

**TEACHER
WORKSHOP**



September 2, 1945 — The Day that Launched a Better Future

As part of the 70th Anniversary Commemoration of the surrender on the Battleship Missouri that ended World War II, the USS Missouri Memorial Association and its Education Department would like to offer this unique Teacher Workshop to public and private school teachers.



Dr. Mitch Yamasaki

Featuring

Dr. Mitch Yamasaki, Chaminade University

Professor of History, Director of Chaminade History Center and
Director of the Applied Humanities Research & Grants

and

Dr. Justin Vance, Hawai'i Pacific University

Associate Professor of History and
Interim Dean of the College of Extended and Interdisciplinary Education



Dr. Justin Vance

Saturday, August 29, 2015

9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

**Held on board the Battleship Missouri
and its Education Department Classroom**

No Registration Fee

Limited to 30 Registrations

Deadline to Register is August 20, 2015

For Registration contact Mr. David Suhs

Education Department Battleship Missouri

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Speakers will present and provide resources on the following topics:

- U.S. Military History: World War II in the Pacific—Dr. Justin Vance**
- Modern Japan & World War II—Dr. Mitch Yamasaki**
- History of Battleship Missouri—Missouri Education Staff**



DESCRIPTIONS AND BIOGRAPHIES

Presentations Descriptions:

“U.S. Military History: World War II in the Pacific” by Dr. Justin Vance

Description:

This workshop presentation looks at the history of World War II in the Pacific with a “new military history” approach that emphasizes institutions as well as “battle studies.” War planning, weapons, tactics, operations, strategy, motivations, personalities, economics, and politics from Pearl Harbor to the South Pacific to the surrender in Tokyo Bay are included. The workshop gives an excellent context to help educators get the most out of their time on the Battleship USS Missouri Memorial.

“Modern Japan & World War II” by Dr. Mitch Yamasaki

Description:

This workshop presentation will examine how Japan was forced out of its self-imposed isolation in 1853 by the United States. It will look at the kind of world Japan faced in the late nineteenth century and her determination to become a “rich country with a strong military.”

Presenters’ Biographies:

Dr. Justin Vance is Associate Professor of History and Interim Dean of the College of Extended and Interdisciplinary Education at Hawai‘i Pacific University. He earned a B.A. in History from Boise State University, an M.A. in Diplomacy and Military Studies from Hawai‘i Pacific University, and a Doctor of Education from the University of Southern California as well as completing the Military History Instructor Course at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He is the author of several articles and books on the effects of the American Civil War on the Pacific Islands and World War II in the Pacific. He has taught history at Wayland Baptist University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, conducted battlefield tours of Hawai‘i’s World War II military sites for “Home of the Brave Tours,” and worked at bringing history to life at the Battleship Missouri Memorial and Bishop Museum. He is the winner of the 2015 “Hawaii History Educator of the Year” Award.

Dr. Mitch Yamasaki is Professor of History and Director of the Chaminade History Center and Director of Applied Humanities Research & Grants at Chaminade University of Honolulu. He earned a B.A. in Asian History, an M.A. in European Intellectual History, and a Ph.D. in American History from the University of Hawai‘i-Manoa. He also has post-doctoral work in Cultural Studies from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Yamasaki is on the board of the Hawai‘i Council for the Humanities and served as its chair from 2000-2001. He has served as the President of the Hawai‘i Council for History Education and a Trustee of the National Council for History Education. Dr. Yamasaki has been very involved in helping organize and coordinate numerous public and private school teacher workshops. He is the author of *Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1968: We Shall Overcome, Some Day*, Discovery Enterprises Publishing.

