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# AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

## Presidential Programming

*Omoiyari: A Song Film by Kishi Bashi*

Saturday, August 10th from 8:00 – 9:50 am

Seattle Convention Center

Arch at 705 Pike, Level 2, 2A



**Program Moderator**

Gordon C. Nagayama Hall, PhD



**JJ Berger**

*Producer, Movement Content*

Primetime Emmy-nominated creative producer, Gerber will discuss the filmmaking process. His feature documentary credits include **Harmontown** (SXSW 2014) and **We are Blood** (Released by The Orchard in 2015) Since starting at **MOVEMENT CONTENT** Berger has produced two feature documentary films, [Omoiyari: A Song Film by Kish Bashi](#) (MTV Documentary Films, 2023) and *Life After Life* (in production). He is active in community building through his role as president of the Seattle Documentary Association as well as in leadership roles within Documentary Producers Alliance, advocating for an equitable, ethical and sustainable industry on a national level.

Attendees will be taken on a journey through the experience of Japanese Americans incarcerated during WWII. Featured at the Heart Mountain incarceration site, it begins with the showing of *Omoiyari: A Song Film by Kishi Bashi* followed by a critical conversation with the panelists led by Dr. Hall. [RSVP here.](#)

Book signing with Aura Sunada Newlin and Shirley Ann Higuchi, JD following the program. Purchase required.



**Aura Sunada Newlin**

*Executive Director, Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation*

Both a fourth-generation Wyomingite and Japanese American, Newlin will share stories of her family's imprisonment and experiences in segregated military service. She will also discuss the book, [Light One Candle](#), which tells the story of the liberation of Solly Ganor during the Dachau death march by Newlin's uncle, Clarence Matsumura, who fought on behalf of our country while his family was incarcerated at Heart Mountain. She was a founding member of the National Steering Committee for Tsuru for Solidarity, depicted in *Omoiyari*. Her work has been profiled by the Women in Wyoming podcast/gallery exhibit and Wyoming PBS.



**Shirley Ann Higuchi, JD**

Associate Chief of Professional Practice, Justice, Legal & State Advocacy, APA

The daughter of former incarcerated who met at Heart Mountain during WWII, Higuchi is the Chair of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, and author of [Setsuko's Secret: Heart Mountain and the Legacy of Japanese American Incarceration](#). Shirley will discuss how her parents' incarceration experiences influenced her career, the building of the Heart Mountain museum, and the Mineta-Simpson Institute opening this summer at the Heart Mountain site. Within APA, Shirley manages the legal, state advocacy, and EDI issues for the Practice Directorate.