



**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*

Program Convener: *Judy Nihei*

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 Giuliotti, 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: *Guenther 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
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- **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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