



Ms. Sachiko Masuoka

Sachiko Masuoka was born in Hiroshima in 1927. At the age of 18, she experienced the atomic bombing in Hiroshima at about 2 miles away from the hypocenter. She lost her little sister and brother to the bomb. In 1962, having married a Nisei Japanese-American (the second generation of Japanese immigrants), she came to the United States. Since then, she has been living in Chicago. She has been talking about her experience in Hiroshima only for the last couple of years, and is grateful to have the chance to share this experience with audiences around the country.

Dr. Yuki Miyamoto

Since earning her PhD from the University of Chicago Divinity School, Yuki Miyamoto has held the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at DePaul University. A native of Hiroshima, Dr. Miyamoto's work is dedicated primarily to atomic bomb discourse, and her dissertation focused on that topic from the perspective of comparative ethics and narrative theory. Among her publications is "Rebirth in the Pure Land or God's Sacrificial Lambs?: Religious Interpretation of the Atomic Bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki" (*Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*), in which she compares a Buddhist and a Roman Catholic interpretation of the atomic bombings. She has also recently written and published on Japanese ethics and marginalization. In December 2007, she led, for the second time, a group of DePaul students on a short-term study abroad program to Hiroshima and Nagasaki in order to study the historical significance and wider implications of the bombings. The students, upon returning from the trip, succeeded in having Mayor Daley of Chicago and Mayor Morton of Evanston sign a signature for joining the Mayors for Peace.

Ms. Sachiko Masuoka and Dr. Yuki Miyamoto

will be speaking at Carnegie Mellon University on September 26 in Porter Hall. There will be a reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by their talk.