



New England Chapter News
Japanese American Citizens League

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New England JACL 2021 Day of Remembrance
Japanese American Redress: Then and Now

Saturday, February 27, from 2 to 3:30 pm, via Zoom

To register: email Kenneth Oye at oye@mit.edu to receive the Zoom link

THE PROGRAM

Keynote: **Peter Kiang**, Professor and Director of Asian American Studies Program, UMass Boston

Comments by: **Paul Watanabe**, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Institute for Asian American Studies

Moderators: **Paul Uyehara**, Attorney and member, Philadelphia Chapter JACL
Ken Oye & Margie Yamamoto, co-presidents, New England JACL

Japanese American redress was the most improbable political victory in recent American political history. The New England JACL's 2021 Day of Remembrance will look back on how the fight was won and what it means today.

Peter Kiang, will tell the story of how the battle was fought in New England and discuss its implications for current fights to address historic injustices. His talk will be based, in part, on his recently published article ***Exploring Boston's Nisei Sources and Contributions to the Japanese American Redress Movement*** in the Asian American Law Journal. He wrote the article in 2017- 2019 when civil liberties challenges and questions on African American reparations intensified. For a link to Kiang's article, go to:

<https://lawcat.berkeley.edu/record/1181477>

Paul Watanabe will offer comments on the importance of historical research with reference to Peter's locally sourced research based in part on the New England JACL chapter records that are archived at UMass Boston.

Paul Uyehara will offer personal reflections on the national redress campaign as the son of Grayce Uyehara then turn to contemporary implication of redress from his perspective as a civil rights attorney.

The program will be followed by a **Question & Answer session** with our viewers.

Sponsored by the New England JACL, University of Massachusetts Boston, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Free Webinar on Teaching Japanese American Incarceration

Thursday, March 4 from 7-8 pm, EST

Registration required

We received a note from New England JACL member Naoko Shibusawa about a webinar that should be of interest to anyone who teaches or gives talks about Japanese American incarceration. The webinar will show how to tell the story of the incarceration with accuracy and sensitivity. It will also explore ways to connect the history from this period to the work of activists today who are addressing immigrant rights and US immigration policy. Prof. Shibusawa is an Associate Professor at Brown University's Departments of History and of American Studies/Ethnic Studies. She is also Faculty Director of Brown's *The Choices Program* that produces innovative curriculum and videos that make contested international, current and historical events accessible, engaging and relevant to secondary school audiences.

For more information on *The Choices Program*: <https://www.choices.edu/>

To register for this event: <https://www.choices.edu/event/japanese-american-incarceration-webinar/>

Day of Remembrance Everywhere Else

We've received a wealth of information on Day of Remembrance events nation-wide.

Thanks to Zoom, Webinars, and the internet, these usually local, in-person events are open to us all.

DATE & TIME	LOCATION & TITLE	LINKS & REGISTRATION
Saturday, Feb. 13 1-3 pm PST	Northern California JACL Chapters <i>Uncomfortable Conversations: Racism, Equity, and Belonging</i>	Information & Zoom Registration: https://www.nctor.org/event-information/
Saturday, Feb. 13 2 pm PST	Southern California <i>Uniting with Other Communities to Keep Democracy Alive</i>	Watch it live at: https://www.youtube.com/user/manzanarcommitt ee
Saturday, Feb. 13 1-2:30 pm PST	JA Museum of San Jose, CA <i>Setsuko's Secret Series: Post-War Community Advocacy & Political Leadership</i>	Information & Webinar Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2 zeAmDRJQ02R_2U9DL679A
Feb. 14 to 21	Densho <i>Week of Action and Remembrance</i>	Information: https://densho.org/week-of-action-and-remembrance/
Sunday, Feb. 14 3-4:30 pm PST	San Jose Day of Remembrance <i>Confronting Race in America: Unifying Our Communities</i>	Information and to view program, go to: www.sjnoc.org
Thursday, Feb. 18 7 pm EST	Heart Mountain, Wyoming <i>Preserving Identity & Culture</i>	Information: https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0wj H8LrV6ghQBiKvdpLaf-aUv42QR-dfggZr2DJzyOsmIXFyjk9GJ4D_0&v=k1rpEmzvlc E&feature=youtu.be

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Friday, Feb. 19 1 pm CST	Museum of the Pacific War, Texas Day of Remembrance of Executive Order 9066	Information & Zoom Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tHEbi1GzTAauBMNhjfUmlw
Friday, Feb. 19 6 to 7:30 pm PST	Bay Area Day of Remembrance 2021 Abolition? Reparations? Carrying the Light for Justice	Information & Zoom Registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bay-area-day-of-remembrance-2021-tickets-136049135627?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch
Friday, Feb. 19 6 to 7:15 pm EST	Smithsonian National Museum of American History FACEism: A panel discussion of history and accountability	Online link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3AiHVR-IIQ&feature=youtu.be
Saturday, Feb. 20 10 to 11 am, PST	Mineta Legacy Project What Does It Mean to Be An American? Teacher Training	Webinar & Information: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeL1SUF5oqVewXCK9t5Yu_EmAp-bLfV0Sr_x28G_ZkCQ9s2IA/viewform
Saturday, Feb. 20 2-3:30 pm PST	Portland, Oregon JACL Redress and Reparations: Yesterday and Today	Information & Registration: https://tinyurl.com/PDXDOR2021
Sunday, Feb. 21 2 pm CST	Chicago JACL Righting Historical Wrongs: Connecting Black Reparations and Japanese American Redress	Information & Livestream: https://chicagodor.wordpress.com/
Feb. 22 to 27	Gardena Valley JCI DOR Virtual Week: Collections	For the Virtual Week schedule and links: https://www.jci-gardena.org/