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**EDUCATION:**

1974 M.S.W. Social Welfare, San Francisco State University  
1972 B.A. Social Science, San Francisco State University

**EMPLOYMENT: (San Francisco, California)**

1993 currently, **Executive Director**, Kimochi, Inc (Japanese American Senior  
1979-1989. Services) co-founder, established a center serving the needs of elders, including  
nutrition, recreation, health care, transportation and escort, social day care, etc.  
Also established Kimochi Home, a long term care facility for elders and Kimochi  
Lounge, a weekday outreach center for the elders. Planned and implemented  
programs; developed both short and long-term financial resources utilizing both  
public and private sector funds; designed and conducted model fund raising  
activities, including the street fair concept, etc. Conducted Board and Staff  
training and development programs. Budget averages 1.3. million; serves in  
excess of 2,000 unduplicated clients.

2000 **currently, President, San Francisco Fire Commission**

1995-2000 Vice President, San Francisco Fire Commission

1998, 1999 **currently, Part-Time Instructor**  
2000

Social Work 770-771, Ethnic & Cultural Context of Social Work (Graduate) San  
Francisco State University  
Social Work 835, Social Development I, San Francisco State University  
Social Work 836, Social Development II, San Francisco State University

1996 currently, **San Francisco Fire Commissioner**

Spring 1996 **Part-Time Instructor**

Social Work 770-771, Ethnic & Cultural Context of Social Work (Graduate) San  
Francisco State University  
Sociology 35, Sex, Marriage & Relationships

1995 currently, **Instructor, Saturday College, AACE Upward Bound**

Spring 1995 **Part-Time Instructor**  
Social Work 770 (Graduate) San Francisco State University

Fall 1994 **Part-Time Instructor**  
Social Work 770 (Graduate) San Francisco State University

Spring 1994 **Part-Time Instructor**  
Social Work 770 (Graduate) San Francisco State University

1993-1994 **Part-Time Instructor**  
Sociology 1-26, Sociology Department, City College of San Francisco

1993 **Consultant** to the following groups/organizations  
San Francisco Paratransit Broker/Cerenio Management Group  
Nihonmachi Street Fair  
Cherry Blossom Festival  
Nihonmachi Legal Outreach  
Russian American Community Services

1992-1995 **Vice President, San Francisco Art Commission and San Francisco Art  
Commissioner**

1991-1993 **Consultant**  
ADA Compliance to San Francisco Municipal Railway and the Cerenio  
Management Group

April 1992 **Consultant, Producer and Fundraiser**  
"Comedy & Jazz" Nihonmachi Legal Outreach/Cherry Blossom Festival

January 1992 **Co-chairman**  
Recreation and Arts Committee Mayor Frank Jordan's Transition Team

1991 **Site Coordinator**  
Project ACTION (Funded by Easter Seals) Advocate for the Disabled.

August 1990 **Richmond/Sunset District Coordinator**  
to Free Wheelers of San Francisco  
January 1991 Laguna Honda Hospital

June to **Associate Director**  
July 1990 Summer Bridge Program, San Francisco State University

January to **Operational Field Supervisor**  
Sept. 1990 Census Bureau, Department of Commerce

1988-1992 **Instructor**  
Faculty/Student Membership Program, A.U. 666 San Francisco State University  
Summer Bridge Program, San Francisco State University

- 1988-1989 **Instructor**  
Ethnic/Cultural Concepts and Principles in Social Work Practice II  
San Francisco State University
- 1985-1988 **Instructor**  
Ethnic Studies/Pre-Critical Thinking, San Francisco State University
- 1984-1987 **Instructor**  
Asian American Communities Seminar, Asian American Studies Department  
San Francisco State University
- 1971-1984 **Instructor**  
Encompassed two basic course titles of instruction in Japanese American  
Community and Japanese American Seminar, Asian Studies Department,  
San Francisco State University
- 1978-1980 **Instructor**  
Japanese American Seminar & Japanese American Art, San Francisco State  
University
- 1970-1980 **Instructor**  
U.S. History, Internment of Japanese Americans, San Jose State University
- 1977-1978 **Theater Manager**  
Kabuki Theatre (now AMC Kabuki 8 Theatre)
- 1975-1976 **Administrative Assistant**  
Japanese Community Youth Council
- 1974-1976 **Coordinator**  
Summer Youth Employment Program, Japanese Community Youth Council
- 1973-1975 **Drug Prevention Counselor**  
Westside Community Health Center
- 1972-1973 **Founder and Co-Director**  
Kimoichi, Inc.
- 1970-1971 **Teaching Assistant**  
Course in psychological and sociological profiles of Japanese Americans, Asian  
Studies Program (Ethnic Studies), San Francisco State University

## Other Activities

- 1999-2000 currently, **Member, State Library Review**
- 1999-2000 **Co-chairperson, Nikkei 2000 Conference**, bi-annual Japanese-American community conference on the status and future of the Japanese American community in the United States.
- 1999 **Speaker, Conference on Aging, November, Tokyo, Japan**, the only person Invited from the United States to speak at this conference.
- 1999 **contributor and community liaison, "The Fillmore,"** part of the KQED Neighborhoods series
- 1999 currently, **Member, Park Alliance**
- 1999 currently, **Member, In-home Supportive Service (IHSS) Task Force**
- 1999 currently, **Member, Japantown Task Force**
- 1998 currently, **Board Member, Japan Center Parking Corporation**
- 1997 **Co-chair, "Come to the Table,"** San Francisco's first Inter-faith conference on alcohol and substance abuse. Sponsored by Neighborhoods in Transition (NITAMP), Miyako Hotel
- 1980-1986 **Chairman**  
Martial Arts Demonstration for Aki Matsuri (Fall Festival) in San Francisco's Japantown
- 1983-1985 **Radio Talk Show Host**  
"Sansei Speaks," KEST 1450 AM
- 1983-1985 **Chairman of Appointments Subcommittee**  
Nihonmachi Political Association
- 1983-1985 **Board of Directors**  
Morning Star School (Private Elementary School)
- 1978-1985 **Lecturer**  
San Francisco Police Academy
- 1980-1984 **Community Police Relations Task Force**  
San Francisco Police Department
- 1978-1980 **Japantown Speaker**  
San Francisco Police Department

## AWARDS

- December 2001 KGO TV 7, Profiles in Excellence Award
- April 2000 KQED/Union Bank of California Asian American Heritage Month Honoree
- March 1995 Pioneer Award for Community Leadership (Y.W.C.A.)
- September 1994 Asian Community Corporation Award (Pacific Bell)
- June 1992 Distinguished Asian Leadership Award ((Asian Business League) in Education
- April 1992 Recognition and Appreciation Award (Cherry Blossom Festival)
- February 1987 Outstanding Service Award (KBHK Channel 44, San Francisco)
- May 1986 Award of Merit - Outstanding Public Service (City and County of San Francisco)
- Outstanding Service to the Japanese American Community (Japanese Community Cultural & Community Center of Northern California)
- Certificate of Honor (City and County of San Francisco)
- Community Education Award of Honor (San Francisco State University)
- Proclamation (Office of Mayor Dianne Feinstein)