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An expert in U.S.–Japanese relations and the history of war, peace, and diplomacy in the Pacific world, Noriko Kawamura is the author of two books, *Emperor Hirohito and the Pacific War* and *Turbulence in the Pacific: Japanese–U.S. Relations during World War I*, with a third book on Emperor Hirohito’s Cold War in development.

In addition to her historical research, she teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses on topics spanning the history of U.S. foreign relations, U.S.–East Asian relations, U.S. military history, and modern Japanese history. She founded the Japan Club and was instrumental in establishing Japanese language courses on the Pullman campus.

On the international stage, she cultivated WSU partnerships with the Japanese government and expanded cultural and research collaborations with Japanese academic institutions.

She is the immediate past president of the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) organization, a regional affiliate of the national Association for Asian Studies, and played a key role in organizing the 2018 ASPAC conference.



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