

Institute for Japanese Studies Lecture Series

My Hiroshima Legacy: A Story of My Mother and Aunt

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Friday, Sept. 6, 2:00-3:30 pm
Reception 3:30-4:00 pm
Campbell Hall 100 (1787 Neil Ave)



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"Why do you go to the hospital so often?" I asked this question to my mother when I was in 6th grade. "Because I am an atomic bomb survivor and a victim of radiation sickness caused by the bomb." She frequently said "thousands died in my sight and Hiroshima looked like hell. It is difficult to describe what it was like. Only atomic bomb survivors who saw everything can understand how the bomb destroyed the city and claimed many lives."

Michiko Yamaoka uses narrative storytelling to show the harsh reality of what happened in Hiroshima in the events and aftermath of the atomic bomb. Through sharing the memories and experiences of the survivors, she hopes to prevent this kind of suffering from happening in the future. Ms. Yamaoka is an A-bomb legacy successor who works closely with the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. She participated in a meeting for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in 2015. She travels around Japan, and has also given talks in cities such as New York and Toronto where she has reached over 10,000 people since 2015.



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