

Korean Comfort Women and the US Discoveries

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Comfort women were women and girls forced into sexual slavery during World War II. This exhibit highlights the newly discovered U.S. archival materials on Korean comfort women with supporting documentary film clips and book displays. The exhibit also highlights materials on this topic from UCI Libraries collections.

The archival materials include the first filmed evidence of comfort women, as well as photographs taken by U.S. military members who were fighting during WWII in South East Asia against the Japanese forces. The discoveries also include some U.S. army interrogation reports of Korean comfort women captured along with the Japanese POWs, which provides proof and a rare glimpse into the systematic management of comfort stations and the procurement of Korean comfort women by the Japanese colonial government in Korea and the Imperial Japanese military.

The materials in this exhibit are of particular interest since the California Department of Education has issued guidelines to include "Korean Comfort Women" as part of the high school curriculum. This helps educate students and the general public on a long-overlooked chapter in world history and is highly relevant today in shining a light on the broader issue of women's human rights and sexual slavery that still occurs throughout the world.

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This exhibit includes content that may be sensitive to some viewers; discretion is advised.

For more information on Korean comfort women, see this bibliography:
guides.lib.uci.edu/asian_studies/comfort-women

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