Ethnic Studies 330
Japanese in Hawaiʻi

2014 Fall Semester
12:30 PM – 1:20 PM
Instructor: Jonathan Okamura
MW: Gartley 103, F: Labs

General Ed/ Focus Requirements:
Diversification – Humanities (DH) & Ethical Issues (E)

Course Description:
This course provides an overview and analysis of the historical and contemporary experiences and status of Japanese Americans in Hawaiʻi. The course encompasses the period from the late nineteenth century, when Japanese began immigrating as plantation labor recruits, to the contemporary situation in which they hold considerable political and socioeconomic power. As a course with a Contemporary Ethical Issues (E) focus designation, we will discuss colonialism, racism, discrimination, (in)justice, (in)equality, and social responsibility as major ethical issues in the historical and contemporary experiences of Japanese Americans.