

Isao Fujimoto Papers Finding Guide

Collection Summary

Creator: Isao Fujimoto (1933-2022), Kagiwada Library

Dates: 1970s-2000

Extent: 2 Boxes

Dimensions: 11 x 14 x 12

Organized By: Stacey Salinas

Genre Format: photographs, journals, notes, pamphlets, fliers, newspapers, papers, film

Language: English and Japanese

Abstract:



Isao Fujimoto at a student led Asian American Studies department event, 2000, *Isao Fujimoto Papers, Kagiwada Library Archives*

Dr. Isao Fujimoto was a faculty member of the Asian American Studies department at University of California, Davis and founder of the Community Development program. Fujimoto was involved with community based organizations which helped rural, minority communities throughout the country. Prior to joining the faculty at UCD, he was a United States Army

correspondent in Korea and taught chemistry and English at San Jose High School in San Jose, California.

Fujimoto was born in 1933 and grew up on the Yakima Indian reservation in Wapato, Washington. During World War II, he and his family were inmates of the Heart Mountain, Wyoming and Tule Lake, California concentration camps. Fujimoto was the eldest of 13 siblings in a family that formerly farmed strawberries in the Santa Clara county communities of Madrone, Coyote and Morgan Hill. After the war, Fujimoto would pursue higher learning and went on to graduate from the University of California Berkeley, Stanford and eventually earned his PhD in Development Sociology in 2010 at Cornell. At the age of 89, Dr. Isao Fujimoto passed away on February 25th, 2022. His contributions to the field of Asian American Studies as a scholar activist have helped center the field as a community learning platform and discourse.

This collection contains paraphernalia, lecture materials, research items, and personal photographs collected and created by Isao Fujimoto that reflect his student focused and community outreach commitments to Asian American Studies and his broader life's work.

Repository: University of California, Davis
Kagiwada Library, Hart Hall
Asian American Studies Department

Identifier/Call Number:
Isao Fujimoto Papers BOX 1
Isao Fujimoto Papers BOX 2

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All records in this series are open. If you would like to review the items for research and educational purposes, please submit requests for materials at least 10 business days before visiting the library to allow time for this review to the Asian American Studies department's coordinator. An archivist will respond within 10 business days to let you know if the materials are available for review.

Scope and Contents

Box	Years	Item Types	Details
1	1990s	Picture Slides, flyers, loose papers, queer literature, event flyers, forms, maps, photographs, newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ASA Event photographs, 1991. ● ASA Culture Week photographs ● Chinatown Visit photographs, 1988 ● ASA Banquet photographs ● Chinatown and Chicano event photographs ● Isao Fujimoto's birthday photos, 1988 ● Death Valley Photographs of Isao with Students, 1991 ● <i>Hokubei Mainichi</i> newspapers, 1980s-1990s ● <i>Nichi Bei</i> newspapers, 1980s-1990s. ● <i>San Francisco Examiner</i> newspaper, 1997. ● <i>Opinion Wide</i> Japanese American newspaper, 1995. ● <i>The Sacramento Bee</i>, 1994.
2	1970s to 2000	Photographs, film strips, DVDs, Lecture Slides, picture slides, cassettes, picture slide boxes, Kodak carousel picture slides, VHS tapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DVDs of Pilipino Day 1973 ● ASA151 Fall 1995 Lecture Slides ● Land Park Sacramento picture slides, 1985 ● 10+ Cassettes, 1990s ● 10+ picture slide boxes, 1980s-1990s ● 5 Kodak carousel picture slides of ASA courses ● VHS tapes on rural communities, 1990s ● Asian American Studies event photographs, Apr.

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