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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NATIONAL JACL PROJECT

The JACL has received a grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore, Maryland, for a project and study which is being called: “Japanese Americans: Immigration through Acculturation? Applications for Immigrant Communities.” The project is being handled primarily by Dana Nakano and Tim Koide. Dana is a Ph D candidate at the University of California at Irvine and a former JACL Masaoka Fellow who worked in the Washington, D.C. office of Congressman Mike Honda. Tim is the National JACL Membership Coordinator.

Interest in studies regarding the Japanese American community has decreased dramatically perhaps because of a sense that, in general terms, Japanese Americans have fully acculturated upon the successful completion of the redress movement. However, Japanese Americans have continued to grow, change, and influence society. This project attempts to uncover this contemporary story.

The JACL is conducting a survey in conjunction with this project, and random JACL members have been asked to participate. Looking at the experience of Japanese Americans is particularly salient given the present anti-immigrant sentiment and terrorist fears.

The information gathered will be used for collaborative work in policy and community preservation with other Asian American and Pacific Islander organizations. A publication will be produced at the project’s completion.

Anyone with questions about the project may contact Tim Koide via email at mbr@jacl.org or by phone at National JACL Headquarters (415-921-5225).

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