

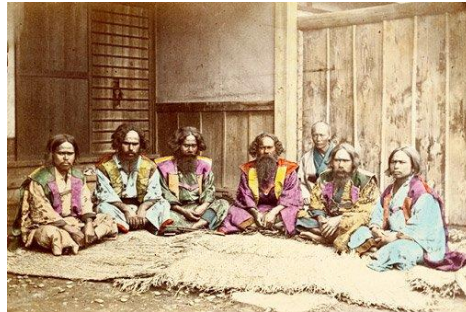
The Department of AK Native Studies and Rural Development invites the UAF community to a presentation on

***“Property Law Policy for the Indigenous Ainu People in Japan and the Unresolved Issue of Reparations” Presentation by Dr. Kunihiko Yoshida and Dr. Jeff Gayman, from Hokkaido University, Japan***

**Monday ~ April 10, 2017 ~ Noon – 2:00 p.m. ~ Brooks Building #207 ~ Gathering Room**  
***Light lunch to be provided***

The Ainu people are the Indigenous peoples of Japan. The presentation by Dr. Kunihiko Yoshida (current faculty with the School of Law, Hokkaido University of Japan) will address topics surrounding the Ainu people and current, pressing social justice issues regarding reparations. The repatriation of stolen Ainu remains and objects, issues of continuing environmental [in]justice, the grassroots movement for maintenance of the forest, and bias in education with respect to the teaching of Ainu history will also be addressed. Professor Jeff Gayman discuss need for/challenges of university/Ainu community collaboration.

*“The reparations discussion with regard to Ainu people, the indigenous people in Japan, especially in Hokkaido, is far behind the goal of reconciliation. Despite the fact that Japan supported the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007, the Commission's Report in 2009 denied its reparations approach and the Ainu policy situation has been still stagnant, except the controversial construction of the Ainu symbolic space in Shiraoi that includes monuments, and a storage room for consolidated Ainu stolen bones and remains.” ~ Kunihiko Yoshida, Ph.D.*



*A group of Ainu people between approximately 1863-and-early-1870s*

Photo from: <https://www.thevintagenews.com/2016/10/04/the-ainu-the-little-known-indigenous-people-of-japan-and-russia>

Professor Yoshida is presently with Hokkaido University, Graduate School of Law. He was awarded a Ph.D. in Civil Law from Tokyo University, Japan (1996). He has a lengthy academic career as visiting faculty at Northwestern Law School(1989-1991), Stanford Law School(1994-1995), Harvard Law School /Harvard Yenching Institute (2002-2003) and University of Miami Law School(2012-2013) in the U.S. He is acknowledged as an expert of reparations due the Ainu people (indigenous people in Hokkaido) from civil law perspectives. He also works on the protection of the traditional indigenous knowledge and the reparations for racial/ethnic minorities with regard to intellectual property law regime.

Professor Gayman, (Multicultural Education Studies Division, Hokkaido University Research Faculty of International Media and Communication (RSIMC)/Graduate School of Education) will be part of this discussion as well. Earning his B.A. at Pomona College (Asian Studies), B.Ed, Osaka University of Education, M.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks (Cross-Cultural Studies), PhD, Kyushu University (Educational Anthropology) Professor Gayman lives, teaches and has been researching in Japan for more than 25 years. He is engaged in efforts to establish a collaborative research/educational platform between the RSIMC/School of Education and local Ainu communities, as well as in information dissemination activities about the housing and repatriation on the Hokkaido campus of Ainu ancestral remains.

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