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Prof. Natsu Taylor Saito is an activist attorney and a distinguished university professor at Georgia State University's College of Law in Atlanta, where she has taught international law and human rights since 1994. Her scholarship focuses on questions of race, citizenship, and the rights of indigenous peoples; national security and political repression; and international human rights remedies for race-based injustices.

Natsu's latest book, *Settler Colonialism, Race, and the Law: Why Structural Racism Persists* (NYU Press, 2020) was published in March. She is also the author of *Meeting the*

Enemy: American Exceptionalism and International Law (NYU Press, 2010), *From Chinese Exclusion to Guantánamo Bay: Plenary Power and the Prerogative State* (Univ. Press of Colorado, 2006), and many law review articles.

After receiving her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1987, Natsu worked for Arnall, Golden & Gregory, Troutman Sanders, and Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, and taught as an adjunct at Emory University School of Law prior to joining the Georgia State Law faculty. She is a member of the Georgia Bar and has served on the Committee on the Involvement of Women & Minorities in the Profession and the Georgia Supreme Court's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Courts.

Natsu graduated from Swarthmore College in 1977 and received her master's of education from Georgia State University in 1982. She worked as a community organizer for the South DeKalb Community Center from 1977-1980, then taught social studies at Horizons School and English as a Second Language for the Adult Education Department of the Atlanta Board of Education.

In 1993, Natsu helped found the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and has served on the Boards of the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Professors, the Paideia School, the Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless, and the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, as well as the Board of Governors of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT). She remains active on SALT's Academic Freedom Committee and in the Georgia Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. Saito has served as co-director of the Human Rights Research Fund, as an expert consultant to the UN Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, and as a scholarly advisor to the National Japanese American Historical Society.

Natsu continues to work on behalf of political prisoners and is involved in efforts to defend indigenous rights, contest police misconduct, and protect academic freedom.