

On the Side

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Photo: Photographer unknown. Portrait of young child with school desk. "Esse Quam Videri" exhibit



Above and Below: Chilling signs of 21st century bigotry in Dearborn, Michigan, and in 1942 on the West Coast.



Knowledge Not Learned in College: Japanese and Muslim Americans Join Together Heart Mountain Interpretive Center at the site of a World War II Japanese-American internment camp outside of Cody, Wyoming presents “Esse Quam Videri (to be rather than to seem): Muslim Self-Portraits,” an exhibit intended to counteract preconceived notions of Muslims in America. July 18 through Sept. 18, 2012. Images of and by Muslim Americans with short essays, adding context. Also: Photo gallery and permanent exhibit of Japanese American families imprisoned during World War II.

<http://heartmountain.org/PhotoGallery.html>

When Will They Ever Learn?

After angry protesters hurled insults at Muslim families attending an Orange County (Southern California) charity event in March, the Japanese American Citizens League and Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress, among others groups, showed up at city council meetings and press conferences to condemn the incident... The Japanese American Citizens League was also among the first to issue a statement warning against intolerance toward Muslims immediately after the World Trade Center attacks, said Patty Wada, the league’s regional director. Wada said many Japanese Americans, especially those who lived through internment, feel a sense of déjà vu as they see the animosity often directed at Muslims today.

—California Watch californiawatch.org, June 1, 2011

Empathy Lives in Learning

Council for American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)-Los Angeles, together with Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress and the Japanese American Citizens League, organized the 3rd Annual Bridging Communities Program—a learning exchange between American Muslim and Japanese-American high-school students. Muslim students from other parts of California also visited the Manzanara and Tule Lake internment

camps to gain an understanding of war hysteria injustice and learn from their identities.

—CAIR California 2010-2011 Annual Report