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Education

University of California, Santa Cruz

Ph.D. in History

Dissertation Title: Legislating Injustice: Japanese Americans, Congress, and the Wartime Incarceration of Japanese Americans During World War II, 1930 – 1945.

Santa Cruz, CA

2019 – 2024

Georgetown University

Masters in Global, International, and Comparative History

Washington, D.C.

2017 – 2019

Pomona College

Bachelors of Arts in History, French

Coursework with Middlebury Program, Université Paris I Panthéon

Claremont, CA

2013 – 2017

Professional Experience

Academic

Oberlin College

Visiting Assistant Professor of History

Oberlin, OH

August 2025 – Present

- Teaching five courses on United States political history, public history, and immigration studies. Designed course syllabi, lesson plans, and facilitated discussions for classes ranging from 10 to 40 students.

UC Santa Cruz

Lecturer

Santa Cruz, CA

June 2024 – June 2025

- Lecturer of class “A More Perfect Union: Race and The Federal Government.” Based on my own syllabus, this class offered students a survey overview of federal government throughout the 20th century with regards to civil rights.
- For Fall 2024 I taught two sections of the Cowell Core Class, a course which introduces undergraduates to college-level writing, and History10A, an introductory level course on U.S. History to 1877. For Winter 2025, I taught History110, an upper-division seminar on the history of the British Colonialism in North America.
- I have also created two classes, “Nikkei History” and “A History of Disinformation.” Based on my work in Asian American Studies and US political history, each course is tailored for advanced-level students with an interest in US history and Japanese American history. The first offers a global history of Japanese migration throughout the Pacific world and the ways that the community fought against prejudice in places like the United States and Canada. The latter course, based on a media history I wrote on Japanese American incarceration, examines moments in U.S. history when media disinformation affected major political events like elections.

University of Victoria

Research Fellow – Past Wrongs, Future Choices

Victoria, British Columbia

January 2023 – Present

- From January to April 2023, I was a scholar in resident at the University of Victoria’s Center for Global Studies working for the Past Wrongs, Future Choices Project. As a fellow, I conducted research on media depictions of citizens of Japanese ancestry and their incarceration in various states across the Pacific region during World War II. My research was presented before the Center for Global Studies and will be published in an edited volume with McGill University Press.
- I continue to serve as a scholarly advisor and a researcher for the project’s work, such as identifying and locating important legal historical documents for their website database on the incarceration of Japanese communities in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Brazil.

UC Santa Cruz

Researcher

Santa Cruz, CA

March 2020 – May 2024

- Research assistant for Karen Tei Yamashita on her upcoming book. My ongoing work as a research assistant includes conducting archival research at various institutions, such as the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the Bancroft Library. Part of my work requires examining documents in English and Japanese.
- I solicit advice from various experts in the field of Asian American history regarding specific subjects.
- I contributed research to the foreword authored by Karen Tei Yamashita and Yuki Obayashi for the Penguin Edition of Etsu Sugimoto’s *A Daughter of a Samurai*.

UC Santa Cruz

Teaching Assistant

Santa Cruz, CA

September 2020 – June 2022

Taught Six Courses where I facilitated discussions, graded assignments, and prepared lessons:

- History 10A: United States History to 1877, Fall 2020
- History 58: From Pirates to Refugees: The History of the Modern Mediterranean, Winter 2021
- History 110A: Colonial America, 1500 – 1750, Spring 2021
- History 9: Introduction to Native American History, Fall 2021
- History 122B: Jazz and United States Cultural History, 1945 to the Present, Winter 2022
- History 106B: Asian And Asian American History, Spring 2022

Georgetown University**Washington, D.C.**

Translator

August - December 2018

- I translated a book chapter from Eric Laurent's book *La face cachée du pétrole* from French to English for Professor David Painter.

Public History**Densho**

Editor & Contributor

Seattle, WA[Remote]

March 2024 – Present

- Met regularly with the *Densho* staff and Executive Director to discuss ongoing research and directions for future research topics, and produce articles accordingly for the encyclopedia.
- Reviewed and updated hundreds of articles previously written for the encyclopedia in 2011, and used Wiki coding language to update encyclopedia text.
- Produced articles for the encyclopedia on the history of the incarceration of Japanese Americans and California politics based on archival research, and contributed 4 blog posts for the organization's blog, *Densho Catalyst*.

Japanese American National Museum**Los Angeles, CA**Columnist for *Discover Nikkei* (official blog of the Japanese American National Museum)

November 2020 – Present

- Contributing monthly articles, with over 100 articles contributed to date on topics related to civil rights and political history (<http://www.discovernikkei.org/en/journal/author/van-harmelen-jonathan/>).

Freelance Journalist**Sacramento, CA [Remote]**

September 2019 – Present

- I have contributed articles to various newspapers, including *The New Republic*, *The Nation*, *TIME*, *The New York Times* (NYC), *Los Angeles Review of Books* (Los Angeles), *The Chicago Tribune* (Chicago), *The Sacramento Bee* (Sacramento), *The Mercury News* (San Jose), *Times Colonist* (Victoria, BC), *the San Luis Obispo Tribune* (San Luis Obispo), *the Rafu Shimpo* (Los Angeles), *the Nichi Bei Weekly* (San Francisco), *NikkeiWest* (San Jose), *North American Post* (Seattle), and *The International Examiner* (Seattle).
- I provided research for Naomi Ishisaka's March 27, 2022 article on the *The Seattle Times*'s previous reportage on the incarceration of Japanese Americans.

Japanese American National Museum**Los Angeles, CA**

Scholarly Advisor

October 2020 – February 2022

- Served as an advisor of the scholarly advisory committee for the upcoming exhibit "Sutra and Bible" curated by Rev. Duncan Williams and Emily Anderson.
- Provided recommendations on the exhibit script, object choices, and research material for the exhibit.
- Interviewed community leaders and managed digital data on the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Japanese American community, and contributed an essay to the exhibit's catalogue.

Smithsonian National Museum of American History**Washington, D.C.**

Researcher

June 2017 - June 2018

- Worked as a researcher for the 2017 exhibit 'Righting A Wrong', including reviewing existing literature, identify relevant objects, and providing feedback on the exhibit script.
- Digitized a collection of diaries from the 1930s to the 1960s with extra care to ensure that the book was digitized successfully without damage.
- Transcribed eight oral histories for the museum collections related to the Japanese American experience.

Publications

Books

Book, co-authored with Greg Robinson. *The Unknown Great*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, January 03, 2024.

Academic Articles

Chapter, “A Transborder Story: Media Accounts of Nikkei Incarceration in the United States and Canada.” In *Nikkei Uprooting*. Edited by Jordan Stanger-Ross and Audrey Kobayashi. Forthcoming, McGill-Queens University Press.

Article, “Nowhere to Go: Quarantine Orders, Epidemiology, and the Wartime Incarceration of Japanese Americans.” *Pacific Historical Review*, Autumn 2024. Winner of the 2025 *Pacific Historical Review*’s W. Turrentine Jackson Prize.

Article, “A Circus in Tulare: Alfred J. Elliott, Congressional Orders, and Japanese Americans during World War II.” *California History*, Winter 2025.

Chapter, co-authored with Greg Robinson. “Indonesian Sailors: Soewapadji v. Wixon and Indonesian American history.” *Asian American Studies Textbook*, UCLA. 2025

Essay, “Father Hugh Lavery.” In *Sutra and Bible: Faith and the Japanese American World War II Incarceration*. Los Angeles: Kaya Press, 2022.

Article, “Lessons from a Different Shore: Portrayals of Japanese American Incarceration and The Redress Movement by Western European Newspapers.” *Journal of Transnational American Studies*, vol 12, no. 1, (Fall 2021).

Article, “The Scientist and the Shrub: Manzanar’s Guayule Project and Incarcerated Japanese American Scientists.” *Southern California Quarterly*, vol. 103, no. 1 (Spring, 2021), 61 - 98.

Essay, co-authored with Greg Robinson, “Brother Theophane Walsh,” In *The Unsung Great: Portraits of Extraordinary Japanese Americans*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2020.

Book Reviews

Review Essay, “Turning a New Chapter in Japanese American History.” *Reviews in American History*, Fall 2024.

Review Essay, “Historiography of Japanese Americans in Urban History.” *Journal of Urban History*, vol. 47, no. 5 (September, 2021), 1155- 1160.

Book Review, Daniel James Brown, *Facing the Mountain: An Inspiring Story of Japanese American Patriots in World War II*. New York: Penguin Random House, 2021. *California History*, Vol. 99, no. 3 (Summer 2022), 83-85.

Book Review, James Matsumoto Omura, edited by Art Hansen, *Nisei Naysayer: The Memoir of Militant Japanese American Journalist Jimmie Omura*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2018. *Southern California Quarterly*, Vol. 104, no. 1 (Spring, 2022), 137 – 140.

Book Review, Masumi Izumi, *Legal History of Anti-Asian Racism in America - The Rise and Fall of America’s Concentration Camp Law: Civil Liberties Debates from the Internment to McCarthyism and the Radical 1960s*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2019. *Asian Journal of Law and Society*, 2021, 1–3.

Book Review, D.J. Waldie, *Becoming Los Angeles: Myth, Memory, and a Sense of Place*. Los Angeles: Angel City Press, 2020. *Southern California Quarterly*, vol. 103, no. 3 (Fall, 2021), 355–357.

Book Review, Jordan Stanger-Ross, ed. *Landscapes of Injustice: A New Perspective on the Internment and Dispossession of Japanese Canadians*. Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2020. *BC Studies*, vol. 210 (Summer 2021), 111-112.

Book Review, Connie Chiang, *Nature Behind Barbed Wire: An Environmental History of the Japanese American Incarceration*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018. *Journal of Asian American Studies*, vol. 23, no. 2 (Summer 2020), 304 - 306.

Encyclopedia Entries:

All listed entries were published in the Densho Encyclopedia:

“Alfred Elliott”

“Chick Sexing”

“Daisuke Kitagawa”

“Gannon Committee.”

“Guayule Project.”

“Harvey Akio Itano.”

“Hotel Whitcomb.”

“Issei and Nisei”

“Kenneth Yasuda”

“Los Angeles County Jail.”

“Redress at the State and City Level”

“Ruby Yoshino”

“Teiko Ishida”

“Tenney Committee.”

“Verne Austin.”

Co-authored with Greg Robinson. “Eugene Rostow’s Articles.”

Co-authored with Greg Robinson. “Incarceration of Japanese Panamanians.”

Newspaper articles, Editorials, Blog Posts and Other Professional Writings:

Discover Nikkei Profile: <http://www.discovernikkei.org/en/journal/author/van-harmelen-jonathan/>

August 14, 2025. “The Future of Immigration in America – After Trump is Gone.” *The New Republic*.

June 30, 2025. “Monica Sone.” *HistoryLink – Washington State Historical Society*.

June 12, 2025. “How Trump’s Tariffs Promote Hate at Home.” *The New Republic*.

Co-authored with Greg Robinson. “Japanese American Incarceration: How It Happened Here.” *Loyola Marymount Magazine*, June 1, 2025.

March 7, 2025. “How Private Bills Can Help Immigrant Rights Advocates.” *The New Republic*.

February 25, 2025. “Long before César Chávez, a Sacramentan planted seeds of the farmworker labor movement.” *The Sacramento Bee*.

December 18, 2024. “Korematsu, 80 years later.” *The Nation*.

December 10, 2024. “From Hollywood High to *The Sorrow and the Pity*- What Marcel Ophuls Learned in America.” *Cineaste*.

December 5, 2024. “The Court Where the Rule of Law Still Lives – For Now.” *The New Republic*.

September 13, 2024. “What A Simple Knot Can Teach Us About American Identity – Shinkichi Tajiri.” *Rafu Shimpo*.

August 8, 2024, “The Little-Known Group That Pioneered Watergate’s Dirty Tricks – and Changed American Politics.” *TIME*.

August 8, 2024. Remembering Gene Oishi: The Bard of Guadalupe. *Discover Nikkei*.

July 26, 2024, “How Taxing Big Tech Could Help Local Journalism.” *Sacramento Bee*.

June 12, 2024. “How Congress Killed the Kiln, But Not the Artist – Minnie Negoro and the Heart Mountain Pottery Plant.” *Discover Nikkei*.

May 17, 2024, “Overlooked No More – Bill Hosokawa.” *The New York Times*.

April 25, 2024, The “Nacirema” Dream: The Story of an Asian American Studio. *Los Angeles Review of Books*.

April 8, 2024. “The 1944 Election: The Twilight of the Demagogues – Part 2.” *Discover Nikkei*.

April 7, 2024. “The 1944 Election: The Twilight of the Demagogues – Part 1.” *Discover Nikkei*.

March 19, 2024, “Opinion: California apologies, reparations would improve our state’s karma.” *The Mercury News and East Bay Times*.

March 8, 2024. “Suma Sugi Yokotake – The Woman Who Became The First Japanese American Lobbyist - Part 2.” *Discover Nikkei*.

March 7, 2024. “Suma Sugi Yokotake – The Woman Who Became The First Japanese American Lobbyist - Part 1.” *Discover Nikkei*.

February 25, 2024. “Opinion: On This Day of Remembrance, Celebrate Harvey Itano.” *Sacramento Bee*.

February 17, 2024. “A Trip to Arkansas.” *Rafu Shimpo*.

January 31, 2024, “The House I Live In: Frank Sinatra and Japanese Americans.” *Discover Nikkei*.

January 9, 2024, “A Circus in Tulare, Part 2.” *Discover Nikkei*.

January 8, 2024, “A Circus in Tulare: Part 1.” *Discover Nikkei*.

November 2, 2023. “When the United States Successfully Tackled Homelessness.” *TIME*.

October 31, 2023. “Keeping the Beat: The Story of Legendary Drummer Paul Togawa.” *Discover Nikkei*.

October 22, 2023. “Reflecting on Gordon Hirabayashi’s contributions to Japanese Canadian redress.” *International Examiner*.

August 28, 2023. “Artist and Documentarian: The Life of Kango Takamura.” *Discover Nikkei*.

August 7, 2023. “A Northern Lesson: Carey McWilliams and the Incarceration of Japanese Canadians.” *Discover Nikkei*.

July 28, 2023. “Buried in the Sand: On John Sturges’s “Bad Day at Black Rock” and Japanese America.” *Los Angeles Review of Books*.

July 26, 2023. “Toshio Aoki: The Wandering Meiji Artist and Father of Tsuru Aoki.” *Discover Nikkei*.

July 14, 2023. “The Life and Legacy of Harry Honda.” *Pacific Citizen*.

July 14, 2023. “Kikue Ukai named to CLA Hall of Fame.” *Pacific Citizen*.

June 22, 2023. “Object Lesson of a Lost Temple: A Postcard of the Fresno Buddhist Church, 1912.” *Discover Nikkei*.

June 8, 2023. “Paul Higaki – The One Who Made It Big.” *Discover Nikkei*.

May 7, 2023. “Manzanar Pilgrimage Returns to In-Person.” *Rafu Shimpo*.

May 1, 2023. “Exploring Global Nikkei History in Victoria: A Conversation with the Past Wrongs, Future Choices Scholars and Artists.” *JCCA Bulletin*. Reprinted in *Discover Nikkei*, July 9 – 10, 2023.

April 28, 2023. "In Memoriam: Roger Daniels." *AHA Perspectives on History*.

April 12, 2023. "Making History: Remembering Nikkei Legacy." *Discover Nikkei*.

April 2, 2023. "Jonathan van Harmelen: The Legacy of Toyo Takata, who captured the voice of Japanese Canadians." *Victoria Times-Colonist*. Reprinted in *Discover Nikkei*, April 19, 2023.

March 27, 2023. Co-authored with Nina Wallace. "The Proposed Lava Ridge Wind Farm at Minidoka Is Part of a Larger—and Ongoing—Pattern of Erasing Marginalized Histories." *Densho Catalyst*.

March 20, 2023. "Activists In Little Tokyo: Civil Rights Leaders Who Have Shaped L.A.'s Nihonmachi." *Rafu Shimpo*.

March 6, 2023. "Dutch Leonard – The Ballplayer who challenged Fresno's racism." *Discover Nikkei*.

February 21, 2023. "Our Man on the Hill: Sidney Yates – Part 2." *Discover Nikkei*.

February 20, 2023. "Our Man on the Hill: Sidney Yates – Part 1." *Discover Nikkei*.

February 19, 2023. "Jonathan Van Harmelen: Japanese who moved to Chicago after internment found an advocate in Sidney Yates." *Chicago Tribune*.

February 10, 2023. "Bill Mauldin – An Artist with a Cause." *Discover Nikkei*.

January 23, 2023. "Joe Oishi and The Promised Year." *Discover Nikkei*.

January 9, 2023. "Dr. T.T. Yatabe, the American Loyalty League, and the Birth of the JACL." *Discover Nikkei*.

December 26, 2022. "Father Francis Caffrey - A Priest for the Stars and Students Alike." *Discover Nikkei*.

December 17, 2022. "IN MEMORIAM: Historian Roger Daniels, 95; Scholar of JA Incarceration." *Rafu Shimpo*.

December 16, 2022. "Remembering Roger Daniels—A Reflection." *Discover Nikkei*.

December 12, 2022. "William Saroyan and the search for "The Japanese American Novel"" *Discover Nikkei*.

November 25, 2022. "The Woes of Voting in Camp in 1942." *Discover Nikkei*.

November 7, 2022. "Kenneth Yasuda: The Nisei poet who foresaw the success of No-No Boy." *International Examiner*.

November 4, 2022. "In Search of Home: A History of Ethnic Enclaves." *Rafu Shimpo*.

October 27, 2022. "Yukuo Uyehara – An Issei Academic in Wartime - Part 2." *Discover Nikkei*.

October 26, 2022. "Yukuo Uyehara – An Issei Academic in Wartime - Part 1." *Discover Nikkei*.

October 19, 2022. "Letters to the Editor - What Stanford's anti-Jewish bias looked like on campus in the 1950s." *Los Angeles Times*.

October 15, 2022. "As Seen On TV – Mike Masaoka." *Rafu Shimpo*.

September 23, 2022. Co-authored with Greg Robinson. "A Heart to Heart: Carlos Bulosan and Japanese Americans – Part 2." *Discover Nikkei*.

September 22, 2022. Co-authored with Greg Robinson. "A Heart to Heart: Carlos Bulosan and Japanese Americans – Part 1." *Discover Nikkei*.

September 13, 2022. "Iron Fences and Pepper Pods: Four Poets at Tule Lake and their Stories." *Densho Catalyst*.

September 13, 2022. "Kamisama of the Club – Jazz Player James Araki and Bebop in Japan." *Discover Nikkei*.

August 28, 2022. "A Day at the Racetrack: Kenneth Rexroth's Support for Japanese Americans During World War II." *Discover Nikkei*.

August 25, 2022. Co-authored with Brian Niiya. "Horse Stall Housing, Spoiled Ham, and Other Stories of Life in Tanforan." *Densho Catalyst*.

August 18, 2022. "Four Nisei Jazz Stars You've Probably Never Heard Of." *Densho Catalyst*.

August 11, 2022. "Teiko Ishida – A Woman of Conviction in the JACL – Part 2." *Discover Nikkei*.

August 10, 2022. "Teiko Ishida – A Woman of Conviction in the JACL – Part 1." *Discover Nikkei*.

June 9, 2022. "William Denman: A Voice of Dissent on the Courts – Part 2." *Discover Nikkei*.

June 8, 2022. "William Denman: A Voice of Dissent on the Courts – Part 1." *Discover Nikkei*.

May 26, 2022. "VOX POPULI: Roe vs. Wade, and Where to Look for Justice." *Rafu Shimpo*.

May 20, 2022. "Saving the Voices of the Past: An Interview with Arthur Hansen." *Discover Nikkei*.

May 9, 2022. "Daisuke Kitagawa: Civil Rights and Anti-Racism Activist — Part 2." *Discover Nikkei*.

May 8, 2022. "Daisuke Kitagawa: Civil Rights and Anti-Racism Activist — Part 1." *Discover Nikkei*.

April 12, 2022. "Renaissance Artist and 'Mad Man' – The Life of Shugo Seno." *Discover Nikkei*.

March 28, 2022. "Reverend Aaron Allen Heist – A Profile in Courage." *Discover Nikkei*.

March 16, 2022. "We Regret to Say – The Tenacity of Yoshiko Uchida." *International Examiner*.

March 14, 2022. "Bishop James Walsh – Priest and Prisoner." *Discover Nikkei*.

March 1, 2022. "Looking South: Anglophone Canadian Reactions to Japanese American Incarceration: Part 2." *Discover Nikkei*.

February 28, 2022. "Looking South: Anglophone Canadian Reactions to Japanese American Incarceration: Part 1." *Discover Nikkei*.

January 24, 2022. "Catching up with journalist and author Gene Oishi about 'In Search of Hiroshi', a groundbreaking memoir in its exploration in the psychological analysis of Nisei identity." *International Examiner*.

January 26, 2022. "An Active Voice: The New Republic's Reportage on the Incarceration: Part 2." *Discover Nikkei*.

January 25, 2022. "An Active Voice: The New Republic's Reportage on the Incarceration: Part 1." *Discover Nikkei*.

January 7, 2022. "Harvest Lost – the Koda Family's Claim." *Discover Nikkei*.

December 31, 2021. "A Trip to the Archive – In Memory of William Koda." *Discover Nikkei*.

December 10, 2021. "Les Japonais Américains: Recent Discussions of Japanese American History in France." *Discover Nikkei*.

November 23, 2021. “The Curious Case of Ronald Lane Latimer, A Born-Again Buddhist: Part 2.” *Discover Nikkei*.

November 22, 2021. “The Curious Case of Ronald Lane Latimer, A Born-Again Buddhist: Part 1.” *Discover Nikkei*.

November 8, 2021. “The French Connection: What Newspapers in Wartime France Said About Japanese Americans.” *Discover Nikkei*. Reprinted in *The North American Post*, December 4 and 21, 2021.

October 19, 2021. “Father Thomas Takahashi – A Man of One Spirit in Two Worlds.” *Discover Nikkei*.

October 2, 2021. “Two Images – Past and Present.” *Rafu Shimpo*.

September 28, 2021. Co-authored with Greg Robinson. “Toge Fujihira: Master Photographer and World Traveler – Part 2.” *Discover Nikkei*.

September 27, 2021. Co-authored with Greg Robinson. “Toge Fujihira: Master Photographer and World Traveler – Part 1.” *Discover Nikkei*.

September 8, 2021. “Clement Boesflug: Catholic Priest and JACL Chaplain.” *Discover Nikkei*.

August 23, 2021. Co-authored with Greg Robinson. “The N-Word and the Japanese American Press.” *Discover Nikkei*.

August 10, 2021. “The Other Side of Doho: Kikue Ukai Fujii, Groundbreaking Deaf Writer and Editor.” *Discover Nikkei*.

July 27, 2021. “Shuji Fujii and the Hidden Lives of Japanese American Communists.” *Discover Nikkei*.

July 25, 2021. “Ehren Watada, the Death of Rumsfeld, and the Ghosts of Afghanistan.” *Rafu Shimpo*.

July 13, 2021. “The Karma of Nations: The Story of Rinban Kyoshiro Tokunaga.” *Discover Nikkei*. Republished, *The Dharma: San Jose Betsuin*, August 2021.

June 29, 2021. “The Sisters of Maryknoll and Manzanar.” *Discover Nikkei*.

June 15, 2021. “Father Hugh Lavery and the Ten-Thousand Mile Parish.” *Discover Nikkei*.

May 18, 2021. “Father Leopold Tibesar – The Shepherd of Seattle” *Discover Nikkei*.
Republished, *The North American Post*, July 30, 2021.

May 5, 2021. Co-authored with Greg Robinson. “Kinjiro Matsudaira: Mayor of Edmonston, Maryland” *Discover Nikkei*.

April 20, 2021. “Edmonia White Grant: A Black Woman Standing Up for Japanese Americans” *Discover Nikkei*.

April 1, 2021. “Japanese Culture and Catholic Faith: Maryknoll’s Long History in Little Tokyo.” *Rafu Shimpo*.
Republished in *Discover Nikkei*, June 1, 2021.

March 22, 2021. “Farms of the Future: The Life of Laurence Hewes, Jr. Part 2” *Discover Nikkei*.

March 21, 2021. “Farms of the Future: The Life of Laurence Hewes, Jr. Part 1” *Discover Nikkei*.

March 8, 2021. “Linus Pauling: Advisor and Advocate” *Discover Nikkei*.

February 12, 2021. Co-authored with Greg Robinson “How Fair is Fair Enough? Westbrook Pegler and Japanese Americans Part 2” *Discover Nikkei*.

February 11, 2021. Co-authored with Greg Robinson “How Fair is Fair Enough? Westbrook Pegler and Japanese Americans Part 1” *Discover Nikkei*.

January 16, 2021. “One of Berkeley’s Finest: Harvey Itano and his work on Sickle Cell Anemia.” *Discover Nikkei*.

January 1, 2021. “Auld Lang Syne in the Swamp and Desert: New Year’s Eve in Camp.” *Discover Nikkei*.

December 9, 2020. “Power Failure: The Journey of a Utility Bill to Fort Missoula.” *Discover Nikkei*.

December 3, 2020. Co-authored with Greg Robinson. “Tom Tsuji, a versatile Nisei percussionist.” *Nichi Bei Weekly*.

November 24, 2020. “Posh Writings on Prisons in the West: The New Yorker’s take on Japanese American Incarceration.” *Discover Nikkei*.

November 11, 2020. Co-authored with Greg Robinson, “Bunji Omura - New York Japanese Antifascist Writer and Publicist.” *Discover Nikkei*.

November 5, 2020. Co-authored with Greg Robinson. “Japanese American singer and civil rights activist Ruby Hideko Yoshino.” *Nichi Bei Weekly*.

October 14, 2020. “Finding Sunshine Among Shadows: The Unknown Wartime History of Disabled Japanese Americans.” *Rafu Shimpo*. Republished, *Discover Nikkei*, November 2, 2020.

October 8, 2020. “A Journey to Guadalupe.” *NikkeiWest*.
Republished, *Discover Nikkei*, December 21, 2020.

October 8, 2020. Co-authored with Greg Robinson. “Juilliard-trained songbird Mariko Mukai Ando defied expectations” *Nichi Bei Weekly*.

September 10, 2020. Co-authored with Greg Robinson. “Akira Kikukawa and the Japanese American Orchestra” *Nichi Bei Weekly*.

July 18, 2020. “The LAPD and Japanese Americans.” *Rafu Shimpo*.

July 16, 2020. “Review: *Invisibility by Design* by Gabriella Luckás.” *Nichi Bei Weekly*.

July 16, 2020. “Review: *America for Americans* by Erika Lee.” *Nichi Bei Weekly*.

June 16, 2020. “A Common History.” *Rafu Shimpo*.

May 25, 2020. “Reverend Kyoshiro Tokunaga.” *Nikkei West*.

May 10, 2020. “Wisdom through troubling times: The Life of LaVerne Senyo Sasaki.” *Nikkei West*.
Republished, *Discover Nikkei*, October 21, 2020.

April 25, 2020. “The Pulitzer Prize and Japanese Americans in the South.” *Nikkei West*.
Republished, *Discover Nikkei*, June 29, 2020.

April 25, 2020. “The Importance of Place: The Manzanar Pilgrimage and COVID-19.” *Nikkei West*.
Republished, *Discover Nikkei*, June 19, 2020.

April 10, 2020. “Memories on the Open Market.” *Nikkei West*
Republished, *Discover Nikkei*, June 2, 2020.

April 10, 2020. “Quarantine in Camp: Stories of other pandemics.” *Nikkei West*.
Republished, *Discover Nikkei*, May 5, 2020.
Republished, *North American Post*. June 10, 2020

February 10, 2020. “Sometimes the Smaller Things Tell a Greater Story.” *Nikkei West*.

Republished, *Discover Nikkei*, May 19, 2020.

January 30, 2020. "Eugene Rostow's Japanese American articles: A Reconsideration - Part 2." *Discover Nikkei*.

January 29, 2020. "Eugene Rostow's Japanese American articles: A Reconsideration - Part 1." *Discover Nikkei*.

January 1, 2020. "Review: *Hawai'i Regional Cuisine* by Samuel H. Yamashita." *Nichi Bei Weekly*.

December 29, 2019. "Hung Wai Ching: The Founding of the Varsity Victory Volunteers and Relations between Chinese and Japanese Americans." *Nikkei West*. Republished, *Discover Nikkei*, March 20, 2020.

December 22, 2019. "Dentistry in Camp." *Nikkei West*, San Jose. Republished with *Discover Nikkei*, December 27, 2020.

November 25, 2019. "Ledger at Arroyo Grande Museum hold clues to a dark chapter in history" *San Luis Obispo Tribune*. Republished, *Discover Nikkei*, November 28, 2019.

October 10, 2019. "Giotta Fuyo Tajiri – An Artist's Voyage." *Discover Nikkei*.

August 29, 2019. "An Activist's Dilemma: the life of Katsuma Mukaeda." *Discover Nikkei*.

June 27, 2019. "Dutch Newspapers and Nikkei Stories - Lessons from Japanese-American Incarceration and Redress from Afar." *Discover Nikkei*.

April 9, 2019. Co-authored with Greg Robinson. "Theophane Walsh." *Discover Nikkei*.

September 13, 2018. "In the Shadow of Korematsu," *Pomona College Magazine*.

August 2, 2017. "Illustrating Prisoners in the Great War," *Smithsonian National Museum of American History*.

September 6, 2015. "Ben Kuroki's Blood Chit," *Smithsonian National Museum of American History*.

Public Speaking

Academic Conferences

Organization of American Historians April 2025
Panel – Memories and Legacies of Japanese American Incarceration

Association of Asian American Studies April 2024
Roundtable – Roger Daniels: In Memoriam

Organization of American Historians April 2024
Roundtable – Past Wrongs, Future Choices: A Discussion of Global Nikkei History (Cancelled)

American Historical Association January 7, 2024
Paper Presentation – Bishop James Walsh and Father Hugh Lavery: Two Case Studies of Support for Japanese Americans

Association of Asian American Studies April 12, 2023
Paper Presentation – A Friend in Chicago: The JACL and Congressman Sidney R. Yates

Association of Asian American Studies April 15, 2022
Paper Presentation – "Shuji Fujii and Kikue Ukai Fujii – Japanese American Communists."

Association of Asian American Studies April 8, 2021
Paper Presentation - "Soewapadjji v. Wixon and the Unknown History of Indonesian Americans"

Society of Historians on American Foreign Relations (Cancelled due to COVID-19) June 20, 2020
Paper Presentation - "The Western Film and the Philippine-American War: Memories of Empire."

Association of Asian American Studies (Cancelled due to COVID-19) April 11, 2020
Paper Presentation - "Indonesians Sailors at Crystal City."

American Historical Association January 3, 2020
Paper Presentation - "Brother Theophane Walsh, the Maryknoll Community, and Japanese American Incarceration"

Society of Historians on American Foreign Relations June 21, 2019
Roundtable - "American Empire in Retrospect."

Association of Asian American Studies April 26, 2019
Roundtable - "*Rabbit in the Moon and Conscience and the Constitution* 20 Years Later: A Perspective"

Radio Appearances/Speaking Engagements

"The History of the JACL – A Reconsideration." Changing Perspectives on Japanese American History, Oakland, California, June 21-22, 2025.

"The Legacy of Korematsu and Immigration Policy Today." Trinity College, Connecticut. April 2, 2025.

"Author's talk: *The Unknown Great.*" Co-presented with Greg Robinson at the Nichi Bei Book Festival, Ko-Ho Creative Hub, San Francisco, California, July 27, 2024.

"The life and career of Shinkichi Tajiri -A Japanese American Great." Bonnefanten Museum, Maastricht, Netherlands. May 10, 2024.

"Kenneth Yasuda – A Haiku Expert." Haiku Northwest, April 17, 2023. Held on Zoom.

"Transpacific Lessons - Media Accounts of Nikkei Incarceration in Australia, Canada, and the U.S." Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria, Canada, March 29, 2023.

"Who Is My Neighbor: Allyship Then and Now." Panel with Emily Anderson, Jonathan van Harmelen, Anne Blankenship, Beth Hessel, Rev. Duncan Ryūken Williams, Rev. Deborah Lee, Guillermo Torres, Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, January 28, 2023.

"A lot that still needs to be said': Revisiting writer Carlos Bulosan's time on the Central Coast." Interview with NPR station KCBX of San Luis Obispo, October 26, 2022.

"The Unsung Great: Uncovering Nikkei Histories with Greg Robinson." Japanese American National Museum virtual panel with Greg Robinson, TT Takemoto, Randall Kikukawa, Jonathan van Harmelen, and Tomo Hirai, June 12, 2021.

"Untold stories of Nikkei California - Presentation of articles written by Patricia Wakida, Kristen Hayashi, and Jonathan van Harmelen." Virtual Panel for Densho, December 10, 2020.

Awards and Honors

July 2025 AHA-PCB W. Turrentine Jackson Prize

July 2024 NEH Summer Institute Fellow – "New York As A Port City"

2023-2024 Hoover Institution Silas Palmer Fellowship

2023 – 2024 Year-Long Dissertation Fellowship, The Humanities Institute

2023 UCLA James and Sylvia Thayer Short-Term Research Fellowship

2023 Past Wrongs, Future Choices Visiting Scholar, University of Victoria. Funded by SSHRC.

2022-2023 UCSC Humanities Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
2022 Bancroft Library Friends of the Bancroft Fellowship
2022 Public Humanities Fellowship, The Humanities Institute
2022 Summer Research Grant, The Humanities Institute
2022 Harry S. Truman Library Research Grant
2022 Japanese American National Museum's "30 Under 30" Award
2021 SSRC-DPD Grant, The Humanities Institute
2021 UCSC History Department Summer Funding
2020 UCSC History Department Summer Funding
2020 AHA Dorothy Rosenberg Phi Beta Kappa Grant
October 2019 "Nima of the Month" - *DiscoverNikkei*, Japanese American National Museum.
2019 – 2020 UCSC Chancellor's Fellowship
April 2019 Georgetown University Conference Funding - AAAS Conference
Summer 2018 Georgetown University History Research Grant
Fall 2017 Georgetown University History Merit-Based Scholarship
2015, 2016 Summer Grant Funding - Pomona College Internship Funding
2015 John Hayes Beaver Award for History – awarded to a non-senior for outstanding contributions to history
2015 Oldenborg Award – for distinguished service while at the Oldenborg Center for Modern Languages and International Relations

External Reviewer

American Quarterly
American Art (Smithsonian American Art Journal)
Amsterdam University Press

Other Skills

Microsoft Office (Outlook, PowerPoint, Word, Excel)
Google Applications (Google Drive, Google Form, Google Docs)
Social Media: Medium, WordPress, Twitter, Bluesky, Facebook, Instagram
Zoom and Teams
Stata
ARC GIS

Language Skills

French – Advanced Proficiency (TCF Level B2, May 2016; Georgetown Language Exam, Passed August 2017). Read, write, speak.
German – Intermediate Proficiency (Georgetown Language Exam, Passed August 2018). Reading and speaking comprehension.
Japanese – Elementary Proficiency: Reading comprehension. One year of study at Georgetown University, 2017 – 2018.
Dutch – Elementary Proficiency; Reading comprehension.

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