

# HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL APOLOGY:

"What comes after the government says "sorry"?"

*A film screening and panel discussion  
with film director Mitchell Miyagawa and political scientist  
Dr. Matt James to explore three landmark political apologies  
and the implications for human rights, social justice, conflict  
resolution and peace-making.*

Sept. 26, 2013 | 5:00-7:30pm

FREE Public Seminar

University of Victoria | Harry Hickman (HHB) Room 105

## A SORRY STATE

Meet the most apologized-to family in the country.  
Maybe the world.



*Mitch Miyagawa* is director/writer/co-producer of **A Sorry State**, a documentary that uncovers painful pasts and explores the meaning of "sorry" for family members who received government apologies for three historical injustices: internment of Japanese Canadians during WWII, victimization of Aboriginal children at residential schools, and the head tax on Chinese immigrants. Mitch was the 2013 winner of the Canadian Screenwriting Award for Documentary.

**Matt James** is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at UVic. His areas of interest are social movements, reparations, political apologies, transitional justice, constitutionalism, and citizenship. He has published widely on social movements and historical injustices.

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