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CD-ROM Describes Imprisonment of Japanese Americans

Steven Ricci, the coordinator of new technologies and head of research and study at UCLA's Film and Television Archive, will discuss and demonstrate the new CD-ROM "Executive Order 9066: The Incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II" at 4 p.m., Nov. 12, at UC Santa Barbara's MultiCultural Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Produced and directed by Ricci, "Executive Order 9066" draws upon the extraordinary resources of the Japanese American National Museum and is inspired by the museum's dramatically successful exhibition on the topic. The interactive educational CD-ROM includes hundreds of photographs, artwork, personal accounts, maps, and historical essays. It also draws upon rare archival footage, including UCLA's Hearst Metrotone Newsreel Collection.

"As a scholar, director/producer, archivist, and the co-editor and author of several books, Ricci understands the process of history-writing like few others. This CD-ROM presents the history of the so-called 'relocation' camps in a way that challenges the dominant discourses of the time and illuminates a multitude of new perspectives," said Janet Walker, an associate professor of film studies at UCSB.

Complete information on "Executive Order 9066" is available on the web at http://www.cinema.ucla.edu/about/prev_highlights/newsarchive.html#eo9066. For information on Ricci's lecture, contact UCSB's Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, which is hosting the event as part of the campus's Celebration of Communities, at

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