

## Talk on Japanese American History and Identity (IE Program Lecture Series)

**TITLE:** A Japanese America Story: Resilience, Retention and Revitalization

**WHEN:** December 9, 2022 (Friday), 13:20~14:50 (3rd period)

**WHERE:** AGU; Aoyama Campus; 17-311 (3rd Fl of Building 17)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**

All English Department IE students and any other interested students and faculty. individuals from outside of the university are also welcome.

Teachers wishing to take their classes to this event should register using this Google Form. <https://tinyurl.com/2cjhjme7>

Dr. Curtiss Takada Rooks' lecture incorporates a diasporic multicultural Japanese American history and experience through the lens of his wife's pioneer family (she is a Sansei; third generation Japanese American), his family (an interracial "War Bride" family) and his intersectional family linking multiple communities within and outside the Japanese American community. In particular, Dr. Takada Rooks examines the notions of ethnic community revitalization, retention and resilience in the face of the challenges of COVID-19 and racial unrest. Ample time will be provided to interact with Dr. Rooks, so bring plenty of questions.



**Biography** : Born in Kanagawa Japan to a native Japanese mother and African American father, Dr. Rooks earned his B.A. in 1979 with a double major in Economics and Asian Studies (honors) from Dartmouth College. He received his M.A. in Public Policy from Trinity College in 1982 and his Ph.D. in Comparative Culture from the University of California, Irvine. In 1996, he was a University of California Regents Fellow. Prior to his appointment at LMU, Dr. Takada Rooks was a tenured assistant professor in Asian American Studies at San Jose

State University. His research interests include applied community-based research focusing on Asian American and Pacific Islander civic engagement, cultural competency in community health and ethnic community development.

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