

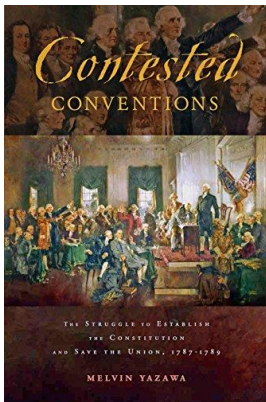
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## **UNM Professor Emeritus Melvin Yazawa Appears at the UNM Bookstore for Discussion and Signing**

Professor Melvin Yazawa will be at the UNM Bookstore on **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** at **1pm** to sign copies of *Contested Conventions* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016). This event is open to the public.



*Contested Conventions: The Struggle to Establish the Constitution and Save the Union, 1787-1789* is a useful, readable and accessible treatment of the critical founding moments in early American history. *Contested Conventions* examines the political and ideological clashes that accompanied the transformation of the country from a loose confederation of states to a more perfect union. Yazawa highlights the contingent nature of the struggle to establish the Constitution and brings into focus the overriding concern of the framers and ratifiers. *Contested Conventions* is a cohesive and compelling account of the defining issues that led to the establishment of the Constitution.

Melvin Yazawa joined the UNM History Department in 1984. He has since developed a variety of undergraduate courses and graduate seminars. He has authored multiple publications, including *From Colonies to Commonwealth* and *The Diary and Life of Samuel Sewall*.

The UNM Bookstore is located at 2301 Central Ave. NE at the intersection of Cornell and Central. Please contact Marie Claire Day at 277-1388 or [mclaired@unm.edu](mailto:mclaired@unm.edu) for more information.