

## Northern California Time of Remembrance (NCTOR)

Presented by Florin, Lodi, Placer County and Sacramento JACL Chapters

# Uncomfortable Conversations: *Racism, Equity, and Belonging*

**Saturday, February 13, 2021**  
**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

Moderated by community leader Andy Noguchi,  
featuring guest panelists:



**Emily Akpan**

Emily Akpan, a yonsei of mixed heritage who is proud to be both Black and Japanese American, is an NYC-based organizer for local Tsuru for Solidarity actions and national digital advocacy, and is on the NY Day of Remembrance committee. Emily is working on building a Black-Nikkei coalition, with other activists who identify as Black and Japanese, to find each other, tell their stories, and build community and power.



**Jesse Morris Jr.**

Jessie Morris Jr. was born in Tokyo, Japan, after WWII. His father was a Black U.S. Air Force Sergeant, and his mother a Japanese national. Growing up on military bases worldwide, he now works as a public defender in Sacramento, with murderers, gang members, and racists among his clients. He will remark on racial prejudices, participating in Black Lives Matter demonstrations, and what is meant by defunding the police.



**Mia Yamamoto**

Mia Yamamoto was, in her own words, “born doing time” in the incarceration camp in Poston, Arizona. She enlisted in the army during the Vietnam War, and attended UCLA’s School of Law where she co-founded the Asian Pacific Islander Law Student Association (APILSA). In 2003 Yamamoto came out and became the first openly transgender attorney in Los Angeles County. She is the recipient of numerous awards in the legal and humanitarian fields.

To register for the virtual event and for more information,  
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**Event Registration Deadline: February 10, 2021**