Executive Order 9066 and Japanese American Concentration Camps



Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong
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Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong is the executive director of the Japanese American Museum of Oregon in Portland, and is professionally trained as a public historian, political scientist, and museologist. For 17 years, Hanako worked for state and federal agencies at the Idaho State Historical Society, the US Navy, the National Park Service, and the White House Office of the Chief of Staff; holding roles as Interpretive Specialist, Education Specialist, Chief of Interpretation and Education, Superintendent, and Policy Advisor throughout her government career.

In 2021, Hanako received the Esto Perpetua Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Idaho State Historical Society for her work in preservation of Japanese American incarceration history in Idaho. She holds a BA in History and BS in Political Science from Boise State University, as well as an MA in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University, where she serves as an adjunct faculty member for their Krieger School of Arts and Sciences Museum Studies and Cultural Heritage Management Programs.

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