

FRAUHM Noon Meeting
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Campus Center Dining Room 203E



FRAUHM President, Karen Yamaga
“Why Heart Mountain’s Story Is Relevant Today”

Dr. Karen Yamaga is Professor Emerita with the Dept. of Tropical Medicine, Medical Microbiology and Pharmacology who received a BA from Cal State, LA, a MS (1970) and a PhD (1974) from the University of Hawaii, all in respective Departments of Microbiology. She then had a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the National Jewish Hospital in Denver (1974), was a Research Associate at the Bronx, New York, Albert Einstein College of Medicine (1978-80), and was on the UH Dept. of Tropical Medicine faculty from 1980 to 2010.

The motivation for the talk, in the speaker's own words:

“In 1942, as one of 120,000 Japanese, my family was first taken to Pomona assembly center (where my sister was born), then to Heart Mountain Relocation Camp (where I was born). An interpretive learning center was opened at Heart Mountain in 2011, and my sister and I agreed that we would someday take our children and grandchildren there as a learning experience. Last summer, 15 of us made our way to Wyoming, but it was I who received the eye-opening revelation. This talk is a result of the challenge we were given there, especially those of us who lived it: ‘you must tell your family’s story.’”



Dr. Cedric B. Cowing, our Ced, passed away on January 16. His scholarly interests and production ranged over his lifetime from economics, through intellectual history, to the history of American religion. He taught history at UH for 40 years, starting in 1957 after two years of teaching closer to his Pasadena, California home at UC Santa Barbara.

More importantly to us members of FRAUHM is the impact he has always had on the organization. His name comes up five times on our History page as speaker at meetings; he served two terms, totaling six years, as President and was almost always on the Board otherwise, especially as Program Chairman, a position he held every year since 2010, even while also serving as President.

We owe it to him to keep things going, but it will be harder now.