAHRO), and the founding Chair and current board member of the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force. In addition, Inouye has been an active member of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) for over thirty years as he has served as the National President, Governor of the Pacific Southwest District of the JACL as well as the President of the Southeast North Orange County Chapter (SELANOCO) of the JACL. Inouye also has the honor of serving on the Executive Board of the Southern California Affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the board of the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA)



and is a Vice President of the Orange County Japanese American Association (OCJAA) (partial list). Inouye is married to May Inouye (Kondo) and he is the proud father of three daughters Nicole (Eric Kawaguchi) Erin (Steve Hendrix) and Shannon.

Traci Kato-Kiriyama

Traci Kato-Kiriyama is an interdisciplinary artist, arts producer, and community organizer. She is the founder of the Tuesday Night Cafe Project, a multi-disciplinary, free-to-the-public performance space that gathers local Los Angeles artists and the Asian Pacific Islander community in the downtown and Little Tokyo regions of the city. In the midst of finishing the third act of *Chasing Dad*, a performance about a reading of a play she's writing, Kato-Kiriyama looks forward to taking the piece to its next stage after a successful presentation last summer at the John Anson Ford's *INSIDE the Ford*. Her dedication to the community centers around her work with youth in projects that include *Eskuwela Kultura*, the *Khmer Girls in Action*, and the Hmong community stories project with Nobuko Miyamoto at the University of Wisconsin. Other projects include *zero 3* and Great Leap's *Collaboratory 1*. She is excited to be a part of today's Day of Remembrance and the work that NCR and the 9/11 Committee puts forth for our community in Los Angeles and beyond.



2007 Day of Remembrance

Welcome

Japanese American National Museum

Statement on Day of Remembrance

Frank Emi, Nikkei for Civil Rights & Redress

Panel Discussion

From “Military Necessity” to “National Security” . . .

Challenging the Use of Executive Power from World War II to Iraq

A discussion moderated by Dr. Lane Hirabayashi, George and Sakaye Aratani
Professor of the Japanese American Internment, Redress, and Community, UCLA.

Panelists:

Helga Aguayo, wife of Agustin Aguayo, the first U.S. soldier stationed in
Germany to publicly refuse deployment to Iraq;

Laila Al-Marayati, spokesperson for Muslim Women’s League;

Honorable Xavier Becerra, Congressman of the 31st District of California and
Assistant to the Speaker of the House;

Cedrick Shimo, Private, 1800th Engineering Batallion (WW II).

Film: *Pilgrimage* (2006)

Tadashi Nakamura, Director

Honorable Xavier Becerra

Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Latin Americans of
Japanese Descent Act

Community Action

Warren Furutani

Closing

Reception

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 9, 2007

Dear Day of Remembrance Organizers and Attendees:

As members of Congress, we would like to extend our deep appreciation for your attendance at this Day of Remembrance event. We especially thank the event's committed organizers, who have labored many years to educate and advocate for social justice.

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, and enabled the mass internment of persons of Japanese ancestry. Japanese Americans, as well as Italian and German Americans, faced severe restrictions in their daily lives, and were required to abide by rules not imposed upon other Americans. Branded as "enemy aliens," they were required to show their identification cards, limit their travels, and submit to seizure of their personal property. They were also forced to relocate, interned behind barbed wires, and exchanged for prisoners of war.

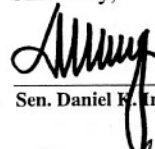
First commemorated in 1978 in Seattle, Washington, the Day of Remembrance is observed with educational events around the country on the anniversary that Executive Order 9066 was signed. Over the past 29 years, recognition of the significance of the Day of Remembrance has gone beyond the Japanese American community, and successfully reached countless Americans. On March 4, 2004, the House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution supporting the goals of the Japanese American, German American and Italian American communities in recognizing a national Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness about the World War II experience of their communities. It is right that we take this day to reflect on the importance of justice and civil liberties during times of crisis and war.

Shortly after the enactment of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, about 82,250 Japanese Americans received \$20,000 from the United States government in payment for the years, lives, and property lost during their detention in internment camps. The passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was a wonderful event. Yet, an estimated 1,200 Japanese Latin Americans, as well as German and Italian Americans, have not yet received redress.

The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus is heartened that there continues to be efforts to educate and raise awareness of the internment through community forums, films, petitions, and public testimonial events. Sharing your knowledge and promoting public understanding is a critical and foundational component of this important work. We encourage you to continue sharing educational materials, resources, and ideas to inform the broader public.

Again, we thank you for your attendance and participation.

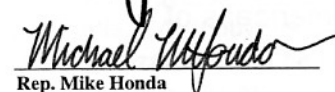
Sincerely,



Sen. Daniel K. Inouye



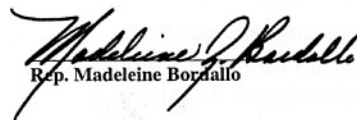
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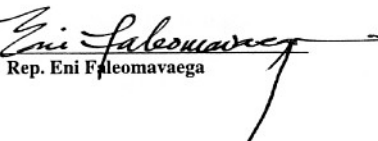
Rep. David Wu



Rep. Al Green



Sen. Daniel Akaka



Rep. Eni Faleomavaega



Rep. Doris Matsui

ABOUT THE PARTICIPANTS

Helga P. Aguayo

The wife of Conscientious Objector Agustín Aguayo who is currently awaiting court martial and sits in pre-trial confinement in Germany, Helga Aguayo has organized her husband's campaign, has found support systems for Augie in Europe and in the US and works relentlessly advocating for him. She lived on a military base in Germany (hub for deployments to the Middle East) for over 3 years. She is fully aware of the workings of a military family and deployments as she cared for their two children through Agustín's deployment from 2004-2005. Prior to Agustín joining the Army, she worked for a not-for-profit organization advocating for people who live with HIV and AIDS. She was the Program Director for the North County HIV AIDS Alliance AV. While there, she improved client services and access to services by building a collaborative among non-profit agencies, community based organizations, and community members. She graduated from The Antelope Valley College in 2001 with studies in Business and Computer Science. Currently she works advocating for Agustín and awaiting his return to continue their lives working towards peace and ending this war. She is the mother of 2 daughters (twins) Rebecca and Raquel Aguayo both 11.



Laila Al-Marayati

Dr. Al-Marayati is the spokesperson of the Muslim Women's League, a Los Angeles based organization dedicated to strengthening the role of Muslim women in society. In that capacity, she has written and spoken extensively on issues such as women's rights in Islam, reproductive health, stereotyping, and violence against women.

As an American of Palestinian descent, Dr. Al-Marayati frequently speaks and writes about the rights of Palestinians. She is chairperson of the Board of Directors of KinderUSA, a humanitarian organization whose primary focus is on the health and educational needs of Palestinian children living in the West Bank and Gaza. Dr. Al-Marayati has participated in numerous activities related to international religious freedom. She served on the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom as an appointee of former President Clinton. Prior to that, she was a member of the State Department Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad. She has testified before Congress and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe regarding religious intolerance against Muslims in Europe. A community



activist since her youth, Dr. Al-Marayati has served on the Board of Directors of the Islamic Center of Southern California and currently is a Board member of the Muslim Public Affairs Council. She is a Board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist working in Southern California and is a Clinical Professor at the USC School of Medicine in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Xavier Becerra

First elected to the House of Representatives in 1992, Rep. Becerra is Assistant to the Speaker of the House and is the only member from Southern California currently serving on the powerful House Committee on Ways and Means. His committee is responsible for formulating our nation's tax, Social Security, Medicare, trade and welfare laws. Rep. Becerra has dedicated himself to promoting issues affecting industries critical to the Southern California region such as entertainment, high technology, health care, and stimulating free, yet fair, trade.

The first Latino to serve on this committee, he has used his position to increase opportunities for working families, to improve the Social Security program for women and minorities, to combat poverty among the working poor through our welfare laws, and to strengthen Medicare and ensure its long-term viability. Rep. Becerra currently serves on the Human Resources and Social Security subcommittees.

Rep. Becerra is a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) where he served as Chairman during the 105th Congress (1997-98). The Congressman is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. At the international level, he serves as Vice Chairman of the U.S.-Korea Interparliamentary Exchange. Most recently, Becerra was asked by the Speaker of the House and the Democratic Leader to serve on the Smithsonian Board of Regents, which oversees the Smithsonian Institution's expansive collection.

Prior to his election to Congress, Rep. Becerra served one term in the California Legislature as the representative of the 59th Assembly District in Los Angeles County. He is a former Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice. The Congressman began his legal career in 1984 working in a legal services office representing the mentally ill.

Rep. Becerra is married to Dr. Carolina Reyes. They are the proud parents of three young daughters: Clarisa, Olivia, and Natalia. The Becerra family resides in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Eagle Rock.



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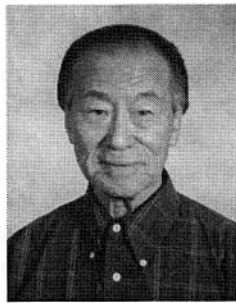
Frank Emi

Born in Los Angeles on Sept. 23, 1916, Frank Emi graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School in 1934. He attended Long Beach and Los Angeles Junior Colleges until his father was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Emi left school to help operate the family's retail market. In 1942, he, his wife and an infant daughter were forcibly moved to the Heart Mt. concentration camp. In the summer of 1943, when the War Relocation Authority (WRA) imposed the controversial "loyalty questionnaire" onto the camps', Emi and six other like minded inmates formed the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee (FPC) to try and inject some semblance of justice into their lives.

The army imposed the military draft into the camps in January, 1944. The FPC organized to protect and uphold the Constitution and Bill of Rights and challenged the drafting of Nisei internees until their constitutional rights were restored. They fought the government on the grounds that the concentration camps were unconstitutional and drafting of men from these camps was not only immoral but illegal. Through the FPC's leadership, 85 young men from Heart Mt. refused to comply with their draft orders and were subsequently tried and convicted on draft evasion charges. They were sentenced to 3 years in a federal penitentiary.

The seven leaders, indicted on conspiracy charges of "aiding and abetting," and "counseling others to evade the draft," were tried and convicted. Of the seven, only three men were actually eligible for the draft. By then, Emi had two small children and the military was not drafting fathers with children. He and another FPC leader could have remained quiet, but the injustice, unfairness, and illegality of the whole experience compelled them to take a stand for justice! The convictions of the FPC "7" were overturned by the Appellate Court on December, 1945 and the majority of the men were released in February, 1946. President Harry Truman granted a full pardon to all Nisei draft resisters in December, 1947.

Emi joined NCRR in their fight for redress and reparations in 1982 and was a member of the historic lobbying delegation that went to Washington D.C. to lobby Congress on behalf of the redress bill. He has continued to be an active NCRR member and speaks at colleges and historical forums all across the country.



He is noted for helping open up the school district to more concrete parental, community, teacher, and staff involvement in the education system.

In July 2002, Furutani was elected President of the Board and served as First Vice President in 2001. He is the only person ever to be elected and re-elected to both the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

A native Californian and fourth generation Japanese American, Furutani is a product of the Los Angeles public education system. He attended schools in the 50's and 60's graduating from Gardena High School in 1965. He then attended several community colleges including Los Angeles City College, El Camino College, and the College of San Mateo in the San Francisco Bay area. He graduated from Antioch University with a liberal arts degree.

Furutani has always been a staunch advocate for equal opportunity especially as it relates to education. An activist starting in the 60's, he worked to establish admissions programs for students of color at colleges and universities throughout the United States. He also worked tirelessly to establish ethnic studies programs and departments at these same campuses.

Since leaving the Board, Furutani has served as the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Community Fund, a philanthropic organization, and as the President and CEO of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council. A3PCON is an umbrella organization comprised of over 50 human service organizations serving the greater Los Angeles area. Concurrently, Furutani is a senior consultant to the Speaker of the California Assembly, the Honorable Fabian Nunez.

Lane Hirabayashi

Lane Hirabayashi is the first George & Sakaye Aratani Chair in Japanese American Internment, Redress, and Community at the University of California Los Angeles. He has held various positions at San Francisco State University, University of Colorado Boulder and the University of California Riverside.



In addition to his major contributions to the development of scholarship on Japanese Americans, particularly their World War II experiences, he has been a major contributor in the field of Asian American Studies, Latin American Studies, Ethnic Studies, and in the comparative analysis of Japanese migration in the United States, Mexico, and Latin America. He is the author of *Cultural Capital: Mountain Zapotec Migrant Associations in Mexico City* (1993), *Inside an American Concentration Camp: Japanese American Resistance at*

Speakers continued on 7

Warren Furutani

Warren T. Furutani was first elected to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education in 1987. He was the first Asian Pacific American ever to be elected to the Board. In 1991, he was reelected and served as the Board's President.



Poston, Arizona (1995), and *The Politics of Fieldwork: Research in an American Concentration Camp* (1999), and is editor and co-editor of five books and one book-length special issue of the *Amerasia Journal*. He has published over thirty articles, as well as numerous book reviews and is currently completing two book manuscripts, including a reconsideration of Japanese American resettlement after incarceration.

Tadashi Nakamura

Currently enrolled in University of California Santa Cruz's Social Documentation Graduate Program, Tad Nakamura is a 26-year old, fourth-generation Japanese American and second-generation filmmaker, born and raised in Los Angeles. His first documentary, "Yellow Brotherhood" (2004), won Best Documentary Short at the San Diego Asian Film Festival and has been featured in 16 film festivals throughout the U.S. and Canada.



With a hip music track, never-before-seen archival footage and a story-telling style that feature both old and new pilgrims, *Pilgrimage* is the first film to show how the U.S. WWII camps were reclaimed by the children of its victims and how the Manzanar Pilgrimage now has fresh meaning for diverse generations of people. As the U.S. is again in tumultuous times, *Pilgrimage* is a timely and engaging film that brings new and much-needed insight to the lessons of the past for our post 9/11 world.

Cedrick Shimo


Cedrick Shimo was born in 1919. His parents were immigrants from Okayama, Japan. During World War I his father operated a huge cotton ranch in Imperial Valley but with cotton prices plummeting after the war he moved to Los Angeles where he worked for the *Rafu Shimpo*. In



1924 the family moved to Boyle Heights, a multi-ethnic neighborhood. Shimo was active in Boy Scout Troop 197, *kendo*, and the Cougars, a Japanese American athletic club. Shimo attended First Street School, Stevenson Junior High School, and Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School. After graduating from high school and UCLA, Shimo was attending graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He received his draft notice the very next day on December 8th 1941 but had to hitchhike back to report to his draft board in Los Angeles because a train fare was denied for looking like the enemy. He reported for duty in January 1942. His father, a martial arts instructor, subsequently was arrested and detained by the FBI for the duration of the war while his mother was sent to the Manzanar concentration camp. After two years his parents were united at the Crystal City Internment Camp in Texas.

With a shortage of bilingual specialists in the armed forces, Shimo answered a call for volunteers for the Military Intelligence Service Language School. Before embarking for overseas duty he was denied a furlough to visit his mother in Manzanar because the West Coast at that time was closed to all Japanese Americans including soldiers. He was enraged and when he voiced his complaint, he and 20 others were expelled from the Intelligence School and eventually placed in the 1800th Engineering General Service Battalion, a segregated group consisting of German, Italian, and Japanese American servicemen who were considered potential troublemakers and kept under surveillance. Their role was to repair damages to roads, bridges and fences caused by combat troops during training maneuvers. Shimo returned to Boyle Heights after being honorably discharged from the 1800th where he served for two years. He worked for a Customs House brokerage followed by a 25 years stint with a Chinese importing company. Shimo then worked for Honda as vice-president/secretary of the export division until his retirement.


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