



# President's Communiqué

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## Fred Korematsu Day on Monday

I heard the Fake News event had an audience of approximately 120! Los Alto Town Crier Editor-in-Chief **Bruce Barton** was there. Special thanks to **Paul Spzonar, Patricia Gibbs Stayte, Lauren Velasco, Micaela Agyare, Valerie Fong, Art Hand, Justin Schultz**, and the entire Library team!



*Photo from Charmaine Eusebio*

Unfortunately, I could not attend; needed to rest my vocal chords for the weekend as I am planning to be your “voice” (hopefully, a strong one) on the state budget, and also present on a law panel about Dreamers in Sacramento.

After the presidential election, advisors to then-PEOTUS Trump cited the Japanese American internment as legal precedent for a Muslim registry. Such position caused unbearable pain for many as President Reagan had already publicly denounced this “grave wrong” with the Japanese-American Reparation Act of 1988. The legislation stated that the U.S. government’s actions were based on “race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership.”

Many of our students are not aware of what happened during 9/11 and the increase in hate crimes against the Muslim/Sikh American communities – let alone knowledge about the Japanese American internment camps and Pearl Harbor.

To honor Fred Korematsu, who defied internment, Foothill will host a speaking event on January 30<sup>th</sup>, **Korematsu Day**. I was informed that speaker **Naomi Shibata** is very engaging and inspirational, and a member of our local community. The event is co-sponsored by Foothill's employee Asian Pacific American Network (APAN). Students, employees, and community members are all invited.

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## LESSONS TO REMEMBER FROM THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

Naomi Shibata will share her family's personal history, including her mother's experience living at the Manzanar War Relocation Center during World War II. Hearing these harrowing, but also uplifting, first-hand accounts will help attendees understand the issues facing immigrants today.

Naomi Shibata, author, *Bend with the Wind*



**Monday, January 30**  
12-1 PM | Hearthside Lounge



Special thanks today also to the following folks who hosted a group of Stanford graduate students interested in teaching as a career: **Andrew Lamanque, Paul Starer, Lori Silverman, Kurt Hueg, Simon Pennington, Gillian Schultz, Carolyn Holcroft, Scott Lankford, Falk Cammin, Elaine Kuo, Justin Schultz, and Student Trustee Courtney Cooper.**

One of them tweeted this, and I couldn't agree more.

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**Chris M. Golde**  
@Golde\_Stanford



At Foothill College with DARE doctoral fellows @StanfordVPGE "Working at a community college allows you to have impact" @StanfordBEAM



1/25/17, 8:28 AM

Of Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Thuy'.

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