



Japanese American Women Alumnae  
University of California Berkeley  
**OUTSTANDING ALUMNAE**



The Board of the Japanese American Women Alumnae of UCB honor an Outstanding Alumna annually. The selection is based on her:

- academic career
- contributions to the community
- career accomplishments

The recipients of this award have distinguished themselves in many different areas and are truly deserving of this special recognition. These are our recipients and a partial list of their accomplishments.



# 1991 - Yoshiye Togasaki

- ✿ **M.D., John Hopkins School of Medicine, 1935**
- ✿ **UCB School of Public Health, 1929**
- ✿ Founding member of JAWAUBC Scholarship Committee
- ✿ Officer, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
- ✿ Deputy Health Officer for Contra Costa County, 1951 - 1972
- ✿ Past President Contra Costa Co. JACL





# 1992 - Mary Murai

- ✿ **Ph.D. Public Health Nutrition, UCB**
- ✿ **M.S. Nutrition & Public Health, UCB**
- ✿ **B.S. Home Science, UCB, 1937**
- ✿ Professor, UCB Dept. of Public Health
- ✿ Asst. Dietician St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, Japan
- ✿ Professor, University of Hawaii
- ✿ Co-author: [Some Tropical South Pacific Island Foods](#)





# 1993 - Frances Yuge Kirihara

- ✿ **M.S., UCSF, 1972**
- ✿ **P.H.N., UCSF, 1971**
- ✿ **B.S., UCB, 1947**
- ✿ **R.N., Rochester Genl. Hosp. School of Nursing, N.Y., 1946**
- ✿ School Nurse Coordinator, Merced Co. Office of Education, 1972 - 1982
- ✿ School Nurse, Livingston USD, 1954 - 1972
- ✿ Woman of Distinction Award, Soroptimist Intl. of America, 1990
- ✿ Outstanding Woman of the Year, Merced County 1989





# 1994 - Evelyn Nakano Glenn

- ✦ **Ph.D., Social Psychology, Harvard University, 1972**
- ✦ **B.A., Psychology, UCB, 1962**
- ✦ Founding Director, Center for Race & Gender, UCB
- ✦ Professor of Gender & Women's Studies & Ethnic Studies, UCB
- ✦ President, American Sociological Asso. 2008
- ✦ Professor of Sociology, State Univ. of N.Y.
- ✦ 2004 Outstanding Book Award, American Sociological Asso. on Asia & Asian Americans, for Unequal Freedom





# 1995 - Elsie Sata Baukol

- ✿ **M.P.H., UCB, 1971**
- ✿ **M.D., University of Utah, 1954**
- ✿ **B.A., Friends Univ., 1947**
- ✿ Chief, Div. of Family Health, Illinois Dept. of Public Health, 1983 - 1988
- ✿ Clinical Asso., Dept. of Pediatrics, So. Illinois Univ. Medical School, 1983 - 1988
- ✿ Director of Maternal & Child Health, Contra Costa Co. Health Dept. 1971 - 1982
- ✿ Asst. Clinical Professor, Univ. of Utah Medical School, 1961 - 1970





# 1996 - Michi Oka Onuma

- ✿ UCB, 1931
- ✿ Founding member, JAWAUCB Scholarship Fund
- ✿ English Editor, Hokubei Mainichi
- ✿ Social Worker, SF Redevelopment Agency 1958 - 1973
- ✿ Founding member Japanese Cultural and Community Center of No. California
- ✿ Community Activist





# 1997 - Anne Saito Howden

- ✿ B.A., English Literature, UCB, 1935
- ✿ Financial Officer, Western States Meatpackers Asso. 1953 - 1979
- ✿ Staff member, International House, 1935 - 1941
- ✿ Member Calif. State Women's Board of Terms & Parole
- ✿ San Francisco Fire Commission, 1979 - 1988
- ✿ Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Woman of the Year Award





# 1998 - Lillian Iida Matsumoto

- ✿ M.S., Social Welfare, UCB, 1935
- ✿ UCB, Social Economics, 1933
- ✿ Director, Inter-Library Lending Dept., UCB
- ✿ House Director, Japanese Women's Student Dorm, 1945 - 1946
- ✿ Director, Manzanar Children's Village
- ✿ Asst. Superintendent, Shonien Orphanage, 1935 - 1942
- ✿ Founding Member, JAWAUCB Scholarship Fund





# 1999 - Chizu Kitano Iiyama

- ✿ **M.A., UCHI , 1954**
- ✿ **UCB, Child Development, 1942**
- ✿ Contra Costa College, Instructor/Chair, Dept. of Early Childhood Education
- ✿ National Japanese American Historical Society, Vice President in charge of programs
- ✿ Community Activist
- ✿ Author, Memories of Angel Island





# 2000 - Michiko Fujii Uchida

- ✿ **UCB, Liberal Studies, 1943 / 1966**
- ✿ Pianist, Organist, Berkeley Methodist United Church, 1937 - present
- ✿ Board Member, Past Chair, Japanese American Women Alumnae of UCB
- ✿ Board Member, Church Women United





# 2001 - Reiko Homma True

- ✿ **Ph.D., California School for Professional Psychology, 1976**
- ✿ **M.S.W., UCB, 1964**
- ✿ **B.A., Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, 1956**
- ✿ Program Director, Clinical Psychology Master's Program, Alliant Intl. University
- ✿ Founding and Acting Director, Asian Community Mental Health Services, Oakland, Ca.
- ✿ Deputy Director, SF City & County Community Mental Health Svcs.





# 2002 - Tomoye Nozawa Takahashi

- ✿ **UCB, 1937 Oriental Studies**
- ✿ Philanthropist, Cultural Ambassador awarded Japan's Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays
- ✿ 1985 Established the Henri & Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation
- ✿ 1947 Co-founded the Takahashi Trading Company
- ✿ Founder, Takahashi - Stanford Lecture Series





# 2003 - Elsie Adachi Ogata

- ✿ **UCB, 1939, Nutrition**
- ✿ Florist, Adachi Nursery
- ✿ Board Member, Japanese American Women Alumnae of UCB
- ✿ Sogetsu School of Ikebana, Professional name Fusui
- ✿ Soroptimist Club of El Cerrito





# 2004 - Pearl Kurokawa Kimura

- ✿ **B.A. Nursing, UCSF 1939**
- ✿ Co-founder, That Man May See, Inc., UCSF
- ✿ Established UCSF Japan Eye Society Fund
- ✿ Awarded Japan's Order of the Secret Treasure, Gold and Silver rays in recognition of her long term contribution to promoting US - Japan relations
- ✿ Director, Sogetsu Ikebana Intl., San Francisco Bay Area Chapter





# 2005 - Hideko Nakazawa Seto

- ✿ M.S.W., UCB 1939
- ✿ Social Worker, Children's Home Society
- ✿ Social Worker, California State Adoption Services
- ✿ President, Ladies Auxiliary to Nisei VFW Post 8985
- ✿ Volunteer, Matsuyama-Sacramento Sister City Program





# 2006 - Joanne Ono Iritani

- ✿ **M.S. California State University, Bakersfield**
- ✿ **B.A. UCB, 1951**
- ✿ Special Education Teacher, Bakersfield City School District
- ✿ Board Member, Japanese American Women Alumnae UCB
- ✿ CSUS Japanese American Archival Collection Advisory Committee
- ✿ Florin JACL Oral History Project





# 2007 - Grace Imamura Noda

- ✿ Teaching Credential, UCLA
- ✿ Oberlin College, Ohio
- ✿ B.A., Psychology, UCB 1942
- ✿ Teacher, Richmond Unified School Dist.
- ✿ Volunteer, American Friends Service Committee, Japan
- ✿ Social Activist, Philanthropist





# 2008 - Irene Takei Miura

- ✿ **Ph.D, Child & Adolescent Development, Stanford, 1984**
- ✿ **M.A.T., College of Notre Dame, 1981**
- ✿ **B.A. & Teaching Credential, Child Development, UCB 1960**
- ✿ **Exec. Assist. to the President, San Jose State Univ. 2004 - 2007**
- ✿ **Chair, Child Development Dept., San Jose State**
- ✿ **UC Board of Regents, 1997 - 2001**
- ✿ **President, Cal. Alumni Association**





# 2009 - Dorothy Sekiko Oda

- ✦ **M.S., DNSc., UCSF**
- ✦ **UCSF School of Nursing**
- ✦ Nursing Director, Robt. Wood Johnson Foundation Natl. School Health Program
- ✦ Professor, Dept. of Mental Health & Community Nursing, UCSF
- ✦ Consultant, Calif. Dept. of Managed Health Care.
- ✦ Community Health Nurse of the Year, 1984, American Nurses Association





# 2010 - Doris Okada Matsui

- ✦ **B.A. Psychology, UCB**
- ✦ U.S. Representative, Calif. 5th District
- ✦ Chair, Strategic Planning Committee,  
Smithsonian Inst. Board of Regents
- ✦ Deputy Asst. to the President, White House Office  
of Public Liaison
- ✦ Board Member, National Symphony Orchestra
- ✦ KVIE Public Television Station, Board Chair





# 2011 - Joyce Nao Takahashi

- ✦ **Post Doctoral Work, Chemistry,  
Univ. of Wisconsin & Syracuse  
Univ., N.Y.**
- ✦ **Ph.D., Chemistry, UCLA**
- ✦ **A.B., Chemistry, UCB**
- ✦ Lecturer, UC Davis Dept. of Chemistry
- ✦ Adjunct Professor, UC Davis Dept. of Chemistry
- ✦ Volunteer, Calif. Museum of History
- ✦ Board Member, Past Chair, JAWAUCB





# 2012 - Sara Ishikawa

- ✿ **Bachelors of Architecture, UCB  
1963**
- ✿ Co-founder, VP, Center for Environmental Structure, 1967 - 1974
- ✿ Co-founder Community Design Collaborative
- ✿ Asso. Dean, College of Environmental Design, UCB 1988 - 1990
- ✿ Adjunct Asst. Prof., Columbia University, NY
- ✿ Asst. Planner, Oakland City Planning Dept.
- ✿ Professor Emerita of Architecture, UCB





# 2013 - Gloria Saika Imagire

- ✿ **BS UCSF School of Nursing, 1957**
- ✿ Pediatric Nurse UCSF 1957
- ✿ 1957 - 1960 Staff Nurse, Calif. Youth Authority
- ✿ 1960 - 1963 Public Health Nurse, Sacramento Co.
- ✿ 1978 - 1994 Liability Claims Rep, Farmers Ins.
- ✿ Founding Member, Asian Community Center, Sacramento
- ✿ Sacramento Co. Grand Jury, Edit Comm. Chair
- ✿ Founding Member, My Sister's House
- ✿ JAWAUCB Board of Directors





# 2014 – Grace Obata Amemiya

- ✿ **Nursing UCSF 1942**
- ✿ **Honorary Degree UCSF School of Nursing 2009**
- ✿ **St. Mary's School of Nursing; Cadet Nurse Corp Program**
- ✿ U.S. Cadet Nursing Corp. Shick General Army Hospital
- ✿ Civil Rights Activist
- ✿ Volunteer Special Olympics, YWCA & Woodward Resource Center





# 2015 - Judy Sakaki

- ✿ **PhD, Counseling Psychology & Higher Ed. Admin. UCB 1991**
- ✿ **Master's, Educational Psychology CSU 1977**
- ✿ **Bachelor's, Human Development CSU 1975**
- ✿ VP Student Affairs, UC System, 2007 n- Present
- ✿ Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs UC Davis 2002 - 2006
- ✿ VP Student Affairs & Dean of Students, Fresno State 1997 - 2002
- ✿ Special Asst. to the President, CSU EB 1993 - 1994
- ✿ Exec. Director Student Academic Svcs, CSU EB 1989 - 1994





# 2016 - Kiku Hori Funabiki

- ✧ Queens College, NY
- ✧ UCB
- ✧ First Japanese American Flight Attendant, United Air Lines
- ✧ Author, Poet; *Silence. . . . No More.*
- ✧ Contributing Author; *Making Home From War; Stories of Japanese American Exile and Resettlement.*
- ✧ Volunteer National Japanese American Historical Society





# 2017 - Amy Iwasaki Mass

- ✿ **DSW, UCLA 1986**
- ✿ **MSW, USC 1958**
- ✿ **BA, Social Welfare, UCB 1956**
- ✿ Clinical Social Worker, Private Practice, 1970 - 2018
- ✿ Professor Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work, Whittier College 1975 - 1998
- ✿ Fulbright Scholar, Hiroshima Univ. 1996 - 1997
- ✿ Author of numerous works on the psychological impact of the incarceration of Japanese Americans.
- ✿ Board Member Heart Mountain Foundation
- ✿ Former board member JAWAUCB





# 2018 - Margaret Koide Kusaba

- ✿ **SFSU, Elementary Teaching Credential, 1965**
- ✿ **BA, Social Welfare, 1948 UCB**
- ✿ **University of Utah 1945**
- ✿ **Brigham Young University 1945**
- ✿ Elementary Teacher, SF School District 1966 - 1996
- ✿ Social Worker, Sonoma Co. 1949 - 1953
- ✿ Social Worker, Oakland, 1948 - 1949
- ✿ Founding member and board member of JAWAUCB 1991 - 2017





# 2019 - Lynn H. Nakada

- ✿ **BA Sociology, UCB 1975**
- ✿ UCB Staff 1976 - 2016
- ✿ Kenneth Priestley Award for Student Leadership 1975
- ✿ Past Director; CAA Board of Directors, Cal Spirit Alumni Club, Prytanean Alumnae Inc.
- ✿ Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award 2006
- ✿ Volunteer for CAA, John Muir Health, Pleasant Hill Senior Center
- ✿ Board Member JAWAUCB
- ✿ Member of the Advisory Committee of the Academic Talent Development Program at UCB





# 2020 - Betty S. Furuta

- ✿ **MS Nursing, UCB 1959**
- ✿ **BS Nursing, UCSF 1957**
- ✿ Professor, Dept. of Nursing, Kawasaki Univ. of Medical Welfare, Kawasaki, Japan, 1995 - 2003
- ✿ Asst. Dean, Students & Intl. Academic Svcs., UCSF School of Nursing 1984 - 1994
- ✿ Florence Nightingale Award for Clinical Excellence, UCSF 1957
- ✿ Outstanding Asian, UCSF Charter Award. Asian Pacific Amer. Alliance, Univ. of Calif. 1992
- ✿ Past Director, JAWAUCB





# 2021 - Chizuko Omori

- ✿ **BA, English UCB 1954**
- ✿ **UCLA 1950 - 1952**
- ✿ Art Dealer, Northwest Indian Arts & Crafts
- ✿ Documentarian; Rabbit in the Moon (film, 1999)
- ✿ Civil Rights Activist
- ✿ Writer; Nichi Bei Times





# 2022 - Midori Kono Thiel

- ✿ **M.F.A. Painting, UCB 1959**
- ✿ **B.A. Art, UCB 1955 Summa Cum Laude**
- ✿ **Teaching Credential, UCB**
- ✿ **Award-winning Printmaker, Calligrapher, Textile Artist**
- ✿ **Educator Seattle Public Schools**
- ✿ **Musician, Dancer, Instructor in traditional Japanese arts**





# 2023 - Shirley K. Muramoto

- **BA, Oriental Languages, UCB  
1977**
- Koto musician, teacher, composer, lecturer
- Founding member, Director and performer,  
Murasaki Ensemble
- Documentary film maker: "Hidden Legacy;  
Japanese Traditional Performing Arts in the  
WWII Internment Camps, 2014
- 1997 - 2019 University Relations and Public  
Affairs





JAWAUCB has been proud to recognize  
these Outstanding Alumnae.

We look forward to honoring many more  
UCB alumnae whose academic, career, and  
personal successes have contributed greatly to  
the betterment of our world communities.