GGU Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) and South Asian Middle Eastern Law Student Association (SAMELSA) present

WWII Japanese Internments: Can It Happen Again?
in honor of Fred Korematsu

For the 2013 Justice Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture at GGU Law

Wednesday
February 6, 2013
12:00pm to 1:00pm

PROGRAM

Introductory Remarks — Dean Rachel Van Cleave, GGU Law

Topics and Panelists:

History and Significance of Fred Korematsu
Karen Korematsu, daughter of Fred Korematsu, Co-founder, Fred T. Korematsu Institute for Civil Rights and Education, Asian Law Caucus board member; Asian American Justice Center board member

Legal Implications of Coram Nobis
Robert “Bob” Leon Rusky, Attorney on the 1983 Coram Nobis Legal re-hearing team that successfully helped overturn Korematsu’s wrongful conviction

Advocating for Detainees
Nasrina Bargzie, Asian Law Caucus staff attorney, civil rights and national security

Moderator — Professor Peter Keane, GGU Law

Sponsors:
About Fred Korematsu
In 1942 at the age of 23, Fred Korematsu intentionally defied Executive Order 9066 and refused to go to the government’s incarceration camps for American citizens of Japanese ancestry. After he was arrested and convicted of defying the government’s curfew law, he appealed his case all the way to the United States Supreme Court. In 1944, the Supreme Court ruled against him, ruling that the incarceration was justified due to military necessity. It was not until 1983 that a team of lawyers helped overturn Korematsu’s conviction in the United States District Court, Northern District of California.

On September 23, 2010, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger of California signed into law a bill that designates January 30 of each year as the Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution. It was observed for the first time on January 30, 2011.

About the Justice Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Series at GGU Law
The Justice Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Series commemorates Justice Jesse Carter, a 1913 graduate of GGU Law and former Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of California. Justice Carter was renowned for his solo dissents in passionate defense of civil rights. The annual event honors his legacy of defending civil rights, a legacy documented in the book *The Great Dissents of the “Lone Dissenter.”*