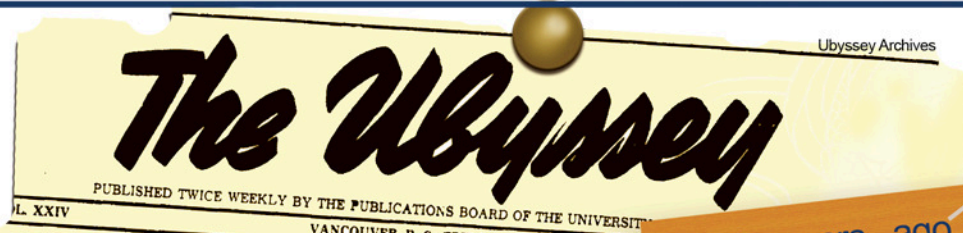


# Addressing Injustice: UBC's Response to the Internment of Japanese Canadian Students - Then and Now

March 21, 2012 | 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
Lillooet Room, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre (3rd floor)



### Uniform Goes Back



● **DISCHARGED** — Typical of the Japanese men who have been comrades-in-arms to other trainees in the C.O.T.C. is Michiyoshi Sumiya, first year arts student, shown above taking his uniform into the orderly room.

uniform for the last time. For a year and a half they have drilled with their friends of the white race. Now it has ended. Lieut.Col. Shrum said that a "ticklish situation" had been averted. The University could not go on treating them as

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the downtown... and the sight of a Japanese in uniform would be unfortunate and might have serious consequences for them."  
From the Japanese come regrets that action such

70 years ago, 76 Japanese Canadian students who were removed and exiled from the B.C. coast. They were unable to complete their degrees or to graduate at convocation with their classmates. This symposium will examine UBC's role in this injustice 70 years ago and raise questions about UBC's responsibility. Participants will also examine related ethical issues to connect in what happened 70 years ago to issues that still resonate today.

**"With the presentation of this honorary degree, it feels like UBC has opened their arms and said, 'You are part of our alumni, you're welcome, come on in,'" said Sumiya, who was interned at 18 and not allowed to return to his studies at UBC.**  
**"It's a great feeling of belonging."**

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