

## ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

**MAIN ENTRY:** Suzuki, Kurt

**DATE OF INTERVIEW:** November 16, 2004

**LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:** Lubbock, Texas

**INTERVIEWER:** Daniel U. Sánchez/ John Askins

**FORMAT:** 1- CD and 1- Di8 videotape

**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** 3313 2117 5868

**LENGTH OF INTERVIEW:** 40 minutes

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** Kurt Suzuki discusses how he became interested in baseball and how he walked on to Cal State Fullerton. He also discusses what it takes to be a college athlete, the award he won and his team's NCAA National Baseball Championship.

### ABSTRACT:

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**DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:** 1983

**GENDER OF INFORMANT:** Male

**ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:** Hawaiian American