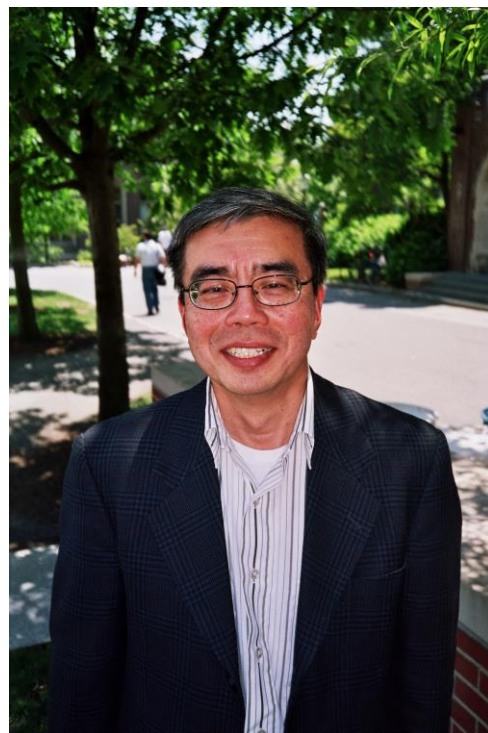


# **“Enemy Alien” or “Model Minority?” – The Complexities of the Japanese-American Experience from World War II and Beyond”**

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**Featured speaker: Dr. Robert Kaita**  
**Principal Research Physicist, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory**

Many people are familiar with the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. In her recent book, *Silver Like Dust*, Messiah College alumna Kimi Cunningham Grant provides a moving account of what it was like through the story of her grandmother's experiences. This talk will continue the conversation from the perspective of the generation “in between.” The speaker is the son of an internee who served in the US Army. He was a “Kibei,” or someone who was born in America but educated in Japan. This made him extremely valuable to US Military Intelligence, where he was assigned. Ironically, he was expected to immerse himself in the very language and culture that made our government suspect that he and his family were disloyal to America. The prejudice persisted in the postwar years. The speaker himself recalls teachers expecting him to be intelligent and well behaved. His peers, however, often taunted him for being “responsible for Pearl Harbor,” and told him to “go back to where he came from.” The talk will discuss the challenges such complexities create, and the importance of the speaker's faith in appreciating God's providence under difficult circumstances.



**Thursday, 23 April 2015, at 7:30 pm**

**Location: Boyer 137 (Parmer Cinema), Messiah College, Mechanicsburg, PA. Directions and a campus map are at <http://www.messiah.edu/map>.**

Dr. Robert Kaita is a physicist in the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory at Princeton University, where he is Head of Boundary Physics Operations for the National Spherical Torus Experiment-Upgrade (NSTX-U). This device is the largest of its kind for fusion energy research. Dr. Kaita's present focus is on plasma-surface interactions and the use of liquid metals as “first-wall” materials for fusion reactors. In the Plasma Physics Program of the Department of Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton University, he has supervised the research of two dozen doctoral students. A fellow of the American Physics Society, he received the Kaul Prize for Excellence in Plasma Physics Research and Technology Development for pioneering work in the use of liquid lithium metal as a renewable wall for fusion devices. Dr. Kaita is also a fellow and past president of the American Scientific Affiliation ([www.asa3.org](http://www.asa3.org)), a national network of Christians in science and engineering.

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