

**Kelli Y. Nakamura**

**EDUCATION**

- **Ph.D. Degree in History.** May 2008.  
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

**TEACHING/ WORK EXPERIENCE**

- **Co-editor** for the *Hawaiian Journal of History*. Spring 2018-Present
- **Professor.** Kapi‘olani Community College (2006-Present)

**BOOK PUBLICATIONS**

- *Legacies of Incarceration: The World War II Experience of Hawai‘i’s Japanese*, University of Hawai‘i Press (forthcoming 2025).

**JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

- “The Mistakes I Have Made,” American Historical Association’s *Perspectives* (forthcoming 2025).
- “The Hawai‘i Connection: Okinawa’s Postwar Reconstruction and Uchinanchu Identity.” *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, October 1, 2022.
- “A ‘Revenge Bound Orgy’: The Conflict between Hawai‘i’s Local and Military Cultures in the 1945 Damon Tract Riot.” *Pacific Historical Review*, Fall 2021.
- “Yuimaaru: Okinawan Prisoners of War Shape Okinawan Identity and Transnational Connections.” Co-authored with Brandon Marc Higa. *Amerasia*, January 2020.
- Author of 12 book reviews for journals, including the *Hawaiian Journal of History*, the *Journal of World History*, and the *Pacific Historical Review*.
- Author of 100 open-access resources article for Denshō: The Japanese American Legacy Project, Author and Interviewer. 2011-Present.

**GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

- 2022 Increase & Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students (IDEAS) Grant Awardee/Grant Co-Author to build the study abroad capacity of U.S. colleges and universities. Program title: “Militourism and Indigenous Identities in Hawai‘i and Okinawa.” (\$35,000)
- 2022 Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Community College Faculty Fellowships Awardee.
- 2021 National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute Participant, “The Visual Culture of the American Civil War and Its Aftermath.” Hosted by the American Social History Project/Center for Media and Learning at the City University of New York Graduate Center.
- 2020 Penny Renner Award for Teaching and Curricular Innovation from the Western Association of University Women.
- 2020 University of Hawai‘i nominee for the State Team of the Year: Distance Education Team, Kapi‘olani Community College.
- 2018 Judith Lee Ridge Prize from the Western Association of Women Historians for “Into the Dark Cold I Go, the Rain Gently Falling,’ Hawai‘i Island Incarceration. Published in the *Pacific Historical Review*.
- 2015-2016 American Association of University Women American Fellowship.
- 2013-2015 American Historical Association (AHA) and National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) Bridging Cultures Project Participant.