

GUEST SPEAKER

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Who: Dr. David Sakura

What: historical lecture on the Internment

When: Regular class time, Friday, October 25, 2013

Where: The CeLTA Language Lab, B129 Wells Hall

Why: history lesson, listening practice, vocabulary building

How: PowerPoint presentation followed by a question-and-answer session

Title: Internment of Japanese Americans: A Father's Voice and a Boy's Remembrances

David Sakura is a third-generation Japanese American (*Nikkei Sansei*) whose grandfather was a leader in Seattle's Japanese community during the early 1900s. Prior to World War II, David's family and relatives, along with forty other Japanese families, lived in Eatonville, Washington, a small **logging** community located in the foothills of Mt Rainier.

After the **outbreak** of World War II, David's family was involuntarily **detained** at Camp Harmony, a temporary **detention camp**. The family was **subsequently** transported to Minidoka, a permanent **internment** camp in Idaho. During the internment, David's father and three uncles **enlisted** into the US Army and served with the all Japanese-American 442 **Regimental** Combat Team.

Toward the end of World War II, David's mother and her three sons were released from Minidoka and moved to Wisconsin under the **sponsorship** of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

By using excerpts from his father's letters from the camps, photos from the University of California archives and his own remembrances, David offers a highly personal **account** of his family's internment experiences.

Vocabulary

Logging = the work of cutting down trees in order to use the wood

Outbreak = the start [of a war]

Detain = to keep someone somewhere, e.g., police station, and prevent from leaving

Detention camp = a place where people are forced to stay for a political reason

Subsequently = afterward, later

Intern = to put someone in prison during war or for political reasons, although they have not been charged with a crime

Internee = a person who is put in prison for political reasons, usually without a trial

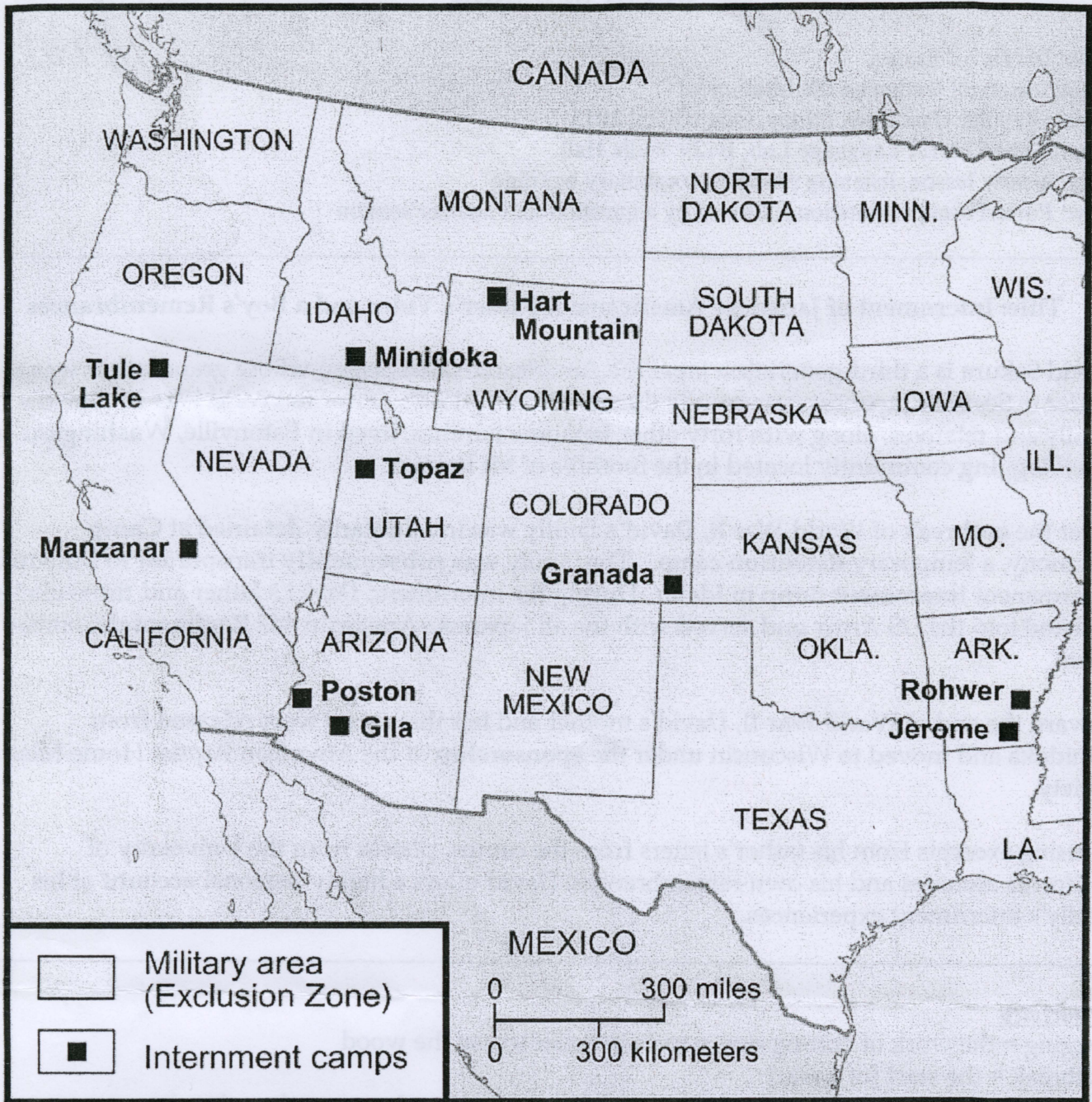
Internment camp = a prison camp for internees

Enlisted = joined [the army]

Regimental = connected with a regiment, i.e., a large group of soldiers

Sponsorship = the act of facilitating and supporting with actions or money

Account = a description of something that happened



JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT CAMPS

Source: www.mtholyoke.edu/~smstanto/camps.html

Vocabulary

WIS. = Wisconsin, a state west of Michigan

Exclusion = preventing someone from entering a place or staying in a place