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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of San Francisco School of Law	1979
Judge Harold J. Haley Award on graduation	
George A. Helmer Scholar	
Roscoe Pound Moot Court Best Brief Award	
Bachelor of Arts with Honors, University of California, Santa Barbara	1976

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington	
Professor Emeritus and Director Emeritus, Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality	2021-present
Director (Aug. 2011-2021); Associate Director (Nov. 2008-Aug. 2011)	2008-2021
Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality	
Professor of Lawyering Skills (2009-2021) and Legal Writing Professor (1996-2009)	1996-2021
Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington	
Visiting Associate Professor, Law and Diversity Program (1991-1995) and Project Evaluator (1995-1996)	1991-1996
University of San Francisco School of Law, San Francisco, California	
Academic Director and Civil Procedure Professor, Council on Legal Educational Opportunity (CLEO) Summer Institute for the Western Region	Summer 1990
Lecturer in Legal Research and Writing	1987-1990
John F. Kennedy School of Law, Walnut Creek, California, Assistant Professor	1988-1990
New College of California School of Law, San Francisco, California	1980-1984
University of California, Berkeley Law, Berkeley, California	1979-1980
Director, Minority Academic Support Program	

LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Minami Tomine & Lew (now Minami Tamaki, San Francisco, California)	1979-1990
Managing Partner (1983-1988), Associate Attorney (1979-1983), and Consultant (1988-1990)	

SELECTED SIGNIFICANT LITIGATION

Member, Legal Team, *Korematsu v. United States*, 584 F. Supp. 1406 (N.D. Cal. 1984).
Co-authored Amicus Brief on behalf of the children of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi, and Minoru Yasui in *Hedges v. Obama*, Nos. 12-3176, 12-3644, 2012 WL 6622648 (2d Cir. 2012).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Lorraine K. Bannai, *Reflections on the Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi Coram Nobis Cases on Their 40th Anniversary*, Berkeley Asian American Law Journal (forthcoming October 2023).

Lorraine K. Bannai, [Using Korematsu To Teach Across the Law School Curriculum](#), including using *Korematsu* to teach Law School Orientation and Introduction to Law Courses; Professional Responsibility; Civil Procedure

(with Margaret Chon and Eric K. Yamamoto); *Constitutional Law* (with Eric K. Yamamoto); and *Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis* (with Stephanie Wilson) (2022).

Lorraine K. Bannai, [80 Years After EO 9066, The Supreme Court Still Shuts Its Eye to Reality](#), *Just Security* (Feb. 8, 2022).

Eric K. Yamamoto, Lorraine K. Bannai & Margaret Chon, *Race, Rights and National Security: Law and the Japanese American Internment* (3d ed. Aspen 2021).

Lorraine K. Bannai, *Korematsu Overruled? Far From It: The Supreme Court Reloads the Loaded Weapon*, 16 *Seattle J. Soc. Just.* 897 (2018).

Lorraine K. Bannai, [Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga: The Activist Who Discovered the Truth About WWII Internment](#), *Politico* (Dec. 30, 2018).

Lorraine K. Bannai, *Enduring Conviction: Fred Korematsu and His Quest for Justice* (2015).

Recipient: 2016 Norris & Carole Hundley Award, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Ass'n.

Recipient: 2016 Scribes Book Award, Honorable Mention, Scribes: The American Society of Legal Writers.

Lorraine K. Bannai, *Challenged X 3: The Stories of Women of Color Who Teach Legal Writing*, 29 *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law and Justice* 275 (Summer 2014).

Lorraine K. Bannai, *Introduction: The 25th Anniversary of the United States v. Hirabayashi Coram Nobis Case: Its Meaning Then and Its Relevance Now*, 11 *Seattle J. Soc. Just.* 1 (2012).

Lorraine K. Bannai, *Gordon Hirabayashi: What the College Student, Client, and Professor Taught Us About Seeking Justice*, *Washington State Bar News*, Mar. 2012.

Lorraine K. Bannai, *Taking the Stand: The Lessons of Three Men Who Took the Japanese American Internment to Court*, 4 *Seattle J. Soc. Just.* 1 (2005).

Lorraine K. Bannai & Anne Enquist, *(Un)Examined Assumptions and (Un)Intended Messages: Teaching Students to Recognize Bias in Legal Analysis and Language*, 27 *Seattle U. L. Rev.* 1 (2003).

Lorraine K. Bannai & Marie Eaton, *Fostering Diversity in the Legal Profession: A Model for Preparing Minority and Other Non-Traditional Students for Law School*, 31 *U.S.F. L. Rev.* 821 (1997).

Lorraine K. Bannai & Dale Minami, *Internment during World War II and Litigations*, in *Asian Americans and the Supreme Court: A Documentary History* 755-88 (H. Kim, ed. Greenwood Press 1992).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARY, AND TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY

Testimony before the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, opposing provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act that permit the indefinite detention of individuals without due process, Washington, D.C., Feb. 29, 2012.

Testimony before the Congressional Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, on the deprivations of civil rights attendant to the World War II Japanese American incarceration, San Francisco, California, 1980.

SELECTED MEDIA COMMENTARY

Commentator, Podcast, [Resilience: The Forced Removal of 120 Thousand Japanese Americans, Here's Where It Gets Interesting](#), with Sharon McMahon, Oct. 7, 2022.

Commentator, [Radiolab Presents: More Perfect - American Pendulum I, Korematsu v. United States](#), Oct. 2, 2017.

Interviewed, *A Public Affair*, WORT Community Radio in Madison, Wisconsin, May 2020.

Interviewed, NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) documentary program, "Chie-Izu" ("The Power of Our Pioneers - Fountain of Wisdom"), aired April, 2017.

Interviewed, Fred Korematsu Day and the Trump Executive Order, KING 5 News, Seattle, Washington, Jan. 30, 2017.

Comments on the Present-Day Relevance of the Japanese American Incarceration: the National Defense Authorization Act, HuffPost LIVE, Feb. 19, 2013.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, *Japanese American Incarceration during WWII and its Relation to Modern Justice Movements*, National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, 2023 Conference and Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, May 2023.

Keynote Speaker, *“Let’s Get Going”: Lessons from the Young Lawyers Who Overturned Korematsu, Hirabayashi, and Yasui*, University of California Berkeley Law, January 2023.

Panelist, *Stop Repeating History: Applying the Lessons of Korematsu in the 21st Century to Advance Justice for All*, Ass'n of American Law Libraries Annual Conference, Denver, CO, July 2022.

Speaker, *Civil Liberties in Times of Crisis: The Japanese American Experience*, Japanese American Citizens League and National Education Ass'n Teacher Training, Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, CA, June 2022.

Constitution Day Keynote Speaker, *Anti-Asian Hate: History, Law, Culture, and Coalition-Building*, Stockton College, Constitution Day, Sept. 2021.

Panelist, *Connecting the Threads that Bind: Contextualizing Legalized Violence Against Asian Americans*, University of California Law School (formerly Hastings College of Law), Sept. 2021.

Panelist, *Leadership in the Face of Hate: Responding to the Rise in Anti-Asian Racism and Violence*, American Constitution Society National Conference, June 2021.

Panelist, *History & the Law: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Context*, ABA Section on Civil Rights and Social Justice, May 2021.

Panelist, *Redress, Reparations, & Reconciliation in the Black Community: The Role AAPIs Play in Allyship*, National Asian Pacific American Bar Ass'n Annual Conference, Nov. 2020.

Interviewee, [APAICS In Conversation With Professor Lorraine Bannai](#), Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, October 29, 2020.

Speaker, *Protecting the Rule of Law and Ensuring Justice: The Japanese American Incarceration and Its Relevance Over 75 Years Later*, Nevada Bar Ass'n Convention, Oct. 2019.

Speaker, *Korematsu v. United States and Its Continuing Relevance*, University of New Mexico School of Law, Oct. 2019.

Panelist, Comments after the film *And Then They Came For Us*, National Asian Pacific American Bar Ass'n Central Regional Conference, Indianapolis, IN, Aug. 2019.

Panelist, *And Then They Came for Us: The Perils of Silence*, ABA Forum, American Bar Ass'n Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, Aug. 2019.

Speaker, *Repudiated In Words, But Not In Deed: The Meaning and Dangerous Continuing Relevance of Korematsu v. United States*, Japanese Ass'n of American Studies Annual Meeting, Tokyo, Japan, June 2019.

Presentation on my family's emigration from Japan to the United States and my identity as a Japanese American, Migration Studies Group, Kyoto, Japan, May 2019.

Speaker on the Japanese American Incarceration, Doshisha University, Tokyo, Japan, May 2019.

Panelist, *Judicial Writing in the 21st Century*, Appellate Judges Spring Program, Union, WA, March 2019.

Panelist, *The Role of Lawyers and Judges in Protecting the Rule of Law and Ensuring Justice – The Continuing Relevance of the Japanese American Incarceration*, American Bar Ass'n Section on Litigation Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, May 2018.

Speaker, *The Japanese American Incarceration: Civil Liberties and Upholding the Rule of Law, Then and Now*, Sewanee - University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, April 2018.

Presentation on book *Enduring Conviction*, Seattle University Search for Meaning Book Festival, Feb. 2018.

Speaker, post-film discussion, "And Then They Came for Us," Social Justice Film Festival, Seattle, Washington, November 2017.

Panelist, Smithsonian Museum of American History National Youth Summit, Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, California, May 2017.

Panelist, *Our Imperative: Protecting the Rule of Law, Ensuring Justice – Lawyers and the Japanese American Incarceration*, Conference of Western States Bar Associations, Maui, Hawai'i, Mar. 2017.

Panelist, *National Security and Democratic Liberties: The Continuing Significance of Korematsu v. United States*, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and program at the Hawai'i Supreme Court, Honolulu, Hawai'i, Feb. 2017.

Keynote Speaker, Asian Bar Ass'n of Washington Annual Gala, Seattle, Washington, Oct. 2016.

[Presentation on book, *Enduring Conviction*](#), Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, Aug. 2016, available on C-SPAN.

Panelist, *Islamophobia & The Lost Legacy of Korematsu*, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Professors, University of California, Davis, Apr. 2016.

Panelist, Post-Play Program, "Hold These Truths," a play about Gordon Hirabayashi, ACT, Seattle, WA, Aug. 2015.

Respondent, Influential Voices with Prof. Eric Yamamoto, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA, Apr. 2014.

Keynote, Closing Ceremony, Minidoka Pilgrimage, Twin Falls, ID, June 2014.

Panelist, *Indefinite Detention Without Due Process*, Seattle Town Hall, Seattle, Washington, Sept. 11, 2013.

Panelist, *Law Libraries and Advocacy: Using Special Collections to Tell the Story of the Japanese American Internment*, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, July 2013.

Moderator, *Hirabayashi, Korematsu, and Yasui: Family Perspectives*, Japanese American National Museum National Conference, Seattle, WA, July 2013.

Speaker, *The Status and Experience of Women of Color Who Teach Legal Writing*, Symposium on the book *Presumed Incompetent*, Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law and Justice, UC Berkeley School of Law, Mar. 2013.

Panelist, *The Lawyer's Ethical Obligations in Addressing Stereotypes* (CLE), 7th Annual American Bar Ass'n GPSolo National Solo & Small Firm Conference, Seattle, WA, Oct. 2012.

Speaker, *Racial Bias in Civil Cases*, Symposium on Racial Bias and the Criminal Justice System, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA, Feb. 2012.

Conference organizer and presenter, *The 25th Anniversary of the United States v. Hirabayashi Coram Nobis Case: Its Meaning Then and Its Relevance Now*, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, Feb. 2012.

Panelist, *The Japanese American Internment during World War II and the Subsequent Vindication of Korematsu and Hirabayashi*, Justice Goes to War, Temple of Justice, Olympia, WA, Dec. 2011.

Speaker, Color of Justice Program, a program designed to inspire high school students of color, especially Native Alaskan students, to enter the legal profession, University of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska, July 2003, April 2005, June 2006, June 2007, June 2010; Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Sitka, Alaska, Feb. 2011, Oc. 2012.

Speaker, Future of the Law Institute, a pipeline program designed to encourage high school students of color to pursue careers in law, Seattle University School of Law, Feb. 2010.

Panelist, *On the 25th Anniversary of the Korematsu v. United States Coram Nobis Case*, Japanese American Citizens League 2009 Tri-District Conference, Internment and Redress Remembered, Fresno, CA, Feb. 2009.

Panelist, *Korematsu: The Man, The Cases, The Context*, Pacific Coast Branch - American Historical Ass'n, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI, July 2007.

Speaker, *A History Lunch with Lorraine Bannai* (on the Japanese American Wartime Cases), University of Michigan School of Law, Ann Arbor, MI, March 2007.

Speaker, *Fred Korematsu and Korematsu v. United States*, "Judgments Judged and Wrongs Remembered: Examining the Japanese American Civil Liberties Cases of World War II on Their 60th Anniversary," Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 2004.

Numerous other presentations on the Japanese American Incarceration, *Korematsu v. United States*, and their current relevance, including the following:

Colleges and Universities: University of Iowa School of Law; University of Washington, undergraduate and law school; University of San Francisco School of Law; University of Florida; Harvard University, Purdue University; University of California, Berkeley Law School; University of California, Santa Barbara; University of Southern California; Tufts University; University of Houston School of Law; Park University; Gonzaga University School of Law; Florida International University; Fairhaven College, Western Washington University; Seattle Pacific University; Seattle University, undergraduate and law school.

Museums and Libraries: Hennepin County Law Library, MN; King County Law Library, Seattle, WA; Harris County Law Library, Houston, TX; Wing Luke Museum, Seattle, WA; Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, CA; National Japanese American Historical Society, San Francisco, CA.

Law firms: Hanson Bridgett, San Francisco, CA; Baker Botts, Houston, TX; O'Melveny, Houston, TX; Davis Wright, Seattle, WA; Vinson Elkins, Houston, TX; Schiff Hardin, Chicago, Ill.

Civic Organizations: Women's University Club, Seattle, WA; Organization of Chinese Americans, Seattle, WA; South Jersey Holocaust Coalition; Pax Christi, San Diego, CA; Rainier Club, Seattle, WA.

Government organizations: Joint Base Lewis-McChord Judge Advocate General's Office, Tacoma, WA; New York Office of the NLRB; United States Attorneys' Office for the Western District of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Corporations: YouTube; Avnet; Dow; Russell Investments.

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS AND APPOINTMENTS

Former Commissioner, Washington State Minority and Justice Commission
Former Chair, Rapid Response Committee, Asian Bar Ass'n of Washington
Former Board Member, Asian Bar Ass'n of Washington Student Scholarship Foundation; Asian American Bar Ass'n of the Greater Bay Area; Japanese American Citizens League; San Francisco and Seattle Chapters; ACLU, Northern California Chapter; United Japanese Community Services; Asian Women's Health Center.