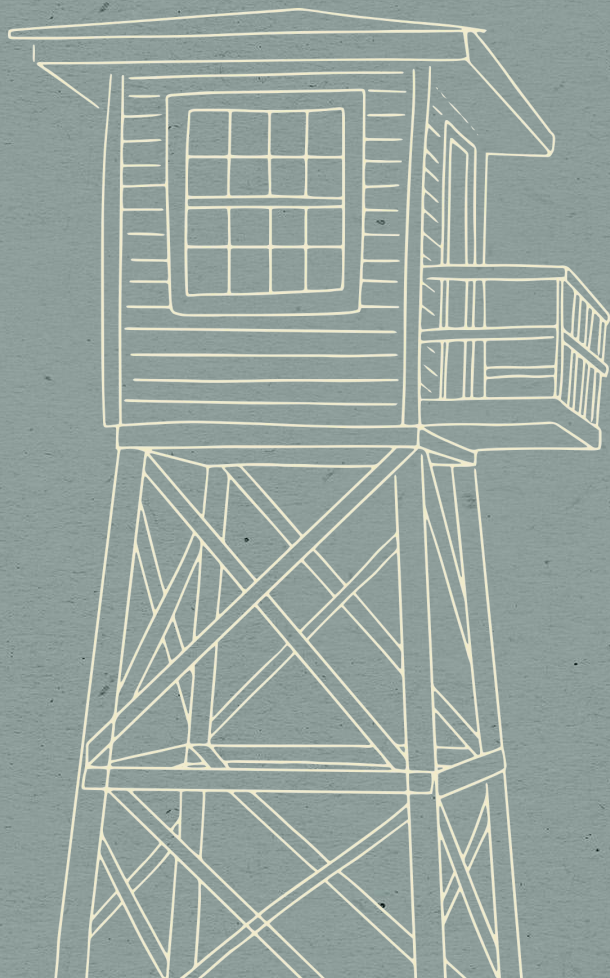




**Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month  
Special Observances Committee**

May 31, 2023



# Japanese American Incarceration

Betrayed: Surviving An American Concentration Camp - Short clip





# Executive Order 9066

- Signed on Feb. 19, 1942
- Japanese Americans excluded from West Coast
- 125,284 Japanese Americans unjustly incarcerated

WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY  
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION  
Presidio of San Francisco, California  
April 1, 1942

## INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

### Living in the Following Area:

All that portion of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, lying generally west of the north-south line established by Junipero Serra Boulevard, Worcester Avenue, and Nineteenth Avenue, and lying generally north of the east-west line established by California Street, to the intersection of Market Street, and thence on Market Street to San Francisco Bay.

All Japanese persons, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above designated area by 12:00 o'clock noon Tuesday, April 7, 1942.

No Japanese person will be permitted to enter or leave the above described area after 8:00 a. m., Thursday, April 2, 1942, without obtaining special permission from the Provost Marshal at the Civil Control Station located at:

1701 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California

The Civil Control Station is equipped to assist the Japanese population affected by this evacuation in the following ways:

1. Give advice and instructions on the evacuation.
2. Provide services with respect to the management, leasing, sale, storage or other disposition of most kinds of property including: real estate, business and professional equipment, buildings, household goods, boats, automobiles, livestock, etc.
3. Provide temporary residence elsewhere for all Japanese in family groups.
4. Transport persons and a limited amount of clothing and equipment to their new residence, as specified below.

### The Following Instructions Must Be Observed:

1. A responsible member of each family, preferably the head of the family, or the person in whose name most of the property is held, and each individual living alone, will report to the Civil Control Station to receive further instructions. This must be done between 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m., Thursday, April 2, 1942, or between 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m., Friday, April 3, 1942.





# Forced Removal Economic Loss Cultural Erasure

- 1 - 2 weeks notice
- Estimated \$4 - 5 billion lost
- Dismantled:
  - Japan-towns or “Nihonmachis”
  - Religious and cultural institutions
  - Cultural belongings
  - Traditions













# Minidoka War Relocation Center

- 33,000 acres located in Jerome, Idaho
- 36 blocks – each block had 12 barracks, mess hall, common latrine
- 13,000 Japanese Americans and Native Alaskans incarcerated









# Exploitation of Labor

- Minidoka Bureau of Land Reclamation used incarcerated individuals to clear land, build irrigation canals, farm.
- Incarcerated individuals harvested crops for local farmers, some left to work on farm labor camps.



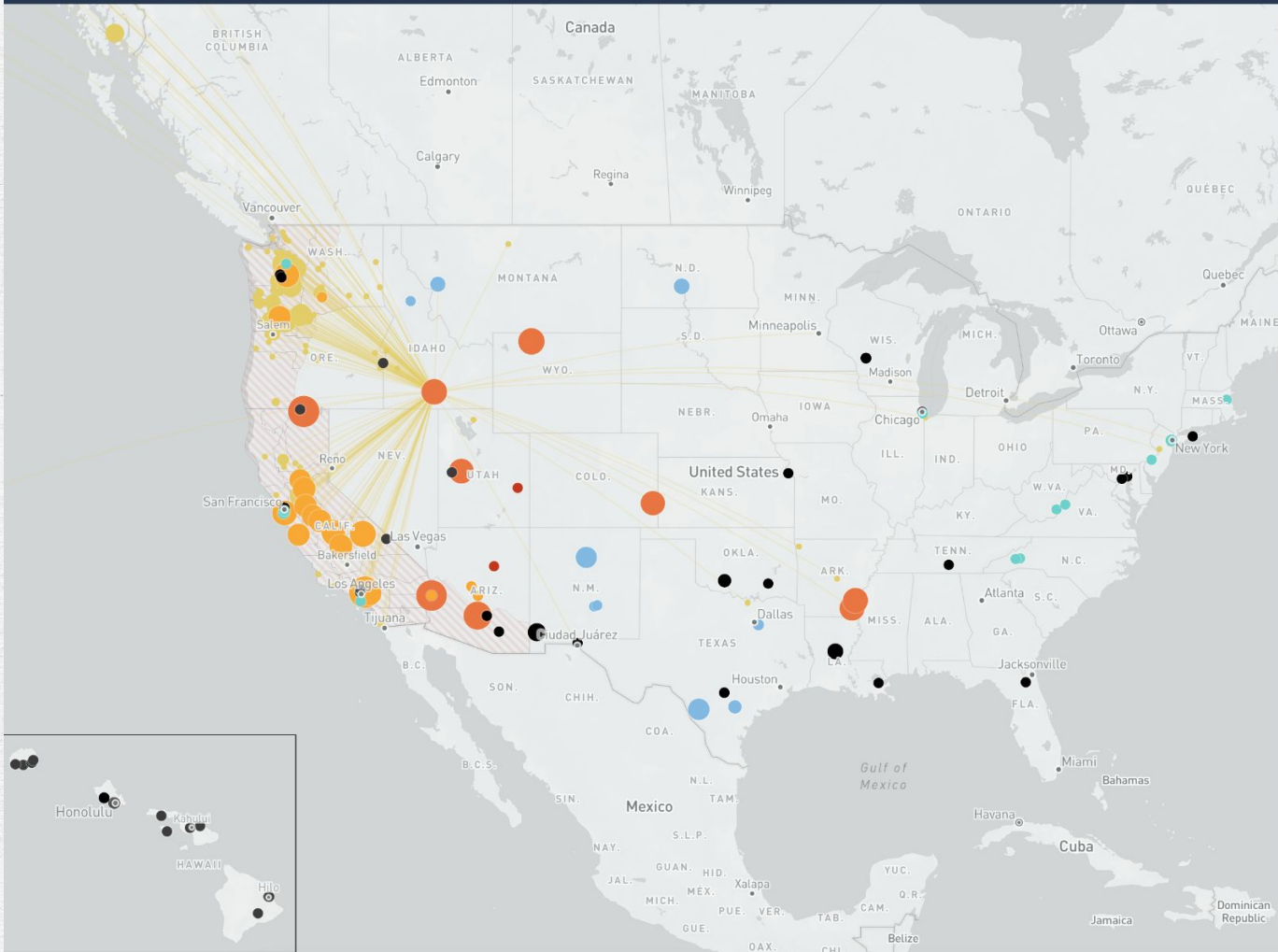




# “Resettlement”

- Nisei left in 1943 for work, military, school
- Issei remained in camps until 1945
- Continued breakup of the community and culture



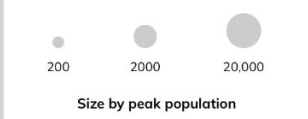


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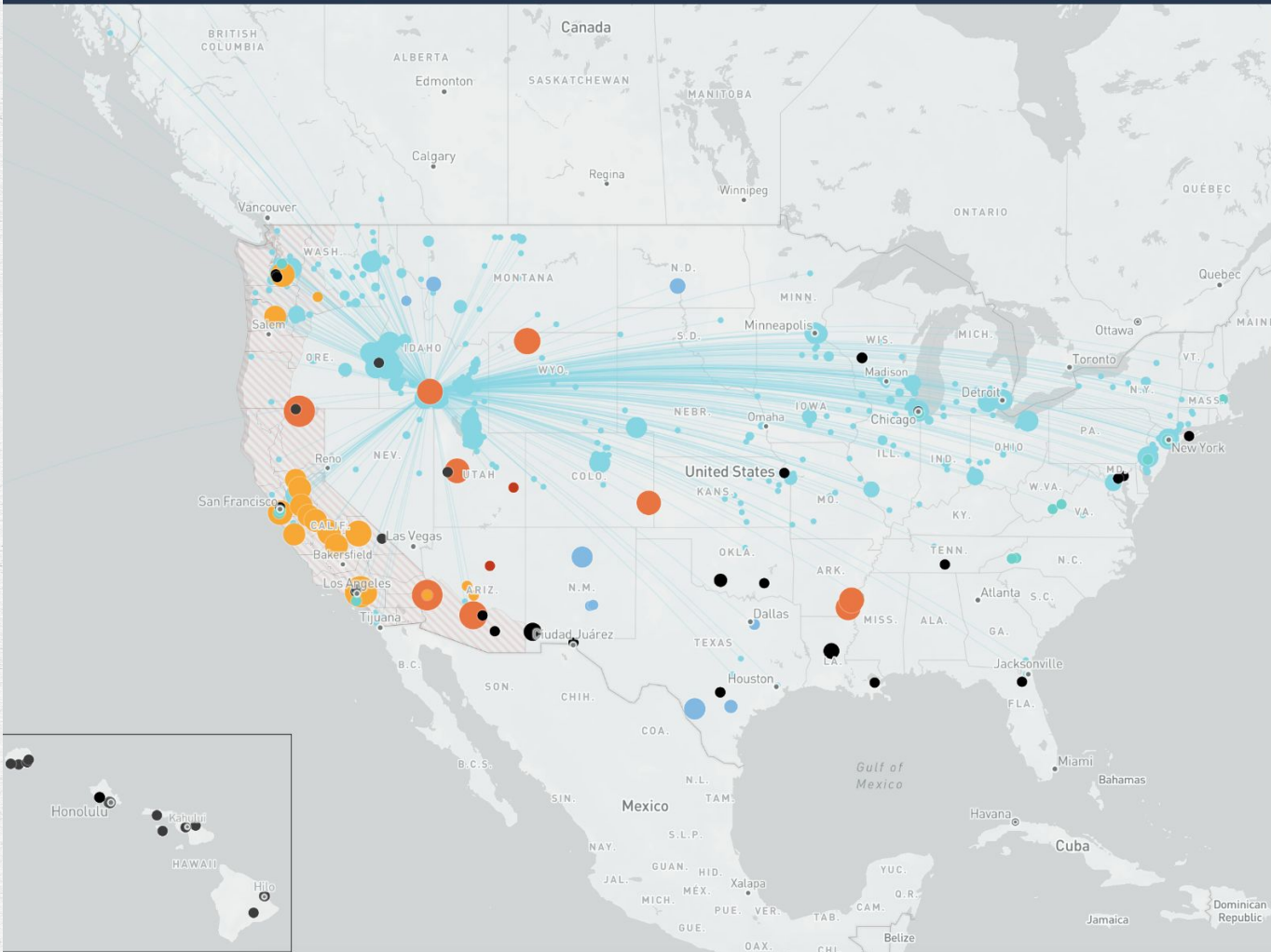
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- Select a family 3
- Location Before and After Camp ⓘ
- Minidoka 3
- Before Camp
- After Camp
- From Assembly Center to Camp ⓘ

Facilities

- Exclusion Area ⓘ
- WRA ⓘ
- Additional Facility ⓘ
- Citizen Isolation Center ⓘ
- Concentration Camp ⓘ
- Temporary Assembly Center ⓘ
- U.S. Federal Prison ⓘ
- EAIS ⓘ
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- DOJ Internment Camp ⓘ
- Immigration Detention Station ⓘ
- U.S. Army Internment Camp ⓘ
- Hawaii ⓘ
- Additional Facility ⓘ
- U.S. Army Internment Camp ⓘ







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Hawaii ⓘ

Additional Facility ⓘ

U.S. Army Internment Camp ⓘ

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200      2000      20,000

Size by peak population





# Legacy of Incarceration

- Defining history for Japanese Americans
- Pain and secrecy of silence
- Multi-generational trauma
- “Model Minority”
- Loss of generational wealth

Takuichi Fujii (1891–1964), *Minidoka, montage with fence and landmarks*





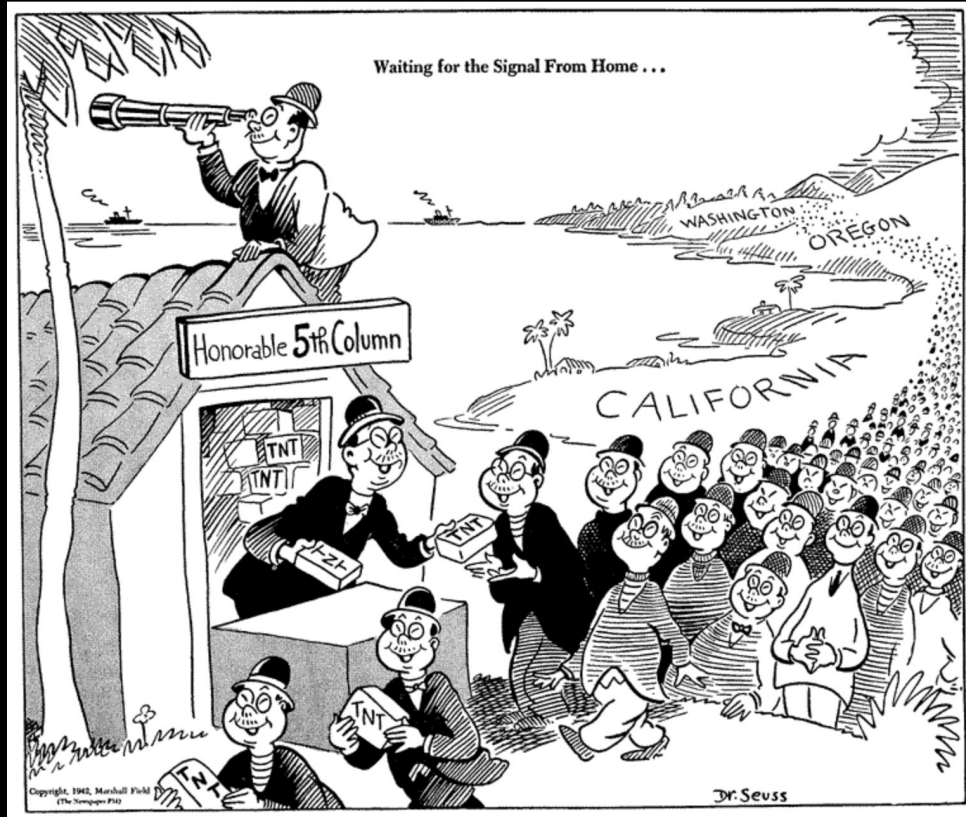
# History of Discrimination

- Naturalization Act of 1790
- Chinese Exclusion Act 1882
- Immigration Act of 1924
- Alien Land Laws

*Aliens ineligible to citizenship,  
These cold harsh words  
Crush my hope.*

-Imosaku





# Commission on Wartime Relocation

In *Personal Justice Denied*, it concluded that Executive Order 9066 “was not justified by military necessity...

...The broad historical causes which shared these decisions were *race prejudice, war hysteria, and failure of political leadership.*”







## Redress and Reparations

- Civil Liberties Act of 1988
- Apology from the U.S. Government
- Reparation payments to survivors





# Minidoka National Historic Site

National Park Service | U.S. Department of the Interior







# Visitor Center







**Historic Block 22  
Barrack & Mess Hall**







**Historic Root Cellar**









# Friends of Minidoka

is the philanthropic non-profit partner for Minidoka National Historic Site.

We engage in and support protection, preservation, and education about the WWII Japanese American incarceration experience at Minidoka.



# Preservation and Protection







Replica Guard Tower



Replica Military Honor Roll



Replica Baseball Field

Ikado • Matsu Fujinaka • Juichi Fujinaka • Ikuno Fujimoto  
 to • Koichi Fujimoto • Renichi Fujimoto • Tadaji Fujimoto  
 Hara • Sukeichi Fujimura • Shinokichi Fujinaka • Kiku Fujino  
 • Fumiyu Fujioka • Hakuta Fujioka • Jemoshin Fujioka  
 Ritsuo Fujita • Sumi Fujita • Kayo Fujita • Haru Fujita  
 • Sadakichi Fujita • Seijiro Fujita • Seijiro Fujita  
 Kosso Fujiwara • Momoye Fujiwara • Junkeichi Fukada  
 • Masao Fujiye • Fuki Fukada • Hataue Fukuda  
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 Yoshino Fukahara • Sachi Fukuhara • Shigeo Fukuhara  
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 • Ushie Funo • Sen Furugori • Tomiko Furukawa  
 • Ushio • Suekichi Furusho • Ikuno Furuta • Hideyo Furuta  
 Kikujiro Futami • Minesuke Gimba • Mite Go • Hisako Go  
 • Gohji Goshi • Jeanne Goshio • Shizuko Goshio • Cho Goto  
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 • Tetsuzo Haginaka • Shima Hagiwara • Chokichi Hagiwara  
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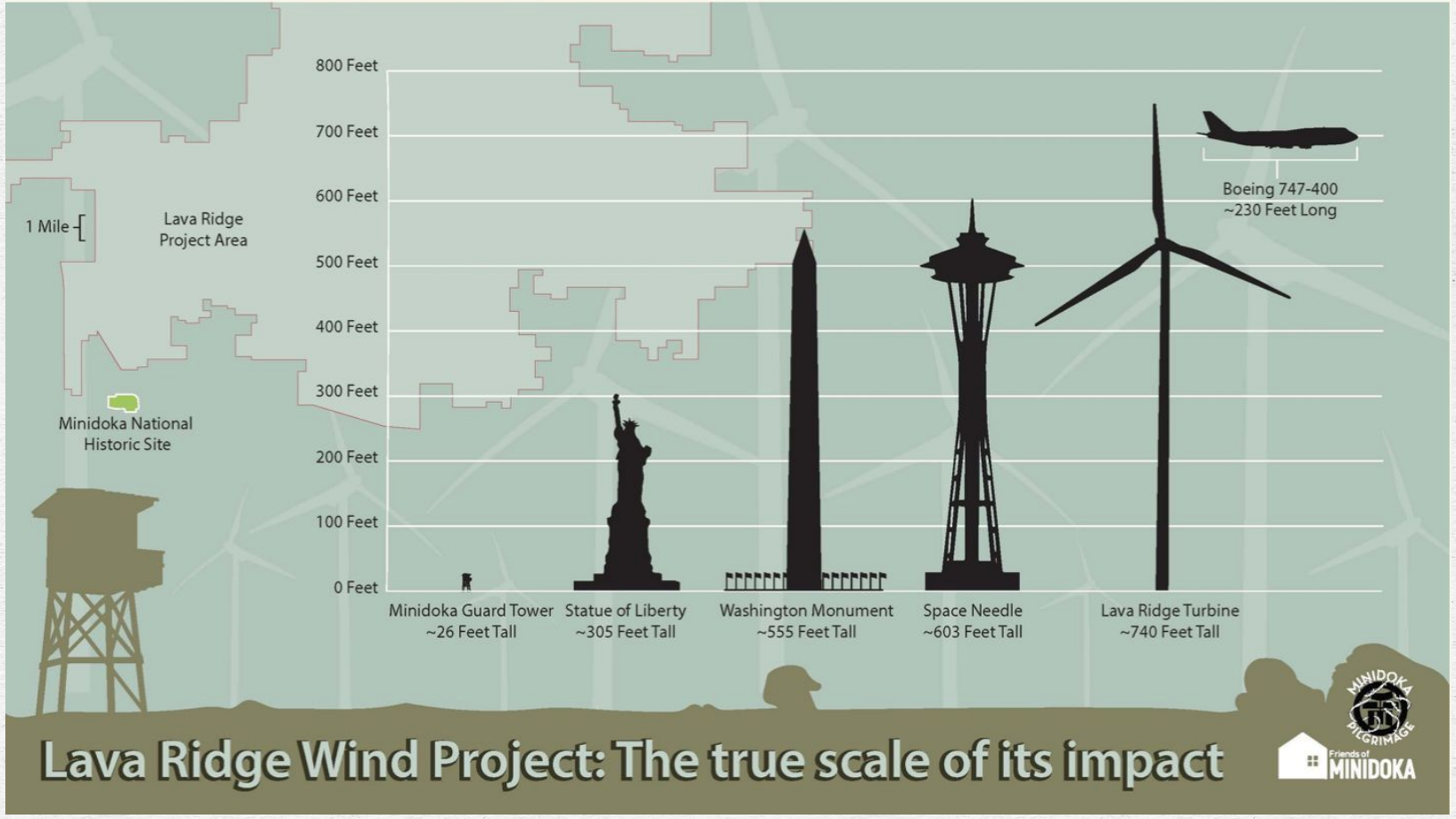
# Digitization of Robert C. Sims Collection at Boise State University

Bob Sims is considered the eminent scholar on Minidoka. Digitization and a finding guide has increased access to the collection.

- Photos
- Diagrams
- Maps
- WRA records
- Letters, diaries, poems







# Lava Ridge Wind Project: The true scale of its impact







# Saving Places

Announcing the 2022 list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places.  
Learn more about these irreplaceable sites.

[SEE THE LIST](#)

**National Trust for Historic Preservation  
named Minidoka NHS to the List in 2022.**





# Education and Outreach



# Minidoka Irrigator Digital Newsletter

- Interprets the Minidoka story and highlights the site
- Engages stakeholders with staff articles, survivor/descendant reflections, youth essays
- Serves as a philanthropic tool



  
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### Gardens of Healing and Resilience

When I was a child, my father lovingly tended to a beautiful Japanese garden in our backyard. My friends and I tucked flowers in stone lanterns and played hide and seek behind rocks thoughtfully placed in the garden. During quiet times, we serenely watched dragon flies land on the horsetails next to the pond's stone bridge or the tiny toads sitting on the lily pads. The garden seemed to thrive and blossom with the happy chatter of children, while giving back nurturing and healing energy.

With each visit to Minidoka, I stop at the historic rock garden designed by Fujitarō Kubota. A basalt rock "V" pathway leads to the replica Military Honor Roll listing the names of those who served during WWII. A ring of rocks surrounds a large basalt rock, standing tall with blue sky and a wisp of cloud as its backdrop.

## Monthly Stories

### Survivor/Descendant Reflections

By Paul Hiroyoshi Tomita,  
*Minidoka Survivor*



### 2021 Annual Report



### Monthly Book Highlight



### Peek in the Park: New Wayside Exhibit

By Emily Teraoka, Park Ranger,  
*Minidoka National Historic Site*



### Friends of Minidoka Receives Capacity Building Grant from NPF



### Lava Ridge Update





# BETRAYED

SURVIVING AN AMERICAN CONCENTRATION CAMP

Aired nationwide on Public Television  
*Betrayedfilm.com*

Narration funded by Idaho Humanities Council grant



# Educational Films & Lesson Plans

- Power of Words
- Power of the Press
- Patriotism and Protest
- Standing Up for Others



**STANDING UP FOR OTHERS**







# 80th Anniversary: Multi-Generational Trauma

- 3 part recorded series with Idaho Humanities Council
- Dr. Donna Nagata from University of Michigan presented research
- Survivors and Descendants panel

Funded by Idaho Humanities Council through  
NEH *A More Perfect Union* grant.



# Day of Remembrance

- Commemoration of the signing of E.O. 9066
- Community educational event on the lessons and legacy



## THE POWER OF WORDS

Sunday, February 19, 2023  
2:30 - 3:45 pm  
Idaho State Museum

### Featured Speakers

**Kurt Ikeda,**  
Director of Education and Interpretation,  
Minidoka National Historic Site

**Christina Bruce-Bennion,**  
Executive Director, Wassmuth Center for  
Human Rights

Words can uplift or repress. The 2023 Day of Remembrance program will explore the history of Japanese American incarceration, how words and silence led to this violation of civil liberties, and its continuing legacy. The Wassmuth Center for Human Rights Spiral of Injustice will be discussed, its implications today, and what steps each of us can take to stop the Spiral of Injustice. The program will include short films, speakers, and discussion. Tour of the Anne Frank Memorial available after the program.



## THE ANNUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The Day of Remembrance commemorates the signing of Executive Order 9066, which led to the exclusion, forced removal, and unjust incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII.

The event and tour is free and open to the public.  
Register at: <https://history.idaho.gov/event/power-of-words>. Space is limited; register early!



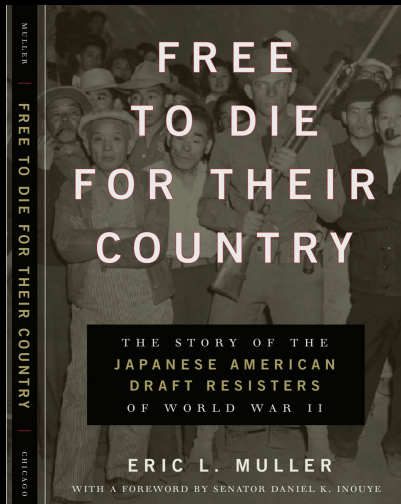


# Nisei Trials: 80 Years

Commemorates the Minidoka draft resisters trials in Boise, Idaho.

- *Nisei Paradox* play
- Distinguished lecture
- Exhibit
- 2 - 3 cities in Idaho

Funded by Idaho Humanities Council





# Legacy

When hecklers circle a north Seattle mosque after 9-11  
I won't turn my back  
in silence knowing vultures  
will descend on shuttered stores  
and homes when hate  
stains holy walls.

Who will stand  
on granite mosque stairs,  
link arms with brown brothers  
and sisters?

I will stand for my  
mother and father,  
who sixty years ago  
could not against US Army  
bayonets, browning rifles,  
President Roosevelt  
and Executive Order 9066.

I am like an alien abductee  
who walks among  
the living knowing the pain  
and humiliation of being taken  
while most white  
Americans look away.

I have no nightmares about  
gray creatures with spindly fingers  
pushing needles into my belly button.  
My stomach is a chunk of black basalt  
heavy like a meteorite weight  
that disappears only when I stand.

With only one lifetime to swing a pick,  
toss dirt, haul ore, I hoist a lantern  
in black tunnels, slide my hands  
to atomic bonds, meld them  
with stalactites and stalagmites of justice.

By Lawrence Matsuda from *Glimpses of a Forever Foreigner* and *Shape Shifter: A Minidoka Concentration Camp Legacy*







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