

Press release

August 6th, 1945: My Story

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6:30 pm Poster exhibit of atomic bombing (gift from Hiroshima Peace Museum)

7:00 pm 「August 6th, 1945: My Story」 by Shigeko Sasamori with Professor Kazumi Hatasa

The School of Languages and Cultures welcomes Ms. Shigeko Sasamori. Ms. Sasamori is an a-bomb survivor. She was fourteen years old in 1945 and only two miles away from the hypocenter when the bomb exploded on August 6th in Hiroshima. She sustained extensive burn, but she survived. In 1955, Kiyoshi Tanimoto, a Japanese reverend, and Norman Cousins, an American journalist, raised funds to bring twenty-five women from Hiroshima to the US for reconstructive surgery. The women were later known as Hiroshima Maidens. Ms. Sasamori was one of them. She was adopted by the Cousins family later and decided to move to America. This is her personal account of what happened on that day and her life thereafter. Ms. Sasamori and Professor Kazumi Hatasa (SLC) will jointly tell her story in the aftermath of the bombing, recovery period in Hiroshima, and then her move to and life in America. She now lives in Los Angeles.

The talk is sponsored by School of Languages and Cultures, Asian Studies Program, and Peace Studies Program.

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