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relations raciales

### APPLICATIONS OPEN – BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CRRF'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted by: Peter Flegel, Executive Director

Federal Anti-Racism Secretariat - Canadian Heritage

The Federal Anti-Racism Secretariat is pleased to inform you of an opportunity to apply to become a member of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation Board of Directors.

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation is dedicated to the elimination of racism and the promotion of harmonious race relations. It is committed to building a national framework for the fight against racism through knowledge sharing and community supports in the pursuit of equity, fairness, social justice and systemic change.

If you are interested in becoming a board member and working with a dynamic organization, please apply via the Governor in Council Appointments website

<https://pcogic.njoyn.com/cl3/xweb/XWeb.asp?NTKN=c&clid=52106&Page=JobDetails&Jobid=J0321-1290&BRID=82728&lang=1>

for the following position:

Director, Canadian Race Relations Foundation.

Review of Applications will begin on April 26, 2021

Please see important details about expectations, requirements and conflict of interest guidance at the above link.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

We have compiled a list of upcoming events. These events are not necessarily organized by the NAJC itself, but are listed because we felt that the topics may be of interest to our membership.

Date and Time	Description and Organizer	Registration/Join Link
April 8 5:30 PM PT 6:30 PM MT 7:30 PM CT 8:30 PM ET	NAJC Presents: Election Candidate's Forum	Register in advance here: <a href="https://bit.ly/3de3pXD">https://bit.ly/3de3pXD</a>
April 10 1:00 PM PT 2:00 PM MT 3:00 PM CT 4:00 PM ET	Anti-Racism in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside  Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association	Register in advance here: <a href="https://gvicca-downtowneastside.eventbrite.ca">https://gvicca-downtowneastside.eventbrite.ca</a>
April 17 1:00 PM PT 2:00 PM MT 3:00 PM CT 4:00 PM ET	日本語による移住者体験座談会 ZOOM”あなたの経験はいかがでしたか？” NAJC Ijyusha Outreach Project (In Japanese) – An Open Discussion for Japanese Immigrants  NAJC Human Rights Committee	Register in advance here: <a href="http://bit.ly/30TLgZC">http://bit.ly/30TLgZC</a>
May 1 4:30 PM PT 5:30 PM MT 6:30 PM CT 7:30 PM ET	Let's Learn about COVID Vaccine in Japanese!  JAMSNET Canada	Register by April 28 – find more information here: <a href="https://www.jamsnetcanada.org/">https://www.jamsnetcanada.org/</a>
May 26 4:00 PM PT 5:00 PM MT 6:00 PM CT 7:00 PM ET	Exile East of the Rockies Launch of “Challenging Racist BC” Toronto NAJC	Register in advance here: <a href="https://bit.ly/2PzT8NJ">https://bit.ly/2PzT8NJ</a>
May 1, Jun 5 12 NOON PT 1 PM MT 2 PM CT 3 PM ET	Mata Ashita online intergenerational writing circle  Mata Ashita	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mata-ashita-the-japanese-canadian-writers-circle-tickets-132358986291">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mata-ashita-the-japanese-canadian-writers-circle-tickets-132358986291</a>  Website also has tickets to Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1 and Jun 5 events

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Date and Time	Description and Organizer	Registration/Join Link
April and May 2021 Various Dates	Virtual Tour of 1 Hour Photo by Tetsuro Shigematsu  VACT	Tickets must be purchased in advance based on the date of the virtual (online) performance:  Persephone Theatre (Saskatoon, SK) April 8 - 18, 2021 <a href="http://persephonetheatre.org">persephonetheatre.org</a> Surrey Civic Theatres (Surrey, BC) April 23 – 24 <a href="http://www.surrey.ca/arts-culture/surrey-civic-theatres">www.surrey.ca/arts-culture/surrey-civic-theatres</a> Prairie Theatre Exchange (Winnipeg, MB) May 5 – 9 <a href="http://www.ptex.mb.ca">www.ptex.mb.ca</a> Artistic Fraud (St. John's, NL) May 13 - 15 <a href="http://artisticfraud.com">artisticfraud.com</a>

### UPCOMING DEADLINES

Deadline	Description	Information/Links
Apr 15	Curatorial Contract Opportunity for emerging Japanese Canadian curator or artist	See full details below. Please send a letter of interest and resume by April 15 2021 to: Mary Jo Hughes, Director - University of Victoria Legacy Art Galleries: <a href="mailto:hughesmj@uvic.ca">hughesmj@uvic.ca</a>
Apr 26	Deadline for Applications for CRRF Director Positions	<a href="https://www.crrf-fcrr.ca/en/board-of-directors/item/27374-crrf-is-seeking-board-of-director-members?">https://www.crrf-fcrr.ca/en/board-of-directors/item/27374-crrf-is-seeking-board-of-director-members?</a>
Apr 30	NAJC Community Development Fund Deadline	<a href="http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/community-development-fund/">http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/community-development-fund/</a>
Jun 30	NAJC Sports, Education, Arts Development Fund Deadline  NAJC Cultural Development Fund Deadline  Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award Deadline	<a href="http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/najc-endowment-fund/">http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/najc-endowment-fund/</a>  <a href="http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/dr-gordon-hirabayashi-human-rights-award/">http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/dr-gordon-hirabayashi-human-rights-award/</a>

If you have an event that you would like the NAJC to promote please email details to Kevin at [ed@najc.ca](mailto:ed@najc.ca). We can list the event in our newsletter, website and Facebook page.

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### REMINDER: CANDIDATE'S FORUM – NAJC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION

The NAJC election process for the vacant Secretary position is well under way. You should have already received a mail-in ballot with detailed instructions. If you have NOT received your ballot yet, please contact Karina at [national@najc.ca](mailto:national@najc.ca).

A Candidate's Forum will be held to give our membership an opportunity to meet (virtually) the two candidates: Naomi Katsumi (Ottawa) and Fumi Torigai (Whitehorse).

Here are the details:

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021

Time: 5:30 PM PT/6:30 PM MT/7:30 PM CT/8:30 PM ET

Register in Advance: <https://bit.ly/3de3pXD>

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### NAJC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - APRIL 2021

By Lorene Oikawa

Spring is here! On the west coast, the crocuses and daffodils are in bloom and the cherry blossoms are making their appearance. Sakura, the ethereal Japanese cherry blossoms, capture our attention just like they have done since ancient times, in the Heian period (794-1185), in Japan. Local officials in Japan have been encouraging people to forgo Hanami, the gathering and parties, under the blooming trees because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NAJC 会長のメッセージ  
ロリン・オイカワ

春が来ました。西海岸ではクロッカスと水仙が咲き、もうすぐ桜も咲きます。平安朝（794年から1185年）の昔から日本人の心を捉えてきた桜は、カナダ太平洋岸でも同じように人の心を捉えます。日本では、今年は COVID-19 パンデミックのために桜の木の下での花見の宴会はしないようにと政府が忠告しています。

As the blooming of sakura starts making its way across the country, enjoy viewing the cherry blossoms, but please continue to keep safe. Follow the health and safety protocols such as wearing masks, avoiding gatherings, distancing and washing hands. Vaccinations are taking place across the country, and we are seeing the benefits of vaccines in high-risk populations. At the same time, there are increasing numbers of variants which are being associated with outbreaks.

カナダでも桜の咲くところが増えていきます。COVID-19 対策（マスクをする、集会を避ける、他者との距離をとる、手を洗う）を怠らずに花見を楽しんでください。ワクチンの摂取がカナダ全土で COVID-19 のハイリスクグループから始まりました。しかし、感染爆発と関連する COVID-19 変異型の感染数が増加しています。

We could all use some relief. Asian American and Asian Canadian communities were shaken by another incident of violence. In Atlanta, six Asian American women were among the eight that were shot and killed. While the investigation continues, those of Asian ethnicity on both sides of the border are scared. There is an upsurge in the attacks against Asian Americans and Asian Canadians which started at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Anti-Asian racism is not new, and the rhetoric and tactics are similar to what we've heard and seen before. Scapegoating based on their perceived ethnicity; groups and individuals are unfairly blamed for the pandemic. There is the "othering" of people through comments, questions, jokes, and racial slurs. Attacks take place in person including graffiti, vandalism, verbal and physical assaults. We are also seeing an increase in online attacks through social media. The Canadian Race Relations Foundation and YWCA Canada have just launched an initiative to #blockhate & raise awareness of online hate speech, and abuse and racism.

アジア系アメリカ人、アジア系カナダ人は、米国アトランタ市で起こった暴力行為にショックを受けました。この事件で死亡した8人にうちの6人がアジア系アメリカ人女性でした。事件の背景を警察が調査中ですが、米国とカナダのアジア系住民はこのような事件が起きたことを恐れています。COVID-19 パンデミックと同時にアジア系住民を対象にした攻撃が増加しています。反アジア人種差別は新しいものではありません。レトリックと戦術は私たちが以前に見聞したものに似ています。少数派カナダ人の個人やグループにパンデミックの罪を負わせています。自分たちと違う「他の人たち」を作って差別しています。この「他の人たち」に対する抗議は個人への暴力、落書き、器物損壊、ジョークなど様々です。ソーシャルメディア上の攻撃も増えています。カナダ人種関係基金と YWCA がオンラインのヘイトスピーチや人種差別に対抗するサイト #blockhate を始めました。

Our Japanese Canadian ancestors experienced it when they first came to Canada as settlers in the 1800s. They saw it in the anti-Asian riot that took place in 1907 in



downtown Vancouver. Anti-Asian racism persisted and manifested in the injustice against Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. In 1942 Japanese Canadians were forcibly uprooted, dispossessed, interned until four years after the war ended, and exiled.

1800 年代からカナダに移民してきた日系カナダ人は、人種差別を経験してきました。1907 年にはバンクーバーで反アジア人暴動が起きました。日系カナダ人を対象にした人種差別政策は継続し、第二次世界大戦の間にその不正義が拡大していきました。1942 年には日系カナダ人は家から追われ、財産を没収され、強制収容所に入れられました。太平洋岸に戻れたのは戦後 4 年もたってからでした。

Other Asian Canadians have their own stories to tell. There is diversity within Asian communities. We're not all the same, but we do have the experience of anti-Asian racism in common. More work needs to be done to stop the stereotypes, the marginalization of racialized people, and creating processes and policies to prevent the toxic environments where bullies thrive.

他のアジア系カナダ人も人種差別の経験をしました。アジア系カナダ人といっても多様ですが、反アジア系人種差別の対象になったという共通点があります。私達はこれからもアジア系カナダ人を一様に見るような偏見をなくし、カナダの人種的少数派の人たちが、カナダ社会の片隅に押し込まれてしまわないような社会を作る努力が必要です。人種差別を助長するような環境を無くしていかなければなりません。

The NAJC is promoting education and creating safe spaces where we can share our stories and build inclusivity.

NAJC は教育活動を通して、私たちの差別の物語りを共有し、お互いに受け入れられる安全な場所を作っていきます。

One of our upcoming online sessions provides an opportunity for an open discussion for immigrants (Ijusha) and will be conducted in Japanese. Mariko Kage

is the guest speaker on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 1pmPT 2pmMT 4pm ET To register for the 90 minute Zoom session go to: <http://bit.ly/30TLgZC>

NAJC は新移住者のための人種差別問題の討論会を日本語で開きます。マリコ・カゲが講演します。どうぞ登録してご参加ください。2021 年 4 月 17 日（土曜日）午後 1 時（パシフィック時間）午後 2 時（マウンテン時間）、午後 4 時（東部時間）から始まる 90 分のズーム会合です。登録は <http://bit.ly/30TLgZC> をお願いします。

We continue to develop our online programming. Join us online. <http://najc.ca/online-programs/> For news and updates, subscribe to NAJC e-news at <http://najc.ca/subscribe/>

NAJC ではオンラインのプログラムを企画しています。ここをご覧ください。 <http://najc.ca/online-programs/> また NAJC 電子ニュースの申込みは次からお願いします <http://najc.ca/subscribe/>

We will be providing more information about other online sessions during April and are looking forward to Asian Heritage Month programming in May.

NAJC が 4 月に行なうオンラインプログラムについては順次お知らせします。また 5 月はアジア継承文化月間です。

A reminder that the deadline for the NAJC Endowment Fund applications is June 30, 2021. The purpose of the NAJC Endowment Fund is to enhance the development of the Japanese Canadian community. There is funding available under two programs. The Cultural Development program provides financial assistance to community and cultural organizations, and individuals for projects and activities which promote and develop JC culture and heritage. The Sports, Education, and Arts Development (SEAD) program promotes the athletic, artistic and academic development of Japanese Canadians at specialized or national levels. SEAD is not meant to replace scholarships or bursaries. The Endowment Fund Committee members, Sarah Matsushita, Sue Doi, and Yukari Peerless, are planning to have an information session for anyone interested in



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applying. Date TBD. Eligibility and application information is on the NAJC website. <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/>

NAJC 寄贈基金の奨助金プログラムの締め切りは 2021 年 6 月 30 日です。この基金の目的は日系カナダ人コミュニティの育成です。「文化関連開発プログラム」は日系カナダ人文化と伝統を育成するプロジェクトを行なう個人と団体を支援します。「スポーツ、教育、芸術開発プログラム (SEAD)」は日系カナダ人の運動選手、芸術家、研究者を支援します。このプログラムは奨学金、教育給付金の代わりになるものではありません。現在の NAJC 寄贈基金委員会の委員はサラ・マツシタ、スー・ドイ、ユカリ・ピアレスです。この委員会で奨助金プログラムについて関心のある方に説明会をオンラインで実施する計画ですが、日時は未定です。この二つのプログラムの詳細、応募条件等については次をご覧ください。  
<http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/>

There is also a June 30, 2021 deadline for the NAJC Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award. The nominee can be an individual or group in Canada committed to NAJC's mandate and mission "to strive for equal rights and liberties for all people, particularly racial and ethnic minorities." More details are on the NAJC website <http://bit.ly/NAJCHRaward>

ゴードン・ヒラバヤシ人権賞の締め切りは 2021 年 6 月 30 日です。応募資格は NAJC の使命の一つである「カナダに於ける平等な人権と自由、特に人種的、民族的少数派の人権と自由、を保障するための努力をしている」カナダの個人および団体です。この賞の詳細は次の NAJC ウェブサイトを御覧ください。 <http://bit.ly/NAJCHRaward>

Please keep in touch and let us know if you have any ideas for online programming. Also, we are interested in what's happening in your community. For example, do you know a JC senior who is celebrating a special birthday? Let us know by emailing [national@najc.ca](mailto:national@najc.ca) We will share our best wishes on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/najc.ca>

オンラインプログラムについてのアイデアをお持ちのかたは、どうぞ NAJC にお知らせください。また、各地の日系カナダ人コミュニティの動向についてもお知らせください。例えば、日系カナダ人シニアで特別な誕生日を迎える人がいますか？ NAJC フェースブックで誕生日をお祝いしたいとおもいます。連絡は次からお願いします。  
<https://www.facebook.com/najc.ca>

Stay safe and enjoy the spring.  
National Association of Japanese Canadians, National Executive Board  
では皆様、お元気で、春をお楽しみください。  
全カナダ日系人協会全国理事会

### NAJC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 NOW OPEN!

The NAJC Community Development grants are available only to member organizations and supporting organizations of NAJC and targeting the needs of the Japanese Canadian community.

The new application forms are now available here: <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/community-development-fund/>

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, 2021**



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### NAJC ENDOWMENT FUND APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 RELEASED – JUNE 30, 2021 DEADLINE

#### NAJC Endowment Fund 2021- applications now open!

The Endowment Fund of the National Association of Japanese Canadians promotes and showcases Japanese Canadian culture. Grants are available to organizations, groups and individuals to help develop Japanese Canadian culture, and support the athletic, artistic and academic talents of Japanese Canadians.

Share your creative ideas and stories. Consider support to reach the next level of your athletic, artistic, and academic achievements.

Funding is available under two programs: Cultural Development (max \$5,000); and Sports, Education, and Arts Development (SEAD; max \$2,500).

NAJC is eager to connect to applicants in communities across Canada, especially those outside of major Canadian city centres, and in Eastern Canada. Please share widely with your networks and help connect your communities with potential funding and promotion of the rich history of Japanese Canadian culture and the dynamic abilities of Japanese Canadians.

Apply by June 30: <http://bit.ly/CDSEAD>

Past Cultural Development projects include theatre performances, graphic novels, virtual reality experiences, historical documents, gatherings for Nikkeis, First Nations and settlers, and a memorial garden to Japanese Canadian internment. Previous SEAD grantees include athletes at the provincial or national levels in field hockey, judo, kayak racing, ballet, downhill skiing, along with accomplished writers, performers, and actors.

Learn more about the Fund's inspiring past grantees: <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/endowment-fund-recipient/>

#### NAJC ENDOWMENT FUND INFORMATION SESSION

Learn more about the available funding for 2021 under the NAJC Endowment Fund's Cultural Development Program and Sports, Education, and Arts Development (SEAD) Program. Find out about the application process before the deadline of June 30, 2021.

April 27, 2021 5:30 PDT 6:30 MDT 7:30 CDT 8:30 EDT

Pre-registration is required: <http://bit.ly/EFInfo2021>

Members of the Endowment Committee (Sue Doi, Sarah Matsushita, Yukari Peerless, Lorene Oikawa) will be present to answer your questions. The one-hour session will be recorded.

### DR. GORDON HIRABAYASHI HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

The Nominee can be an individual or group committed to mission statement of the NAJC, "to strive for equal rights and liberties for all people, particularly racial and ethnic minorities". The nominee must live and operate in Canada. The award will not be given posthumously and the nominee may or may not be of Japanese ancestry or a member of the NAJC, but should be supportive of the NAJC mandate.

Please check: <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/dr-gordon-hirabayashi-human-rights-award/> for complete details.

The deadline is June 30th, 2021. The award winner will be announced at our AGM on September 17, 2021. For 2021 the award will come with \$1,000 prize to be given to an organization chosen by the award winner.

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University  
of Victoria

### CURATORIAL CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EMERGING JAPANESE CANADIAN CURATOR OR ARTIST

The University of Victoria Legacy Art Galleries in Victoria, B.C. is seeking an emerging Japanese Canadian curator or artist to work on an exhibition featuring the paintings of Dr. Henry Shimizu. Dr. Shimizu and his family were uprooted from Prince Rupert, B.C. and incarcerated in New Denver in the Kootenay region during World War II. They saw their property sold without their permission, and were forced into exile at the end of the war. Henry was 14 years old at the beginning of the uprooting. He went on to become one of Canada's leading plastic surgeons. Decades later, he reflected on his New Denver experience through a series of 27 paintings that will be featured in the exhibit.

This opportunity will provide valuable professional experience for an emerging curator who will work with Dr. Shimizu to present these paintings at the Legacy Art Gallery in downtown Victoria in an exhibition based on the theme "Out of Exile" in May 2022. The candidate will also have the opportunity to work with Bryce Kanbara, 2021 recipient of the Governor's General Award for Visual and Media Arts, who will act as a mentor for the project, as well as with Legacy Art Gallery's professional staff.

The project will require the curator to work over zoom to connect with Bryce Kanbara and Henry Shimizu. The curator will conduct research and

Interviewing while considering new ideas and context for presenting the art. They will write the exhibition and promotional text and plan how the layout of the exhibition. If the situation allows (pending easing of pandemic restrictions), we may be able to bring the curator to Victoria to assist in the installation of the exhibition and take part in an opening.

Honoraria: \$3500

Requirements:

A Japanese Canadian artist or aspiring curator under the age of 35. They will possess the following:

- Knowledge of Japanese Canadian history and interest in social justice and issues related to intergenerational trauma.
- Excellent writing skills
- Strong track record of meeting deadlines
- Appreciation for the prospect of this mentorship and be open to feedback
- Ability to work on the project over a period between summer 2021 and spring 2022 during which they dedicate approximately 120 hours to the venture

Please send a letter of interest and resume by April 15 2021 to: Mary Jo Hughes, Director

University of Victoria Legacy Art Galleries

[hughesmi@uvic.ca](mailto:hughesmi@uvic.ca)

*At the University of Victoria Legacy Art Galleries "Art works for Issues that Matter". We assist the academic and cultural development of the university and broader community by caring for, researching and exhibiting art for the pursuit and communication of knowledge. As a leader in cultural and academic collaborations, Legacy reaches across disciplines, within and beyond the university to engage visitors in learning and dialogue.*

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### 日本語による移住者体験座談会 ZOOM”あなたの経験はいかがでした ようか？”

A Presentation of the NAJC's Human Rights Committee

カナダ生活において、文化や価値観の違い、言葉の壁、子育て、国際結婚、地域社会との関わり合い、就職活動、精神衛生(メンタルヘルス)、人種差別、等の困難に直面されたことはありますか？ カナダにおける多様文化社会(マルチカルチャリズム)とはなんのでしょうか？ 成功談、役にたったサポート、あるいは新移住者への助言なども含めてお互いの適応経験を分かち合いしましょう。鹿毛真理子さんをはじめ、移住者の方々数人をゲストとして招きそれぞれユニークな経験談を語っていただきます。

ぜひお友達やご家族もお誘いあわせてお集まりください。

2021年4月17日(土) 午後1時 – 2時半  
(PDT) 午後2時 – 3時半 (MDT) 午後4時 – 5時半 (EDT)

Zoom 登録: <http://bit.ly/30TLgZC>

ご質問は鳥飼文彦まで [ftorigai@gmail.com](mailto:ftorigai@gmail.com), 867-393-2588

主催: 全国日系カナダ人協会

ゲスト 鹿毛真理子: 東京育ち。中学生でカナダに移住後、拒食症など異文化適応の悩みを経て、UBC で学んだ後に米国で結婚と留学。ISS Translators Inc. などで学ぶ。96 年に合気道初段修得。97 年に再び来加、国際結婚ワークショップなどの企画と通訳、人権委員会、JCCA の活動、病院での通訳に携わる。先住民の部落 D'Arcy に 6 年間在住、地域青年少年環境問題活動に専念。2008 年以来 Lillooet に在住、地域の日系カナダ人関係のプロジェクトの立ち上げに関わりながら青少年育成と援助等の仕事などで活躍。2012 年合気道二段修得、7 児の母。現在は多文化間国際コミュニケーション大学院修士課程在学中。

### NAJC IJYUSHA OUTREACH PROJECT (IN JAPANESE) – AN OPEN DISCUSSION FOR JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS

with Mariko Kage and other special guests

How is your experience since coming to Canada? Do you have success stories? What was helpful for you? What can you advise newcomers? Have you been challenged with issues such as: lifestyle adjustments, differences in culture and values, language barriers, parenting (relationships with your children), intermarriage, connecting with local communities or services, employment, subtle discrimination, etc.? Are you interested in an orientation/discussion around “What is Multiculturalism?”

Although this Zoom meeting is conducted in Japanese, those who can hear and understand Japanese are most welcome to join. (90 minutes session)

Sat. April 17, 2021 @1:00pm PDT / 2:00pm MDT / 3:00 PM CDT/4:00pm EDT For more info: Fumi Torigai [ftorigai@gmail.com](mailto:ftorigai@gmail.com) or 867-393-2588

To register: <http://bit.ly/30TLgZC>

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### ANTIRACISM IN VANCOUVER'S DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

The poster features a dark blue background with a white silhouette of a city skyline at the top. The title "ANTIRACISM IN VANCOUVER'S DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of the title, the date and time "April 10 1-3pm (PST)" are displayed next to a small orange crane icon. Below the title, a paragraph of text describes the event as the third of four sessions. To the right, under the heading "FEATURING:", are six circular headshots of the speakers, arranged in two rows of three. Below each headshot is the speaker's name. At the bottom, there is a line of text for more information and a registration link.

The Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association presents:

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# ANTIRACISM IN VANCOUVER'S DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

April 10  
1-3pm (PST)

*The third of four sessions intended to educate, empower, and build solidarity. Join us as we hear from individuals involved in critical antiracism work in the Downtown Eastside.*

**FEATURING:**

Lama Mugabo

Angela May

Sid Chow Tan

Eddy Takayanagi

Skundaal  
Bernie Williams

**For more info and to register:**  
<https://gvjcca-downtowneastside.eventbrite.ca>

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For Information: [gvjccaantiracism@gmail.com](mailto:gvjccaantiracism@gmail.com)



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### EXILE EAST OF THE ROCKIES LAUNCH OF "CHALLENGING RACIST BC"

Presented by the Toronto NAJC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 7 P.M. EDT

(4:00 PM PDT/5:00 PM MDT/6:00 PM CDT/7:00 PM EDT)

Save the date! Session with Dr. John Price and Maryka Omatsu and EAST OF THE ROCKIES PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS.

Check [www.torontonajc.ca](http://www.torontonajc.ca) for event updates.

Register for this event here: <https://bit.ly/2PzT8NJ>

### LET'S LEARN ABOUT COVID VACCINE IN JAPANESE

Hosted by JAMSNET Canada

JAMSNET Canada is hosting an online workshop for "Let's learn about COVID vaccine in Japanese" on May 1st, Saturday. Japanese RN and NPs will break down COVID vaccine information from Canadian Government into easy-to-understand Japanese. To attend, please register through JAMSNET Canada website or the registration page by April 28th. A webinar link will be sent by e-mail on April 29th.

<https://www.jamsnetcanada.org/>

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1j0TpMQnbM3fRuGxkApb\\_relljmytx5\\_s\\_uE4xon\\_UpU/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1j0TpMQnbM3fRuGxkApb_relljmytx5_s_uE4xon_UpU/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Host : JAMSNET Canada (Japanese Medical Support Network Canada)

Sponsor : Toronto Japanese Association of Commerce and Industry

Time: 4:30-5:30pm Vancouver & Whitehorse

5:30-6:30pm Calgary & Saskatoon

6:30-7:30pm Winnipeg

7:30-8:30pm Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec

8:30-9:30pm Halifax

9:00-10:00pm St. Johns

Moderator : Steven Hashimoto (NP:British Columbia)

Presenters : Kyoko Kennedy (NP:Ontario, Tomoko Fukushima (RN:Ontario)

What is a vaccine? Types of COVID19 vaccines, Safety and effectiveness of COVID vaccine, side effects, information literacy and COVID vaccine, Q&A, etc.



# COVID-19

主催: JAMSNET カナダ(カナダ邦人医療支援ネットワーク)  
後援: トロント商工会

## 新型コロナ ワクチンについて学ぼう

日本語で

5月1日土曜日

カナダ全土対象

参加無料

4:30-5:30pm バンクーバー & ホワイトホース  
5:30-6:30pm カルガリー & サスカトーン  
6:30-7:30pm ウィニペグ  
7:30-8:30pm トロント, オタワ & ケベック  
8:30-9:30pm ハリファックス  
9:00-10:00pm セントジョンズ

カナダ政府が発信しているこれらの情報を  
日本語でわかりやすく説明します!

予防接種とは  
種類別COVID19ワクチン  
ワクチンの有効性と安全性  
ワクチンの副反応  
正しい情報の探し方  
など

司会進行



橋本スティーブン

ナースプラクティショナー  
(NP(F), MSN BC州)

老人施設でナースとして10年間  
臨床とマネージャー経験を経て  
UBC大学MSN取得  
フレイザーヘルスにてNPとして勤務  
1993年渡加  
JAMSNET BC州地区理事

講師

福島朋子

ナース  
(RN ON州)



トロント大学にてBScN取得  
トロントの病院やアメリカの  
クリニックでナース経験を経て  
Sharboun Helath Center勤務  
2005年渡加, 2児の母  
JAMSNET ON州地区理事

ケネディ恭子

ナースプラクティショナー  
(NP-PHC, MN ON州)



ICU/CCUやパブリックヘルスにて  
10年程 ナース経験を経た後  
Ryerson University MN取得  
Torontoの CHCでPrimay Health care  
NPとして勤務  
1994年渡加, 4児の母  
JAMSNET会員

参加申し込みはこちらのホームページから <https://www.jamsnetcanada.org>  
4月28日までに申し込み頂いた方へ、  
招待リンクを前日に送信いたします。

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### IN THE NEWS

Toronto NAJC Press Release - Systemic Racism and the Vote; For Japanese Canadians, It's No Joke.

<https://ceo.ca/@newswire/systemic-racism-and-the-vote-for-japanese-canadians>

<https://www.cbj.ca/municipal-news/?rkey=20210405C3836&filter=4784>

**Speech from NAJC Vice President Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi at the Toronto Rally for Solidarity on March 28, 2021**

Hello friends! Thank you for joining us. Thanks to those joining us online. A big thanks to the rally organizers.

The National Association of Japanese Canadians was formed in Toronto in 1947 to address human rights violations against Canadians of Japanese descent. The Toronto Chapter remains committed to its human rights mandate.

I took part in the 2017 Women's March on Washington, the largest single day protest in US history. Like Japanese Americans, Japanese Canadians were shocked to hear the words Muslim ban. It reminds us of the over one hundred and forty-five thousand citizens of Japanese descent across the Americas who were incarcerated and exiled. Women showed up in force that day because of the misogyny, racism and discrimination that characterized the 2016 Presidential campaign.

Given the combination of race, gender and a culture of gun violence, the murders of 8 people, 6 Asian women was shocking but understandable. We deeply mourn their loss and grieve with their families and friends.

I love Toronto. I believe in Toronto. Despite the fact that my grandparents and parents forcibly uprooted from BC – could not resettle in Toronto, because for a time there was quotas and a ban preventing Japanese Canadians from living here. One example of why anti-Asian racism is not new.

Two messages were drummed into me by my mother - Never judge a person by the work they do. Because

Japanese Canadians lost businesses, property, and farmland in BC they were forced to do whatever it took to put food on the table. Her second message - Exercise your right to vote because Japanese Canadians were denied the vote until 1949. And for the record, other Asian Canadians were only allowed to vote two years earlier.

Let's act in solidarity to fight anti-Asian racism and all hate, as one spoke in the wheel of momentum to strengthen Canada, one city at a time. Words matter, leadership matters we are here today to embolden HOPE not HATE. Thank you!





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### NAJC STATEMENT ON MARCH 21

March 21 is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It commemorates the day when the police killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid “pass laws” in 1960 in Sharpeville, South Africa.

We remember the history of hate. However, this hatred is not just in the past: racism has not been eliminated. This past week, Asian American and Canadian communities were shaken by the shootings in Atlanta. Six of the eight people killed were women of Asian descent. The suspect’s motives are still being investigated, but there has been an upsurge in the attacks against Asian Americans and Canadians over the past year. People of Asian ethnicity are being blamed for causing the COVID-19 pandemic. For 2020, the Vancouver Police Department reported a 97 per cent increase in hate incidents and a 717 per cent increase in anti-Asian hate incidents over 2019 numbers. We know that not all incidents are reported to the police, so the numbers are even higher. #StopAsianHate

In the past year, we heard the unrelenting stories of Black people who were killed. #BlackLivesMatter #Indigenous people are also disproportionately represented in the numbers of those who have been killed and in the numbers of women and girls who experience violence.

There isn’t a simple answer to eliminate racial discrimination. It takes all of us, individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, unions, schools, media and government to take action. One important piece is education. Another is providing the space to share our stories and build inclusivity. Too often, Indigenous stories, including pre-colonial ones, and racialized stories are not a part of Canadian history. We are seen as the “others,” as those who don’t belong.

There is diversity within racialized communities. We’re not all the same, but the one thing we have in common is the experience of racism. We have also experienced the questions, assumptions and jokes based on the

negative view of cultural differences, such as appearance and traditions. And it’s not exclusive to newcomers. NAJC president Lorene Oikawa is a fourth generation Canadian, but this doesn’t prevent some people from asking her, “Where are you really from?”

“Othering” people with a question, comment or joke has repercussions. It perpetuates stereotypes, marginalizes racialized people and contributes to an environment where bullies thrive.

One immediate step we can take is to challenge stereotypes and biases. If you are genuinely interested in someone’s background, then ask them about their heritage. Don’t assume they aren’t Canadian. As Oikawa says, “My family came to Canada from Japan in the 1800s. I really am from Surrey.”

<http://najc.ca/international-day-for-the-elimination-of-racial-discrimination/>

For those that have not seen it, the NAJC’s statement on anti-Asian hate can be found here:

<http://najc.ca/statement-on-anti-asian-hate/>

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### MARCH 18, 2021 – STATEMENT FROM THE GREATER VANCOUVER JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION ON THE MARCH 16, 2021 KILLINGS IN GEORGIA

News reports and debates continue about the March 16, 2021 Atlanta, Georgia massage parlour killings of 8 persons and wounding of 1 by a white gunman. Although the gunman claimed his actions were based on sex addiction issues, there were 6 Asian women among those executed in 3 different locations. Meanwhile local police only refer to the assailant possibly having a bad day. We extend our deep condolences to family, friends, and community who mourn the loss of those who were murdered. We also recognize the inherent racism which reveals itself in how this tragedy has been so minimized. This event is understandably haunting Asian communities in the USA, Canada, and globally. Over the last year, as one violent incident occurs after another, government officials have publicly denounced rising anti Asian racism. But AntiAsian racism has existed in North American history since first arrival in the early 1800's and the dehumanizing images of the perpetual untrustworthy foreigner, the yellow peril, the compliant model minority, and as well, the docile Asian woman, persist to this day. The roots of antiAsian racism are deep and firm, and as each threatening event like the second world war or this pandemic, has arisen, racist fears and

xenophobia, have quickly transformed to hating, blaming, targeting, assaulting and killing those with Asian faces.

Our communities have dreaded the deadly escalation of violence and despite public outcries, our worst fears - now having reached the level of multiple killings - are a reality.

Asian Canadians are alarmed while government officials and public figures decry this situation. Why does it seem that nothing is changing while today harm and danger are constantly confronting persons of Asian ancestry? This must end. Consciousness about anti Asian racism must be raised. The public needs to stand and use our voices along with Asian Canadians and all communities - the Indigenous, Black and other communities of colour - who are being harmed, killed, and who continue to experience inhumanities due to the evil that racism in all its forms, is. We all must stand strong and act together to fight and overcome racism – people are dying while the power of hate is gaining more ground.



### MATA ASHITA – WRITERS CIRCLE

Submitted by: Anne Canute

Mata Ashita is an intergenerational writing circle for Japanese Canadians and a space for connection during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the first Saturday of each month in Spring and Summer 2021, Mata Ashita will host Japanese

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Canadian artists over Zoom and invite the community to participate in an online creative writing workshop inspired by their work. We are excited to announce the first three speakers of our six-month program, supported by the Tomoko Makabe Legacy Fund to honour her contribution to Japanese Canadian research and writing.

The next workshops occur on May 1 and June 5, beginning at 12PM PST/3PM EST and feature a 30-minute Q&A followed by an hour-long writing workshop. Each session will be led by an experienced writing-for-wellness facilitator and will include a community support specialist.

We hope that these workshops will help us engage in meaningful conversations around creativity, connection, and mental health, especially at a time when it is harder than ever for us to be together. We are also looking forward to highlighting classic

Japanese Canadian work and new material from rising stars in the literary community.

Mata Ashita means see you tomorrow, and for us, that means a promise to take care of ourselves and each other during this difficult time. Japanese Canadian writing has long been a medium through which our community has found incredible power and meaning, and we hope to continue this tradition with writers new and old.

Get your [free tickets now](#):

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mata-ashita-the-japanese-canadian-writers-circle-tickets-132358986291>

We look forward to seeing you there!



1 HOUR PHOTO  
TETSURO SHIGEMATSU  
vAct VANCOUVER JAPANESE CANADIAN THEATRE

## VIRTUAL TOUR OF 1 HOUR PHOTO

### By Tetsuro Shigematsu

Navigating this new world of social distancing spawned the innovative solution to bring vAct's award-winning production 1 Hour Photo across Canada. vAct has collaborated with a Vancouver based film production company, Brightlight Pictures, to produce a high quality, 75 minute cinematic adaptation of 1 Hour Photo by Tetsuro Shigematsu. Presented by theatre companies across Canada, the 1 Hour Photo Virtual Tour will engage with audiences through scheduled showings accompanied by a live talkback with Tetsuro Shigematsu. There is a cap of 100 tickets for each performance.

#### Tour Dates and Theatres

Persephone Theatre (Saskatoon, SK) April 8 - 18, 2021 [persephonetheatre.org](http://persephonetheatre.org)

Surrey Civic Theatres (Surrey, BC) April 23 – 24  
[www.surrey.ca/arts-culture/surrey-civic-theatres](http://www.surrey.ca/arts-culture/surrey-civic-theatres)

Prairie Theatre Exchange (Winnipeg, MB) May 5 – 9  
[www.ptex.mb.ca](http://www.ptex.mb.ca)

Artistic Fraud (St. John's, NL) May 13 - 15  
[artisticfraud.com](http://artisticfraud.com)

Each theatre will sell its own tickets for each part of the tour.

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### VOLUNTEER FOR THE NAJC!

There are numerous other voluntary positions that we are seeking to fill **IMMEDIATELY** on our many committees.

If you ever wanted to get more involved with your national association, here is your chance! There are various positions available, requiring differing levels of involvement and commitment.

To express your interest in volunteering, apply online!

Go to

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejTwCSTEmmjH5A9eqAWYOle8GzUI\\_as-kYO2zwCZC0v8DezQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejTwCSTEmmjH5A9eqAWYOle8GzUI_as-kYO2zwCZC0v8DezQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Japanese.Canadian.FG/>

(submit member request to join)

**Twitter:** @najc\_ca

**Youtube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoBxHJfs3wpNaxAgYP7ecHw>