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The Assembly on the Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians

PROGRAM

Friday, April 8, 2005

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  Registration

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  Welcome: Grace Shimizu, AWRIC Program Coordinator  
Opening Remarks: Honorable Xavier Becerra, U.S. Congressmember (CA-31)

Co-Moderators: Lawrence DiStasi, Chizu Iiyama  
Program Convener: Judy Nihei

10:30 – 11:20 a.m.  Panel I: War Relocation Authority Internment and the Enemy Alien Program  
Reviewers: George Bisharat, Bill Ong Hing, Peter Keane, Karen Musalo, Margaret Russell  
Witnesses: Don Tamaki, Esq., John Christgau, Julia Harumi Mass, Esq.

11:30 – 12:20 p.m.  Panel II: Restrictions, Evacuation, and Individual Exclusions  
Reviewers: George Bisharat, Bill Ong Hing, Peter Keane, Margaret Russell  
Witnesses: Lothar Eiserloh, Ursula Vogt Potter, John Buffo, Alice Wada Hayashi (statement read by Fumie Shimada), Buddy Fujii (statement read by Bill Sato), Kishiro Hayashi (statement read by Rev. Saburo Masada), Dr. Nagmana Bajwa (statement read by Saira Mehmood)

12:20 – 1:30 p.m.  Lunch

1:30 – 2:20 p.m.  Panel III: Arrest, Detention, and Forced Deportation from Latin America to the United States  
Reviewers: Lena Ayoub, Reverend LaVerne Sasaki, Herb Holman  
Witnesses: Doris Berg Nye (statement read by Carole Eiserloh), Max Paul Friedman (statement read by Jerry Bolick), Ted Eckardt (statement read by Bruce Donald), Anita Perata (statement read by Robert Miche), Randall Sumimoto (statement read by Gordon Lee), Angelica Higashide (statement read by D.H. Naomi Quiñones), Yaman Hamdan

2:30 – 3:20 p.m.  Panel IV: Detention and Internment (WWII-1949, today)  
Reviewers: Lena Ayoub, Steve Phillips, Rev. LaVerne Sasaki, Herb Holman  
Witnesses: Eberhard E. Fuhr (statement read by Harry Siitonen), Dr. John Heitmann (statement read by Rudolf Pueschel), Constanza Ilacqua Foran, Jane Yano, Hiroshi Yamamoto (statement read by Hiroshi Shimizu), Jamal al Harith (statement read by Ellen Gavin)

3:20 – 4:00 p.m.  Closing

5:00-7:00 p.m.  Dinner at: Fina Estampa Restaurant  
(Peruvian food)  
1100 Van Ness Avenue (at Geary), San Francisco, CA 94109  
(limited van transportation from Hastings to restaurant available)
Saturday, April 9, 2005

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Registration**

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Welcome:** Professor Shauna Marshall, Hastings College of the Law  
**Opening Remarks:** Grace Shimizu, AWRIC Program Coordinator  
**Overview of War Relocation Authority and Enemy Alien Internment Programs**  
Lawrence DiStasi

Co-Moderators: John Christgau, Chizu Iiyama  
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10:30 – 11:20 a.m. **Panel V: Release from Camp, Hostage Exchange, and Post-War Deportations**

Reviewers: Honorable Lillian Sing, David Brown, Sharen Hewitt, Eric Mar  
Witnesses: Gunther Graber (statement read by Bruce Waters), Bernard Levermann (statement read by John Jamison), Doris Giuliani, Victor Kimura, John Ota, Esq., Chikara Kubo (statement read by Richard Moriguchi), Dr. Irum Shiekh

11:30 – 12:20 p.m. **Panel VI: Impact on Individuals, Families, and Communities**

Reviewers: Honorable Lillian Sing, Michael Yaki  
Witnesses: Gunther Greis (statement read by Lewis Campbell), Rose Marie Neupert Pepper (statement read by Kathleen De Azevedo), Al Bronzini, Satsuki Ina, Naeko Tamashiro (statement ready by Cheryl Kono), Libia Hideko Maoki Yamamoto, Dr. Hatem Bazian

12:20 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 – 2:20 p.m. **Panel VII: Civil Liberties and Human Rights, Government Accountability, and Redress**

Reviewers: Jere Takahashi  
Witnesses: Erika Schiebe Seus (statement read by Sandy Rouge), Karen Ebel (statement read by Diane Wagner), Stephanie Miyashiro, Art Shibayama, Karen Parker, Esq. (statement read by Mariko Nakanishi), Paul Mills, Esq., Ann Fagan Ginger, Esq.

2:30 – 3:20 p.m. **Panel VIII: The Legacy of the World War II Experiences in the Aftermath of 9-11**

Reviewers: Jere Takahashi, Eric Mar  
Witnesses: Heidi Gurcke Donald, Rudy A. Dimmling (statement read by Heinz Bartesch), Lawrence DiStasi, Rev. Michael Yoshii, Samina Faheem Sundas

3:20 – 4:00 p.m. **Closing**

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. **Reception at Hastings College of the Law**
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Testimonies by former World War II internees of Japanese, Latin American, German and Italian ancestry will be presented, along with that of Middle Eastern/South Asians and Muslims in the post 9/11 period.

Review Panelists:
- Lena Ayoub, National Center for Lesbian Rights
- George Bisharat, Professor of Law, UC Hastings College of the Law
- David Brown, Member, Contra Costa County School Board
- Sharon Hewitt, Director of San Francisco State CLEAR Project, and founding member of PowerPac
- Bill Ong Hing, Professor of Law and Asian American Studies, University of California at Davis
- Herb Holman, President, HOLMAN Financial Services
- Peter Keane, Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus, Golden Gate University
- Eric Mar, President, SF Unified School District Board
- Karen Musalo, Director, The Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, and Resident Scholar, UC Hastings College of the Law
- Steve Phillip, former President, Board of Education, San Francisco Unified School District
- Margaret Russell, Professor of Law, Santa Clara University, and Vice President, National American Civil Liberties Union
- Reverend LaVerne Sasaki, Buddhist Church of San Francisco
- The Honorable Lillian Sing, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco
- Jerrold H. Takahashi, Lecturer, University of California at Berkeley
- Michael Yaki, Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Co-Moderators:
John Christgau, Lawrence DiStasi, Chizu Iiyama

Summary Report of the AWRIC will be written by Helen Zia, award-winning journalist and author

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