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## WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

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*Education Program Presents*

# Healing the Wounds of Injustice: Reconciliation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Eric Yamamoto, J.D.

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Wednesday, February 2, 2011

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center

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Internationally recognized law professor and scholar Professor Eric K. Yamamoto will speak about reconciliation initiatives in the United States and throughout the world to redress violations of civil liberties and human rights, especially to vulnerable communities in nations such as immigrants and indigenous peoples. Professor Yamamoto will use the mass internment of Japanese Americans during World War II in the United States and the reconciliation movement in the 1980s as an example of what he terms, “Social Healing Through Justice.” He will ask, “How do we heal the wounds of injustice – wounds to flesh and blood of individuals and their families as well as damage to our society (including its moral standing)?” Professor Yamamoto will conclude with a look at the on-going reconciliation initiative between the United States and Native Hawaiians.

Professor Eric K. Yamamoto is a law professor at the University of Hawai‘i William S. Richardson School of Law. He is known for his legal work and scholarship on civil rights and racial justice, with an emphasis on redress for historic injustice. He also specializes in civil procedure and complex litigation. Professor Yamamoto received his Bachelors of Arts from the University of Hawai‘i and his Juris Doctor from the UC Berkeley School of Law.

In 1984, Professor Yamamoto served as coram nobis co-counsel to Fred Korematsu in the successful reopening the infamous WWII Japanese American internment case, [Korematsu v. United States](#). Professor Yamamoto is the author of two books: [Interracial Justice](#) and [Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment](#) as well as author of several book chapters and law review articles. Professor Yamamoto continues to work on several leading civil rights cases in Hawai‘i and in the United States. The University of Hawai‘i's honored Professor Yamamoto with the highest award – the 2005 Regents Medal for Teaching Excellence, and the Society of American Law Teachers honored him with a nation-wide award as Outstanding Law Teacher for 2006. You can find Professor Yamamoto’s biography on our WES Blog.

**Refreshments will be served. Please bring your own cup, plate/bowl and utensil.**

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