THE WWII JAPANESE AMERICAN RESETTLEMENT: NEW RESEARCH WORKSHOP

The resettlement from the War Relocation Authority (WRA) camps to the regions east of the Rockies and back to the Pacific Coast towards the war's end is a critical, yet understudied aspect of the Japanese American community during and immediately after World War II. With scholars, filmmakers, and community-based historians, this workshop is a sharing of work-in-progress on how Japanese Americans resettled in the two cities of Los Angeles and Chicago.

Session I: Historiography and Sources for the Study of “Resettlement”
Dispersal, Renewal, and the Roots of a "Model Minority": A Historiography of Japanese American "Resettlement" and Return
Brian Niiya (Densho)

From the National Archives to Local Libraries: "Finding Home Again" and the Archives on Resettlement in Los Angeles
Kristen Hayashi (JANM)

Cautionary Tales, Found Images and Missing Gaps: Lessons Learned from Life After Manzanar
Photographic Survey
Naomi Hirahara (Author)

Session II: Resettlement in the Midwest
The Role of Narrative Film in Education: Making JA Chicago Resettlement Resonate with a 5th Grader
Jason Matsumoto (Producer, Full Spectrum Features)

Centering the Midwest in the Resettlement Narrative: Recent Public History Initiatives in Chicago
Ryan Yokota (JASC)

What Happens to a Dream Confirmed?: Japanese American Race, Place, and Space in Chicago, 1945-1965
Lisa Doi (Community Activist)

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