

# THE ENEMY ALIEN FILES:

HIDDEN STORIES OF WORLD WAR II

This groundbreaking traveling exhibition combines for the first time a comparative and multicultural presentation of how the United States government transgressed the civil and human rights of 31,000 German, Italian and Japanese immigrants in the United States and Latin America. Through stunning photographs, narrative texts, and oral history quotes from internees, the exhibit examines the impact of an international crisis on those “enemy aliens” that settled in North and Latin America.

The display illustrates the story of “enemy alien” Latin Americans who were deported and used as hostages in exchange for US civilians. Unlike the ten War Relocation Authority camps that confined West Coast Japanese Americans, this exhibit presents the lesser known facilities used to imprison “enemy aliens” under the auspices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice and the US Army. *Enemy Alien Files* cautions that the fragile nature of our constitutional and human rights in times of crisis is something that should concern us all, citizens and non-citizens alike.

## Exhibit Specifications

Exhibition format:	24 banner panels hung on 3 cross-sectional freestanding displays
Dimensions:	3 displays, 80” diameter, 85” height
Square foot requirements:	560 square feet (taking into account wheelchair access)
Assembly requirements:	Minimum 2 persons required
Exhibition fee:	\$1500
Shipping:	Roundtrip, call for quotes
Insurance:	Venue certificate of insurance
Support:	Roundtrip airfare, hotel and per diem for representative to speak or assist with exhibit assembly

## Programming Suggestions and Support

Printed materials and educational programs featuring scholars are available to enhance the public’s understanding of the historical events displayed in the exhibit.

### PANEL PRESENTATIONS OR ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

With participating scholar-authors, former relocatees/internees, and sponsoring organizations.

### SUGGESTED AUTHORS AND BOOK SIGNINGS

#### John Christgau

*“Enemies:” World War II Alien Internment*

#### Lawrence DiStasi

*Una Storia Segreta: The Secret History of Italian American Evacuation and Internment During World War II*

#### Stephen Fox

*America’s Invisible Gulag: A Biography of German American Internment and Exclusion—Memory and History and UnCivil Liberties: Italian Americans Under Siege During WWII*

#### Arnold Kramer

*Undue Process: The Untold Story of America’s German Alien Internees and Nazi Prisoners of War in America, 1942-45*

#### Grace Shimizu

for Seiichi Higashide, *Adios to Tears: The Memoirs of a Japanese Peruvian Internee in US Concentration Camps*

### SETUP PERSONNEL AVAILABLE

For each speaker or support personnel, the host organization is responsible for roundtrip airfare, hotel, food and transportation for length of stay.

## For Bookings

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