

Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066 @ JAMsj

“And I never saw my father again...”

The Japanese American – Mexican American Connection:
What can we learn from our shared histories of scapegoating and forced expulsion to protect civil liberties today?

In the 1930s over one million Mexican and Mexican Americans residing throughout the US were deported after a campaign of scapegoating, fearmongering, and racism. Many were US Citizens and their country failed to protect their most basic civil liberties. Seventy five years ago, Japanese Americans suffered similar attacks which culminated in their mass expulsion and internment in direct violation of the US Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Today, with heightened attacks on immigrant communities, threats of massive deportation and registries for Muslim Americans, what can we learn from this share history? How can we support each other in the times ahead?

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Francisco Balderrama, Professor of History and Chicano Studies, California State University, Los Angeles and co-author of *Decade of Betrayal: Mexican Repatriation in the 1930s*.

WITH: Tom Izu, Executive Director, California History Center, Audrey Edna Butcher Civil Liberties Education Initiative, De Anza College, and featuring responses from students representing DeAnza College’s HEFAS (Higher Education for AB 540 Students) and Muslim Student Association.



WHEN: Thursday, February 16, 2017 @ 7PM
WHERE: Japanese American Museum of San Jose
535 N. Fifth Street
San Jose, CA 95112
SEATS: Seating is limited
COSTS: Admission to this event is complimentary.
RSVP: Contact PublicPrograms@jamsj.org or call (408) 294-3138 to reserve a spot.
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