Whose America? Who’s American?

Diversity, Civil Liberties, and Social Justice

This is the 20th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. To commemorate this landmark event, the National Conference will examine connections between the World War II Japanese American experience and historical and contemporary issues surrounding democracy and civil rights.
THE EXPERIENCES OF JAPANESE AMERICANS DURING WORLD WAR II ARE NOT ONLY UNPRECEDENTED EXAMPLES OF THE FRAGILITY OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, BUT ALSO OF GREAT RELEVANCE FOR ALL AMERICANS TODAY.

History’s greatest lessons must never be forgotten.

What more appropriate time for a National Conference about diversity, civil liberties, and social justice than the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

We invite you to be a part of our efforts to further this important dialogue.

The National Conference is part of a three-year project titled Enduring Communities: The Japanese American Experience in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah. This undertaking, in partnership with Arizona State University's Asian Pacific American Studies Program; University of Colorado, Boulder; University of New Mexico; UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures; and Davis School District, Utah, is a collaboration between educators, communities, and students to create curricula about the Japanese American experience of World War II for every classroom in these five states.

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Dear Friends:


Whether you are an educator, student, or someone interested in Japanese American history, the 2008 conference will provide a chance to expand your knowledge and confer with others with similar interests. A special Youth Expo, Community Marketplace, and bus trips to the site of Amache ensure a well-rounded experience for families and people of all ages. For those who join us in Denver, it will be a wonderful opportunity to gather with your family, learn more about regional Japanese American communities, and reflect upon the 20th Anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which granted redress and reparations to Japanese Americans.

We also hope that you will have the opportunity to get to know Denver and the Colorado community. You might explore the 16th Street Mall, Sakura Square, or the many other nearby attractions. For our Colorado community members and friends, we hope you will join us in participating in the various aspects of the conference. We have created a special option for Coloradans who wish to hear the keynote speakers at the July 5 luncheon and/or dinner banquets.

A final point: While the conference will certainly resonate with those in the Japanese American community, it will also be of real interest to many others. Certain aspects of today’s society, especially in the areas of civil liberties and concerns with national security, closely mirror those of the past. And for that reason, each of us—Japanese American or not—can benefit by attending.

Please take a moment to look through this booklet and visit www.janm.org/projects/ec for future conference updates. This conference will be a significant and memorable event. We hope you’ll be part of it.

Sincerely,

IRENE Y. HIRANO  President & CEO
Japanese American National Museum
SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE
All Sessions and Activities take place at the Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center
(See following description of Pre & Post Conference Activities)

Wednesday, July 2
2:00 PM – 8:00 PM Registration open, 3rd level at the Hyatt Regency Denver

Thursday, July 3
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM Amache Camp Site Visit (ticketed)
1:00 PM – 8:00 PM Registration, 3rd level at the Hyatt Regency Denver
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Community Marketplace, Centennial Ballroom Foyer, 3rd level
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Youth Expo, Capitol Ballroom Foyer, 4th level
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Passing It Forward: Capturing, Preserving, and Sharing Family and Community Histories
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Mini Media Festival
TBD Tentative Activity: Japanese American Historic Denver Walking Tour

Friday, July 4
Remembrance and Reunion—A Day to Renew Acquaintances and Make New Friends
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Passing It Forward: Capturing, Preserving, and Sharing Family and Community Histories
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Community Marketplace, Centennial Ballroom Foyer, 3rd level
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Youth Expo, Capitol Ballroom Foyer, 4th level
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Welcome Program, Centennial Ballroom, 3rd level Special Panel, Fighting for Democracy
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Passing It Forward: Capturing, Preserving, and Sharing Family and Community Histories
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Mini Media Festival
TBD Tentative Activity: July 4th Baseball and Fireworks Spectacular (pending 2008 Major League Baseball schedule)

Saturday, July 5
Conference Keynotes and Sessions
7:30 AM – 8:00 PM Registration, 3rd level at the Hyatt Regency Denver
7:30 AM – 8:15 AM Continental Breakfast
8:15 AM – 9:45 AM Opening Session
John W. Hickenlooper, Mayor, City/County of Denver
Federico Peña, Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation
10:00 AM – 11:15 AM Session I
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM Luncheon with Keynote Speaker (ticketed)
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM Session II
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM Session III
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Closing Session
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Banquet Dinner with Keynote Speaker (ticketed)
Daniel K. Inouye, U.S. Senator, State of Hawai‘i
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Community Marketplace, Centennial Ballroom Foyer, 3rd level
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Youth Expo, Capitol Ballroom Foyer, 4th level

Sunday, July 6
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM Amache Camp Site Visit (ticketed)
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Community Marketplace, Centennial Ballroom Foyer, 3rd level
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Youth Expo, Capitol Ballroom Foyer, 4th level
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Passing It Forward: Capturing, Preserving, and Sharing Family and Community Histories
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Sybil Jordan Hampton EdD
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Bill Ritter
Governor, State of Colorado*
George Sakato
Medal of Honor Recipient*
Alan Simpson
Former U.S. Senator, State of Wyoming*
George Takei
Actor
*invited
**PRE & POST CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**  
*(Sessions and presenters subject to change)*

**July 3 and July 6  7:00 AM–7:00 PM**

**AMACHE CAMP SITE VISIT**

Join us on a bus journey to Amache, located in southeastern Colorado. The visit includes lunch hosted by the Friends of Amache, the Amache Preservation Society, and the Town of Granada, and a program at Granada High School with the Amache Preservation Society, a group of local high school students who serve as Amache's caretakers. Space is limited. Reservations required. See fee listing under Registration Rates.

**July 3–6**

**COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE**

The Community Marketplace will showcase community-based organizations and book vendors from across the nation—including Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah. These invited exhibitors will share the fascinating histories of their regional communities, as well as their current projects and products of note. This promises to be an interesting and worthwhile gathering from which everyone can benefit.

**July 4**

**SPECIAL VETERANS PANEL**  
**FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY**

In a rare Fourth of July presentation, two Medal of Honor recipients, Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, New Mexico, and George Sakato of Denver, Colorado, will share their heroic stories about what it was like to fight for American democracy abroad while faced with exclusion and discrimination at home.

Until recently, only four Japanese Americans were recipients of the nation's highest and rarely awarded military decoration. In 2000, President Clinton presented 20 additional Japanese Americans and two Asian Pacific Americans—all World War II veterans—with the Medal of Honor. Many sacrificed their lives so that others could live, receiving their awards posthumously. Five of these twenty-four recipients are still living.

Visit the National Museum's exhibition, *Beyond the Call of Duty: Honoring the 24 Japanese American Medal of Honor Recipients* on display throughout the Conference in the Centennial Ballroom Foyer.

**Family & Youth Programming (Ages 6 and up)**

Make the Conference a family affair! Bring the kids and grandkids along to take part in a truly intergenerational experience. With an accompanying adult, youth can participate in the Family Craft Workshop on July 4th, visit and/or participate in the Youth Expo from July 3–6, and attend the Youth Friendly Conference sessions as listed under the July 5th Conference session descriptions. Youth ages 12 and up are welcomed to attend any Conference session of interest; accompanying adults are encouraged to attend in order to enhance the topic presentation.

**July 3–6**

**YOUTH EXPO**

Attention Youth! *(And Their Proud Parents and Grandparents!)* Young people will have the chance to share, display, and present their work at the Conference's Youth Expo.

Documentaries, video montages, written reports, PowerPoint presentations, display boards, art work, National History Day projects, or anything that celebrates the past, present, and future of America's diversity, civil liberties, and social justice are welcomed. This is a great opportunity to share with the rest of the country the work you (or your children or grandchildren) have done inside or outside the classroom.

Be a part of this fun-filled activity. Meet students from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah, as well as others from around the country.

To request information about how to participate in the Youth Expo, contact ec@janm.org.

**July 4**

**FAMILY CRAFT WORKSHOP**

Led by Lisa Sasaki, Associate Director of Education at the Japanese American National Museum, this workshop will introduce children ages 6–12 to the core themes of the conference and will also help families explore and discuss their own ethnic and cultural heritage. Reservations are required.
PRE & POST CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

PASSING IT FORWARD: CAPTURING, PRESERVING, AND SHARING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HISTORIES

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions are FREE with conference registration. Nominal fees requested must be paid on-site. Please refer to the SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE for dates/times; sessions and presenters are subject to change. For more information, or to make a reservation, contact ec@janm.org or Nancy Araki at 213.830.5649.

All Camps / World War II Japanese American Historic Sites Meeting—July 4, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

As a continuation of dialogue that started in 2002 with the All-Camps Summit in Los Angeles, representatives from various camp committees will provide updates on camp site activities and future plans. Government representatives will discuss new federal initiatives and representatives of the Japanese American National Heritage Coalition will address particular issues related to implementation of Public Law 109-441 (Preservation of Confinement Site Legislation).

Collecting, Preserving, and Sharing the Stories of Colorado’s Japanese Americans—July 4

Tom Ikeda, Executive Director of Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project, will share videotaped oral histories of the Japanese American story in Colorado—an important and powerful part of Japanese American history. He will demonstrate how these Colorado interviews, hundreds of other interviews of Japanese Americans, historical photographs, documents, and more than 4,000 editions of WRA camp newspapers, are digitally preserved and made available on the Internet for educational purposes at www.densho.org.


The Go For Broke National Education Center staff will present a practical, step-by-step workshop on how to record the unique interviews with those who provide a historical perspective relevant to the Japanese American veterans. Instructions will cover set-up and preparation, including equipment needed, sample questions, oral history videos available at www.goforbroke.org, and if time permits, a mock interview session.

How Objects Speak: Collecting and Interpreting Personal Histories—July 4

This workshop will focus on how to collect, interpret, and create personal and community histories, with special emphasis on how to share these findings through various media, such as books, exhibitions, videos, performances, or Web sites. Akemi Kikumura-Yano, PhD, Senior Vice President at the Japanese American National Museum, will share her experiences as an anthropologist and Museum curator using her family's story from early immigration through their incarceration in Arkansas during World War II to the present.

Find Your Japanese American Roots—July 3 and July 4

Japanese American National Museum instructor Chester Hashizume leads a comprehensive workshop covering genealogy basics such as identifying your ancestral Japanese home town, obtaining and utilizing family documents, and the meaning behind surnames and family crests—all the tools you need to discover your roots. No samurai lineage required. Space is limited. Reservations required. A nominal fee will be collected on-site.

Four Hirabayashi Cousins: A Question of Identity—July 3 and July 4

A dramatic reading about four Nisei cousins as they dealt with race, identity, and citizenship in the Pacific Northwest during World War II. Socialized in an Issei community, but living in their own developing Nisei community, the cousins faced critical issues as Japanese Americans at the onset of hostilities between the United States and Japan, and were faced to re-examine the basic principles underlying citizenship as Japanese Americans. Presentation by James A. Hirabayashi, PhD, Senior Advisor at the Japanese American National Museum.

Nikkei Album Workshop—July 3 and July 6

One of the features of the Japanese American National Museum’s DiscoverNikkei.org Web site is the Nikkei Album—an exciting and versatile online tool that allows Nikkei and others from around the world to share family stories, community histories, lesson plans, and much more through photos, text, audio, and video. Vicky Murakami-Tsuda, Web Manager at the Japanese American National Museum, will present a workshop on how to browse and contribute to the Nikkei Album. Reservations required.
BASIC INTRODUCTION

1. Enduring Communities: Japanese Americans in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah
   MODERATOR/DISCUSSANT: ART HANSEN, PHD, CALIFORNIA
   PANELISTS: KAREN LEONG, PHD, ARIZONA; DARYL J. MAEDA, PHD, COLORADO; ANDY RUSSELL, PHD, NEW MEXICO; NANCY TANIGUCHI, PHD, CALIFORNIA; AND THOMAS WALLS, OKLAHOMA
   While the Japanese American story as it relates to Nikkei in California—and to a lesser extent, the Pacific Northwest—is comparatively well known, the historical experience of their counterparts in the Interior West remains shrouded in mystery. This is true even though nearly two-thirds of the World War II Nikkei population lived for a time in this region. This panel aims to address and partially redress this situation.

2. Japanese American Redress: An Overview
   PRESENTER: MITCHELL MAKI, PHD, CALIFORNIA
   Dr. Maki, co-author of the groundbreaking story of the Japanese American redress movement, *Achieving the Impossible Dream: How Japanese Americans Obtained Redress*, will give a fascinating overview of the Japanese American redress movement. He will tell the story of how members of politically inexperienced minority groups organized themselves at the grassroots level, gathered political support, and succeeded in obtaining a written apology from the president of the United States and monetary compensation in accordance with the provisions of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act.

3. Nikkei Incarceration: World War II Assembly, Relocation, Isolation, Segregation, and Internment Camps
   MODERATOR: JEFFERY BURTON, ARIZONA
   PANELISTS: ROGER DANIELS, PHD, WASHINGTON; LOUIS FISET, DDS, WASHINGTON; TETSUDEN KASHIMA, PHD, WASHINGTON
   When Americans, including many of Japanese ancestry, talk about "the camps," they are referring to the ten so-called "relocation" camps administered by the War Relocation Authority. Far less is known, both within and outside the Nikkei community, about the array of other types of camps in which Japanese Americans were incarcerated during (and even after) World War II. The intent of this panel is to serve as a primer in respect to the nature, location, governance, purpose, legal status, linguistic propriety, historical experience, and the enduring legacy of all of these detention facilities.

TENTATIVE OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Memory Books: Preserving Your History—JULY 3 and JULY 6
Memory books reflect a sense of history and are organized to tell a story. They help us remember past events, relationships, and experiences through individual voices. With Japanese American National Museum Associate Curator Lisa Itagaki, participants will explore examples of scrapbooks that document untold personal and community memories. Participants will also learn safe methods to preserve, store, and handle their family’s photographs according to museum standards.

Issei: The Shadow Generation—JULY 3, JULY 4, and JULY 6
Author talk and book signing. *Issei: The Shadow Generation* brings to light the subtle cultural teachings of the first Japanese immigrants in America. With profound insight, a deep understanding of language and years of conversation, Tsukasa Matsueda, EdD, shares the way of the Issei, who amidst struggle and adversity learned not only to survive, but to thrive in America.

Mini Media Festival—JULY 3, JULY 4, and JULY 6
A selected survey of videos about the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans will be presented by John Esaki, Director of Programs at the Japanese American National Museum, on the practical approaches to the production and use of media.

Fireworks and the Great American Pastime!—JULY 4
Celebrate JULY 4th and cheer on the Colorado Rockies. Perfect for the whole family. Game day and time pending final 2008 Major League Baseball schedule. Ticket prices to be confirmed.
MODERATOR/DISCUSSANT: GEORGE TAKEI, CALIFORNIA
PANELISTS: ROGER DANIELS, PHD, WASHINGTON; DAVID HAYS, COLORADO; AND WARREN TSUNEISHI, MARYLAND

During World War II Japanese Americans were the victims of words whose meanings were at variance with the phenomena they described (e.g., “evacuation,” “relocation,” “reception centers,” and “self-government”). Such euphemisms have continued to muddy the meaning of the World War II Japanese American experience, thus proving that words matter greatly. Japanese words also mattered a great deal after 1941. They were employed to good effect in the war against Japan and in the American Occupation of Japan, as Nikkei and non-Nikkei learned Japanese in military language schools. This panel of knowledgeable scholars, moderated by a Nikkei well regarded for precision of thought and language, consider these developments from an experiential, historical, and archival perspective.

8. Activity Sessions—Middle/High School Students
PRESENTERS: TO BE CONFIRMED

Middle/high school students will examine primary sources and video clips to explore the many ways in which the Japanese American experience has been and continues to be related to the history of other ethnic groups. This session will be facilitated by middle and high school educators who researched and developed curriculum for the project Enduring Communities: The Japanese American Experience in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah. While many middle/high school students may benefit from attending other panels, this one will be crafted specifically for them. Educators attending this session will receive copies of the curriculum when it is completed.
11. Security, Wartime Anxiety and the Erosion of Civil Liberties
M ODERATOR/D I SCUSSANT: E RIC M ULLER, N ORTH C AROLINA
PANELISTS INCLUDE: NOEL SALEH, M ICHIGAN

While civil liberties need our vigilance even in normal times, these freedoms and protection are especially endangered when national security fears threaten to erode the rights and civil liberties guaranteed by our Constitution. A panel, including representatives from communities whose circumstances make the protection of these rights imperative, will discuss the erosion of civil liberties in the wake of 9/11 and under the current war-like mood of the country.

M ODERATOR: LLOYD INUI, C ALIFORNIA
PANELISTS: DALE MINAMI, C ALIFORNIA (INVITED); NOEL SALEH, M ICHIGAN

The passage of the 2001 Patriot Act, as a consequence of 9/11, seemingly became an “umbrella” under which the government has carried out questionable security measures. The protests and distrust resulting from these actions have weakened the democratic political culture that, like voting and open dissent, are vital to sustaining our form of government. The format of this session is an opportunity for the audience to air their concerns about these issues by engaging the panelists in a dialogue about the Patriot Act.

DIFFERENT VIEWS ON THE INCARCERATION

13. Stories of Resettlement: Nikkei Nation in Motion, 1942–1965
M ODERATOR/D I SCUSSANT: A RT HANSEN, PHD, C ALIFORNIA
PANELISTS INCLUDE: FLORENCE OCHI, C ALIFORNIA; J IM TANAKA, C ALIFORNIA

In spotlighting two dramatic chapters of the Japanese American past, World War II “relocation” and 1970s/1980s “redress,” historians have neglected the intervening (and highly significant) chapter of “resettlement.” Moreover, when treated, it often has been topically simplified and narrowed in both space and time to cover only the Midwest and Far West and the wartime and immediate postwar years. Through actual stories by Nikkei resettlers, this panel seeks to convey a more complex and compelling account of how, where, and when Japanese Americans regenerated their lives and those of their families and communities.

14. Reconciling A Contested Past: The Santa Fe Internment Camp Marker
M ODERATOR/D I SCUSSANT: NANCY BARTLIT, PHD, N EW MEXICO
PANELISTS: JOE ANDO, A RIZONA (INVITED); CAROL ROBERTSON LOPEZ, N EW MEXICO

Markers interpreting the past are sometimes “sites” of controversy. A case in point was the hotly contested decision by the City of Santa Fe, in October 1999, to place a commemorative marker at the World War II location of the Department of Justice-run Santa Fe Internment Center, whose population of 4,555 Japanese nationals was overwhelmingly mainland Issei or immigrant-generation Japanese Americans ineligible for U.S. citizenship. Most marker resistance came from veteran’s organizations and the families and friends of New Mexican soldiers who, in 1942, were brutalized by the Japanese Army during the infamous Bataan Death March. They saw the internees as Japanese oppressors rather than victimized Americans with sons and daughters in the U.S. military during World War II. This panel of marker controversy participants revisits it from the standpoint of a community healing experience.

15. Stories of Resistance: Consciousness, Conscience and the Constitution
M ODERATOR: CHERSTIN LYON, PHD, C ALIFORNIA
PANELISTS: YOSH KUROMIYA, C ALIFORNIA; MORGAN YAMANAKA, PHD, C ALIFORNIA; HIDEO YONENAKA, PHD, C ALIFORNIA

Some scholars have argued that resistance to oppression within the Japanese American community, while never predominant, has always been widespread and, therefore, resistance and protest should be seen not merely as a general American tradition, but a specifically Nikkei one as well. In addition, it has been observed that the historical record shows that during World War II, resistance and protest by Japanese Americans was “frequent,” “sustained,” and “operated on multiple occasions and levels.” This panel explores this contention through the voiced recollections and contemporary observations of a variety of wartime Nikkei resisters.

16. Alien Places and Alien People: Department of Justice Internment Camps During World War II and Today
M ODERATOR/D I SCUSSANT: J OHN CHRISTGAU, C ALIFORNIA
PANELISTS: NOB FUKUDA, C ALIFORNIA; AND SATSUKI INA, PHD, C ALIFORNIA

One topic within the field of World War II Japanese American exclusion and detention that is far too little documented is the array of Department of Justice-administered camps. These camps interned Japanese America’s Issei leadership, first-generation immigrants ineligible by law for U.S. citizenship. This panel is moderated by an alien enemy internment specialist and features panelists whose Issei fathers embodied the elements of the imprisoned alien population and, moreover, left legacies in historical prose and poetry of their ordeals in Bismarck, North Dakota, and Santa Fe, New Mexico.
17. Enemy Alien Internment: Human/Civil Rights, the WWII Crystal City Camp, and Contemporary America
MODERATOR: JOHN CHRISTGAU, CALIFORNIA
PANELISTS: KAREN EBEL, NEW HAMPSHIRE; KAY UNO KANEKO, HAWAII; AND GRACE SHIMIZU, CALIFORNIA

Although not widely known, during World War II the Immigration and Naturalization Service, under the authority of the Justice Department, operated some twenty internment camps. Three of them were located in Texas: Seagoville, Kenedy, and Crystal City. Crystal City was the largest and like the others, it interned not only Issei from the mainland and Hawai‘i, but also Japane, German, and Italians from twelve Latin America countries, who deported them to the United States for imprisonment. The population of Crystal City, which closed in December 1947, peaked at about 4,000 in May 1945. While this camp boasted family living units, Crystal City was characterized by governing policies and actions very much like the civil and human rights violations suffered by immigrant communities in the post-9/11 U.S. This session’s panelists, with roots in Crystal City’s multiple populations, will discuss the camp both from a grounded historical perspective and an enlarged contemporary frame of reference.

DEFINING, PRESERVING AND EXPANDING THE COMMUNITY

18. Enduring Communities Educators Presentation
PANELISTS: TO BE CONFIRMED
For the past two years, K–16 educators from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah have enthusiastically delved into the Japane American experience—both nationally and locally—and have developed ways to effectively engage students within their states. These educators have conducted research, authored standards-based curriculum, and shared their work with colleagues from across the nation. In this presentation, they will share parts of their curriculum and the invaluable lessons they have learned. Educators attending this session will receive copies of the curriculum when it is completed.

19. Preserving a Historic Place: Nihonmachi in California and the Interior West
MODERATOR/DISCUSSANT: SOJIN KIM, PHD, CALIFORNIA
PANELISTS INCLUDE: DONNA GRAVES, CALIFORNIA; KARA MIYAGISHIMA, COLORADO; RAYMOND UNO, UTAH

California State Senate Bill 307, which provided funding for the historic and cultural preservation of California’s three major remaining Japantowns (San Francisco, San Jose, and Los Angeles), described “Japantown” as being a community whose population, while not strictly bound by geography, is nonetheless bound to a geographical core. “Despite the physical relocation of its Japanese American resident-base, whether by choice or by government mandate,” declared the SB307 Committee, “[J]apantown continues to be the cultural, historical, and spiritual center of the Japanese American community,” an entity which is less clearly defined by its physical boundaries than its intangible “parameters of experience.” This panel of historic preservationists reviews ongoing efforts to preserve more than 40 Japantown sites in California plus those serving Nikkei in Denver, Colorado, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

MODERATOR/DISCUSSANT: GIL ASAKAWA, COLORADO
PANELISTS INCLUDE: DENNIS TOJO BAMBERGER, CALIFORNIA

The word “hapa” derives from the Hawaiian term “hapa haole,” and originally was a derogatory connotation for someone who was half white. In recent years, “hapa” has become for many a proud badge of identity, as Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry have “out-married” in escalating numbers to produce not only Eurasians, but also Latin Asians, African-American Asians, or multi-ethnic Asians such as Filipino-Chinese or Japane-Thai. Catalyzed by the proliferation of hapa celebrities such as Ann Curry, Tiger Woods, and Apol O’hno, the term has rapidly disseminated throughout American culture and society. The 2000 US Census (the first census to permit classification by two or more racial and ethnic categories) revealed 2.1 million people of mixed Asian heritage. Those on this panel, representing the period from World War II to the present, reflect on the historical evolution of the word “hapa” as well as its diverse meanings as a marker of identity.

21. Sharing a Historic Space: African Americans, Native Americans and Nikkei
MODERATOR/DISCUSSANT: GREG ROBINSON, PHD, CANADA
PANELISTS: SARA BEGAY, ARIZONA; MARTHA NAKAGAWA, CALIFORNIA; AND RUTH OKIMOTO, PHD, CALIFORNIA

The World War II relocation/dislocation experience of West Coast Japanese American communities led, on the one hand, to Nikkei being detained on Native American land in Arizona and Utah, and on the other hand, to westward-bound African American war workers and their families resettling in and refashioning vacated coastal metropolitan Japantowns from Seattle to San Diego. This panel takes up not merely the wartime situation of these conjoined racial-ethnic communities, but also the postwar phenomenon of developing strategies for accommodating their respective historical and memory claims to common ground.
TRAVEL AND HOUSING

All Conference sessions will be at the Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center.

Hotel Reservations & Rates
For special Conference hotel rates, reservations, special requests, and changes or cancellations, participants must contact the Hyatt Regency Denver directly either online at www.denverregency.hyatt.com/groupbooking/denccjanm2008, or by calling 800.233.1234 or 303.436.1234 (you must identify yourself as a Japanese American National Museum Conference participant).

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Pre Conference Tour: June 27-July 2: Phoenix, Poston campsite, Prescott, Sedona, Gallup, 4-Corners, Mesa Verde, Durango, Royal Gorge, Pueblo, Olympic Complex, Air Force Academy, Denver

Post Conference Tour: July 6-July 10: Denver, Sheridan WY, Little Big Horn, Devils Tower, Deadwood, Rapid City SD, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, Custer State Park, Keystone, Badlands, Wall, Rapid City, Los Angeles.

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REGISTRATION FORM

MR. MRS. MS. DR. (Circle)  FIRST NAME  INITIAL  LAST NAME

ARE YOU AN (Circle): EDUCATOR  STUDENT  YOUTH (AGE ) *
* Attach copy of valid employee I.D. or paycheck stub, or Student I.D. to Registration Form.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM?

MEMBER #  EXPIRATION DATE  (as listed on the back of your Membership Card)

PAYMENT INFORMATION
Full payment must accompany registration to be processed. Do not send cash.

___ CHECK ENCLOSED (U.S. FUNDS), PAYABLE TO: JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM (write "2008 Denver" on check memo)

___ CREDIT CARD  ___ VISA  ___ MASTERCARD  ___ AMERICAN EXPRESS

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SIGNATURE

I understand that by signing above, the stated amount will be charged to the listed credit card and accept full responsibility for the charges.

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR FAXED BY JUNE 5, 2008.

Session Preferences
In order to anticipate session attendance and schedule appropriately sized rooms, select the top five sessions you would like to attend on July 5. Please use the session number corresponding to the descriptions on pages 7–10. These choices are for planning purposes only, not for session registration

1  2  3  4  5

RENEWING CONNECTIONS...

Are you wondering whether long-lost friends and far-away family members will be attending the conference? They are probably wondering whether you are attending, too. We will post your name on www.janm.org/projects/ec, so we can all know who is coming.

[ ] No, I do not wish my name posted on the listing of conference attendees.
### ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS

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REGISTRATION RATES

**All Inclusive Conference Package**
*Includes registration, all July 3-6 Sessions & Activities, Luncheon & Banquet Dinner and Amache Camp Site Visit*

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- July 3
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**Activities (A la carte conference fee required)**

**Amache Camp Site Visit (select one date)**
- Thursday, July 3
- Sunday, July 6

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**Luncheon with Keynote Speaker**
- $65 (Thursday, July 3)
- $85 (Sunday, July 6)

**Banquet Dinner with Keynote Speaker**
- $95 (Thursday, July 3)
- $115 (Sunday, July 6)

**For Colorado Community** *For non-conference registrants only; subject to space availability*

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**JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW AND SAVE $60 ON CONFERENCE FEE**

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For a complete list of membership categories and benefits, visit [www.janm.org/membership](http://www.janm.org/membership).

☐ **No**, I cannot attend, but I’d like to make a contribution. $ 

Sponsor a Student-Scholar to attend the conference. Tax-deductible donations of $300 per student are welcomed and will be awarded based upon teacher recommendations. $ 

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Tentative Additional Activities

For an additional fee, I would be interested in:

- **Historic Denver Walking Tour**: (Circle one)
  - Thursday, July 3
  - Sunday, July 6
  - Not Interested

- **July 4th Major League Baseball Game**: (circle one)
  - Yes
  - Not Interested
Rate Information
- Registration forms and payment must be postmarked or faxed no later than:
  - January 31, 2008 for Early Bird—save up to 35%
  - June 5, 2008 for Regular
  (after June 5, all registration must be done on-site).
- On-site registration will be available at the Hyatt Regency Denver beginning on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 after 2:00 PM.
- Member Rates: Membership status must be Active.
- Educator: Photocopy of current proof of employment required. Attach copy of valid employee I.D. or paycheck stub.
- Student: Available to students of any age. Attach photocopy of current student ID

Luncheon and Dinner Banquet Information
Meal purchase is required for attendance at the luncheon and dinner banquets. Kids meals are appropriate for ages 5 and under.

Fax and Mail Registration
Please mail or fax your completed Registration Form and payment to:
Japanese American National Museum
ATTN: Ken Hamamura
369 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012-3901
Fax: 213.687.9135
Faxed registration forms will only be accepted with credit card payment information included.

Confirmation
To expedite your confirmation, include an e-mail address or fax number on your registration form. All other confirmations will be mailed to the address listed on the registration form.

Questions
If you experience any problems with registration, or have any questions, contact Nancy Araki at 213.830.5649 or at ec@janm.org.

Cancellation Policy
All registration cancellation/refund requests must be made in writing and postmarked or faxed by June 13, 2008 to:
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369 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012-3901
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Requests received before June 13, 2008 will be refunded the full amount less $25 per registrant for administrative fees. Refund requests postmarked or faxed after June 13 will not be honored due to required guarantees.

Special Requirements
If you or any of your registrants have special requirements (ADA assistance, dietary, wheelchair, etc), fax your requests to Ken Hamamura at 213. 687.9135 or at ec@janm.org.

Media Inquiries
For media inquiries, contact Chris Komai, Public Information Officer at the Japanese American National Museum at 213.830.5648, or at ckomai@janm.org. Media credentialing will be done on-site.