Monday, 23 March 2015

CJRC Japanese American Religion and Society Project

Transpacific Convergence: Studying Nikkei and Race in the U.S. and Japan

Co-Sponsored by the Kyoto University

9:00AM  INTRODUCTION
Duncan Ryūken Williams (USC)
Lon Kurashige (USC)
Yasuko Takezawa (Kyoto University)

9:30AM  SESSION I – MIGRATION AND EMPIRE
CHAIR: YASUKO TAKEZAWA
“Japanese Diasporic Network beyond/across the Imperial Borders: Coffee Production in the Asia-Pacific Region before World War II”
Mariko Iijima (Sophia University)
“Americans in the Japanese Empire: The Nisei Transnational Generation in the Pacific before World War II”
Michael Jin (Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi)
“Colonial Migrants as Subjects: Koreans under the Japanese Empire”
Chikako Kashiwazaki (Keio University)

11:15AM  SESSION 2 – LABOR AND POLITICS
CHAIR: DUNCAN RYŪKEN WILLIAMS
“Localized’ Problems of National Consequences: Exclusionist Discourse about Japanese Fishermen in Southern California, 1907-1948”
Yuko Konno (Sophia University)
“Transnational Divides of Race, Class, and Nationality: The Japanese-Mexican Conflict in the 1933 El Monte Berry Strike”
Yu Tokunaga (USC)
“Equality on a Global Stage: The 1893 Fight Over Japanese Voting Rights in Hawai’i”
Christen Sasaki (San Francisco State University)
12:45PM  
**Lunch**

1:45PM  
**SESSION 3 – RACE AND CULTURE**  
**CHAIR: BRIAN HAYASHI**  
“Meiji Textbook Representations of Race”  
**Yasuko Takezawa** (Kyoto University)

“Racial Formations Across the Pacific: Japanese Plant, Insect, and Human Immigrants”  
**Jeannie Shinozuka** (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

“Before Exclusion: Congressional Hearing on Japanese Immigration, 1920”  
**Lon Kurashige** (USC)

3:30PM  
**SESSION 4 – WAR AND NATIONAL SECURITY**  
**CHAIR: LON KURASHIGE**  
“Wavering Racialists, Hysterical Scholars, and Inept Leaders: Re-examining the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians’ Interpretation of the Japanese American Mass Removal and Internment”  
**Brian Hayashi** (Kyoto University)

“Lest We Forget: The Quakers, AFSC, and Japanese American Community, 1941-1945”  
**Lane Ryo Hirabayashi** (UCLA)

“Buddhism and Nationalism(s) during World War Two: The Incarceration of Buddhist Priests in the DOJ/Army Camps”  
**Duncan Ryûken Williams** (USC)

5:00PM  
**FINAL DISCUSSION**  
Lon Kurashige and Yasuko Takezawa