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The Politics of Racial Reparations: Japanese American and Black American Intersections

A Talk by John Tateishi and Charles Henry
Moderated by Michael Omi

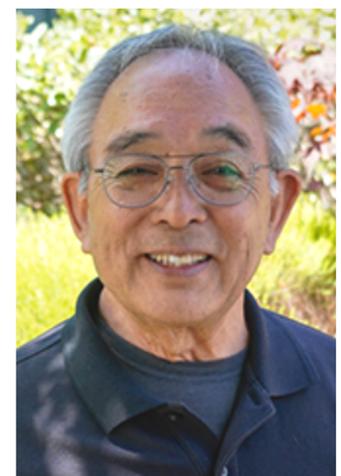
Wednesday, April 21 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM via Zoom

In a political moment when historical and contemporary forms of structural racism are increasingly acknowledged, renewed attention is given to both addressing and compensating for the harm and long-term damage caused by racist policies and practices. What constitutes an appropriate response and remedy to this damage, and what are effective political strategies to make substantive reparations a reality? Join us for a conversation with John Tateishi and Charles P. Henry who will reflect on both the Japanese American and Black American efforts to secure reparations, contextualize the politics behind such efforts, and consider what may be possible going forward.



Charles Henry is professor emeritus of African American Studies at UC Berkeley. He holds a doctorate in political science and prior to coming to Berkeley taught at Howard University and Denison University. Henry is the past board chair of Amnesty International USA and past president of the National Council for Black Studies. He is the author/editor of nine books including *Long Overdue: The Politics of Racial Reparations* (2009).

Incarcerated as a child in one of America's WWII concentration camps, **John Tateishi** carries that memory with him when he launched the Japanese American reparations campaign in 1978. He directed the public affairs and legislative strategies of the campaign until 1986, two years before the campaign ultimately culminated with the signing of the Civil Liberties Act. Ten years later, he led the JACL's challenge against the Bush administration's policies that targeted Arab and Muslim communities and undermined the civil liberties of all Americans. He is the author of *Redress: The Inside Story of the Successful Campaign for Japanese American Reparations* (2020).



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