

FRAUHM Noon Meeting  
Tuesday, January 9, 2018  
Campus Center Dining Room 203E



**Dr. Warren Nishimoto**  
**“Talking Hawaii’s Story: The Center for Oral History at UHM”**

Warren Nishimoto, with degrees in American History and Asian Studies and a Ph.D in Education from UH, is the director of Hawaii’s Center for Oral History and has been its principal investigator since 1983. That job involves interviewing ordinary people and documenting the results.

Dr. Nishimoto teaches and does workshops on oral history, serves as a consultant on community-based history projects in Hawai‘i and elsewhere in the Pacific. He co-edits *Hanahana: An Oral History Anthology of Hawai‘i’s Working People*.

On an episode of Leslie Wilcox's "Long Story Short," from which the photo above was purloined, the oral history interviewer was himself interviewed. There we learn it was to sample life outside Hawai‘i that he did degrees at Illinois and Washington. He spent time as a youngster working at Iida's, a store started by his maternal grandfather (his paternal grandfather had been a Buddhist minister in Japan), and after mainland college he was back at the store, even as he began his career at the Center for Oral History.

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Our dining room door opens at 11:30, leaving early-comers an hour to talk story and enjoy lunch with colleagues before the meeting begins, often with official notices followed by the introduction of the speaker. Notice that we are back in Dining Room 203E.

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