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## Japanese American Day of Remembrance

*Award-winning film director Tadashi Nakamura presents “Pilgrimage.”*

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Film and discussion: 10 – 10:50 am and 1 – 2 pm

Panel: 11 – 11:50 am

Brockey Hall Student Center, room A

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*Japanese American Day of Remembrance* observes the anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on February 19, 1942, following the attack on Pearl Harbor. It authorized the evacuation and incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast, most of whom were U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.

In Washington state, nearly 13,000 people of Japanese descent were ultimately sent to detention centers. Most Seattleites ended up at Camp Minidoka near Hunt, Idaho, while the majority of rural Western Washington evacuees were sent to Tule Lake in California.

Filmmaker Tadashi Nakamura is a fourth-generation Japanese American. His films include *A Song for Ourselves*, a trilogy that includes *Pilgrimage*. This award-winning film tells the story of how an abandoned WWII concentration camp for Japanese Americans was transformed into a symbol of retrospection and solidarity for people of all nationalities.

The public is invited to remember and learn more about this period in our history through this film. There will be two showings of the film followed by discussion. The event is free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by AANAPISI Grant Program.

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