

Professors of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu

The title of Professor is one of the highest levels of achievement a person can be awarded in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu. The title of Professor is presented to select individuals who have dedicated many years of their life to the study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu. Even though there are many different Danzan Ryu organizations they all have similar standards and requirements a person must meet in order to be considered for this prestigious title.

NOTE: Persons holding themselves out with a professor's title from "dubious sources" and persons who have requested that their name not be listed for personal reasons have been removed. Names and information have not been excluded or omitted for reasons of personal or organizational bias.

This document will be periodically updated. Information concerning the names and organizations came from many different sources. If you have any additions or corrections to this list please contact Professor Bob McKean at cop2rn@aol.com

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* = Deceased Professor

Professors of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu

10th Dan = 37

Total DZR Professors = 230

Deceased = 49

Kodenkan / Danzan Ryu Jujitsu

Established: Territory of Hawaii, 1929

Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki*

January 28, 1890 – July 12, 1951

Founder of Kodenkan Judo / Danzan Ryu Jujitsu

The Judans of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu

Rick Alemany – 2014, American Jujitsu Institute

Ramon Ancho * - Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu, Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association

Tom Ball - 2010, American Judo & Jujitsu Federation

Bernard Baptiste * – American Jujitsu Institute

Bill Beach * – Hawaiian Jiu-jitsu System

Carl Beaver * - Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – AJI 1911

Willy Cahill - American Jujitsu Institute, Jujitsu America

Jame Carr - 2015, American Judo & Jujitsu Federation
 Roy Center – 2015, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai
 John Chow-Hoon * - Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu, Jujitsu America
 Mike Chubb – 2010, American Jujitsu Institute, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai
 John Congistre – 2010, American Judo & Jujitsu Federation
 Lee Eichelberger – 2012, Jujitsu America
 Dennis Eli - 2014, American Jujitsu Institute
 Bud Estes * – 1971, American Judo & Jujitsu Federation
 Lamar Fisher * - American Judo & Jujitsu Federation
 Antone Gonzales * - American Jujitsu Institute & Kodengan Yudanshakai
 Joe Holck * – Kodengan Yudanshakai, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai,
 AJI in 1991
 Vinson Holck (Dai Shihan) – Kodengan Yudanshakai – Jan 2011
 Harold Horiuchi – 2010, American Jujitsu Institute
 Tony Janovich – 2007, Kodengan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association
 Wally Jay * - American Jujitsu Institute, Jujitsu America
 Charles Kalani* - Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu
 Sig Kufferath * - Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu, Jujitsu America, Kilohana Martial
 Arts Association, Kodengan Yudanshakai
 Herb LaGue – Bushidokan Federation
 Bing Fai Lau * - Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu
 Franisco Limbago * - American Jujitsu Institute, Kodengan Yudanshakai
 Sam S. Luke * - American Jujitsu Institute
 Sam C. Luke - American Jujitsu Institute
 Bill Montero * - Kodengan Yudanshakai
 James Muro - Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu, Kilohana Martial Arts Association
 Libert O’Sullivan - American Jujitsu Institute, Kilohana Martial Arts
 Association
 Bill Randle – 2010, American Jujitsu Institute, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai
 Rory Rebmann – 2010, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, Pacific Jujitsu Alliance
 Jack Wheat * - American Jujitsu Institute, Kodengan Yudanshakai
 Clude Zimmerman – 2015, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai

The Professors of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu **By Organization**

Alameda High School Jujitsu Alumni **Association**

www.alamedajujitsu.org

Janice Okamoto - Counted on the Jujitsu America list

Allied Schools of Self Defense of America

(1955 – 1958)

Bill Montero * - 1953

Counted on the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation list

Ray Laymon – 1953

Raymond Duke Moore * - 1953

American Jujitsu Institute

www.americanjujitsuinstitute.org

Rick Alemany – (JUDAN 2014, American Jujitsu Institute)

Bernard Baptiste * (JUDAN - American Jujitsu Institute)

Carl Beaver * (JUDAN – American Jujitsu Institute - 1991)

Counted on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai list

Steve Byzek *

Willy Cahill (JUDAN – American Jujitsu Institute)

Counted on the Jujitsu America list

Melvin Cansibog

Roy Center - Counted on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai list

John Chow-Hoon *

Mike Chubb – (JUDAN 2010 – American Jujitsu Institute)

Counted on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai list

Kevin Dalrymple) - Counted on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai list

Ken Eddy

William Fischer - Counted on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai list

Dennis Eli – (JUDAN 2014, American Jujitsu Institute)

Emil “Curley” Freedman * – posthumously awarded kudan in 1973

Zane Graham – 2009

Juan Gomez *

Antone Gonzales * (JUDAN – American Jujitsu Institute)

Joe Holck * (JUDAN – American Jujitsu Institute – 1991)

Counted on the Kodenkan Yudanshakai list

Harold Horiuchi (JUDAN - 2009 American Jujitsu Institute)

Scott Horiuchi- American Jujitsu Institute, Jujitsu America

Wally Jay * (JUDAN – American Jujitsu Institute)

Counted on the Jujitsu America list

Ron Jennings - 2009 - Counted on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai list

Gary Jones - Counted on the Hawaiian Jui-Jitsu System list

Sig Kufferath * – 1953 *First Professor to succeed Professor Okazaki by vote of the AJI membership*

Franisco Limbago * (JUDAN - American Jujitsu Institute)

Sam S. Luke * (JUDAN - American Jujitsu Institute)

Sam C. Luke (JUDAN - American Jujitsu Institute)

David McNeill – 2009

Glenn Medici III – 2009, counted on the Kodokan Yudanshakai list

Janice Okamoto - Counted on the Jujitsu America list

Jason Spencer (Associate Professor) - 2012

Libert O'Sullivan (JUDAN – American Jujitsu Institute)

Bill Randle (Judan) – American Jujitsu Institute)

Counted on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai list

Tom Rennie (Associate Professor) - 2012

Len Riley

Danny Saragosa - 1998

Jack Wheat * (JUDAN - American Jujitsu Institute)

American Judo & Jujitsu Federation

www.ajjf.org

Stephen Aschenbenner Feb. 25, 1961 (Honorary Title)

Bert Aspinall * - Feb. 25, 1967

Tom Ball – Feb 25, 1967 (JUDAN - American Judo & Jujitsu Federation 2010)

Bill Beach – Feb 26, 1966 (SEE Hawaiian Jui-Jitsu System)

Jim Birmingham * - 1986

Pat Browne * - 1983

Marty Brzykcy - 2015

Abbie Cahill * - Dec. 29, 1956

John Cahill * - May 1, 1949

Willy Cahill – 1990 - *Counted on the Jujitsu America list*

Jane Carr – 1980 (JUDAN - American Judo & Jujitsu Federation 2015)

Kevin Colton – 2013 – *Counted on the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance list*

John Congistre – March 1, 1969 (JUDAN - American Judo & Jujitsu Federation 2010)

Don Cross - 1992

Mickey Davenport - 1966

Gene Edwards – April 1, 1978 (SEE: Christian Jujitsu Association)

Bud Estes – May 1, 1949 *(JUDAN - American Judo & Jujitsu Federation 1971)

Dennis Estes - 2001

Lucille Estes * - Dec. 29, 1956

Lamar Fisher * - Dec. 29, 1956 (JUDAN - American Judo & Jujitsu Federation)

Bud Fuller - 1967

Sheryl Hager - 2006

Tom Hill - 2006

Robert Hodgkin - 2009

Bob Hudson - 1995

Knud Janson Feb. 25, 1961 (Honorary Title)

Tom Jenkins - 1989
Sig Kufferath * – 1983 (Title of Shihan) - *Counted on the American Jujitsu
Institute list.*
Herb LaGue - 1995 (SEE: Bushidokan Federation)
Geoff Lane - 2001
Marie Law * - Dec. 29, 1956
Ray Law * - May 1, 1949
Carl Lundin* - April 4, 1964
Betty Maillette – Feb.1967
Bill Montero * - 1955, (Allied Schools of Self Defense of America)
(SEE: Kodenkan Yudanshakai)
Bill Morris * - Feb. 26, 1966
James Musselman – Feb. 27, 1960
Norman Carl Nelson * – Feb. 27, 1960
Larry Nolte - 2001
Rory Rebmann – April 1, 1978
Ken Regennitter * - Feb. 26, 1966
Richard Rickerts * - May 1, 1949
Tom Ryan - 2006
Troy Shehorn – 2015 (SEE Pacific Jujitsu Alliance)
Chuck Smith – Feb. 27, 1965
Kitty Smith – March 2, 1968
Glen Smith – Feb. 4, 1951
Florendo Visitation * Feb 26, 1966 (Honorary Title)

American Judo & Jujitsu Associate Professors

Ramon Ancho Jr.* (Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association)
Tony Janovich (Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association)
Alex Limbaugh (Hawaiian Jui-Jitsu System)
Imi Okazaki-Mullins * (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai)
Bill Randle (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai)
Clyde Zimmerman (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai)

***American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Professors who hold the
rank of Judan (10th dan) in other DZR organizations***

Bill Beach * (Hawaiian Jui-Jitsu System)
Herb LaGue (Bushidokan Federation)
Bill Montero * (Kodenkan Yudanshakai)
Rory Rebmann (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – 2010, Pacific Jujitsu
Alliance - 2012)

***American Judo & Jujitsu Federation black belts (current or
past) who hold the title of Professor with other DZR
organizations***

Maureen Browne (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – Hachidan 2015, Pacific
Jujitsu Alliance)

Kevin Colton (2012, Pacific Jujitsu Alliance)
Barbara Gressner (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, Pacific Jujitsu Alliance) - 2010
William Fischer (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai)
William Gessner – (Associate Professors of the Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Ass.)
Gerry Halligan – (2014, Pacific Jujitsu Alliance)
David Hollowell (*Christian Jujitsu Association*)
Tom Jenkins (Kilohana Martial Arts Association – 2015 (Kudan)
Ron Jennings (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, American Jujitsu Institute)
Sue Jennings (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai) - 2010
Dale Kahoun (Kilohana Martial Arts Association) - 2010
Robert Karnes (Bushidokan Federation)
Bob Krull * (Pacific Jujitsu Alliance - 2001)
Suki LaGue (Bushidokan Federation)
Gary Lescak (Hawaiian Jui-Jitsu System)
Roy Lonnberg (Bushidokan Federation)
Tim Lynch (Southern California Jujitsu Association)
James Marcinkus * (Southern California Jujitsu Association)
Bob McKean (2005 - Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, 2011 – Bushidokan
Federation, 2010 – Kilohana Martial Arts Association)
Steve McLaughlin (Bushidokan Federation)
Larry Nolte (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – Kudan, 2013)
Richard Radcliffe (Bushidokan Federation)
Rory Rebmann (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai - Judan, Pacific Jujitsu
Alliance - 2012)
Thabiti Sabahive – (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai) - 2015
Troy Shehorn (Pacific Jujitsu Alliance) - 2012)
David Scheid (Bushidokan Federation)
Edward Shatzen (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai) - 2004)

Bushidokan Federation

www.bushidokan.us

Herb LaGue - (JUDAN – (Bushidokan Federation)

Counted on the AJJF list

Burkhard Bohm

Dale Casale 2014

Leina Chang 2009

Mil Dhond 2009

Oswaldo Feijoo 2009

Richard Hueston Sr.

Robert Karnes 2004

Gerry Knapton 2009

Suki LaGue

Roy Lonnberg 2006

Victor Mancina 2008

Bob McKean 2011 *Counted on the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance list*

Steve McLaughlin 2004

Mike Miller

Ken Nussear 2009

Eric Pietrelli 2014

Richard Radcliffe 2010

Gustavo Sanchez 2011
David Scheid 2010
John Shipley 2009
Ross Tripilett 2014
Robby Wade
Kershune Wescott 2013
Michael Werth 2008

Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu

<http://goshinjitsuchowhoon.com>

Ramon Ancho * - (JUDAN – Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu
Counted on the Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association list.
Robert Austin
John Chow-Hoon * - (JUDAN - Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu)
Counted on the American Jujitsu Institute list
Russell Coelho
Lyle Ho *
Neil Hourston
Charles Kalani* - (JUDAN - Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu)
Bob Kent
Sig Kufferath * (Title of Dai Shihan)
Counted on the American Jujitsu Institute list.
Bing Fai Lau * - (JUDAN – Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu)
James Muro (JUDAN – Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu)

Christian Jujitsu Association

www.christianjujitsu.com

Dan Baca – 2011
Marcos Baca - 2011
Rich Borba - 2015
Todd Driver – 2005
Gene Edwards - (*Hachidan - Christian Jujitsu Association*)
Counted on the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation List
Lora Edwards * (posthumously awarded 1-24-05)
David Hollowell - 2005

Danzan Ryu Yudanshakai

Inactive Organization: Headed by Professors Dominic and Helen Carollo.

David Bellman – 1991- Counted on the Southern California Jujitsu Association list.

Lawrence Boydston

Mike Esmailzadeh - 1997

Steve Macoritto

Hawaiian Jiu-jitsu System

Inactive Organization

Steve Barber - 1986

Bill Beach * - (JUDAN - Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System)

Counter on the AJJF list

William R. Beach *

Don Cox

Jimmy Green

Johnny Hartsell

Gary Jones - 1993

Gary Lescak

Margaret Limbaugh

Alex Limbaugh

Byron Walker *1993

Jujitsu America

www.jujitsuamerica.org

= Title of Associate Professor

Rudolph Aguilar

Ramon Ancho *

Counted on the Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association list

Lawrence Boydston - # 2013

Counter on the Kilohana Martial Arts Association list

Richard Bunch

Walter Burgo - 2014

Willy Cahill (JUDAN 1994 - Jujitsu America)

Lee Eichelberger 1988 (JUDAN 2012)

John Chow-Hoon * (JUDAN 1996 – Jujitsu America)

Counted on the American Jujitsu Institute list.

Joe DeBattista - # 2013

Wally Jay* (JUDAN 1986 - Jujitsu America)

Dave Jennings

Ron Jennings - 2011.

Counted on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai list.

Charles Kalani *

Sig Kufferath * – (JUDAN – Jujitsu America)

Counted on the American Jujitsu Institute list.

Duwane McCarney

James Muro - 1990

Janice Okamoto - 2009

Eric Renner - # 2013

Joe Souza - 2001

Jujitsu Institute of America

Inactive Organization

William R. Beach *

Counted on the Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System list

Gary Jones

Counted on the Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System list

Byron Walker *

Counted on the Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System list

Kilohana Martial Arts Association

www.kilohana.org

= Title of Associate Professor for godan & rokudan grades

^ = Charter Member of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association

Lawrence Boydston – 2010

Counted on the Danzan Ryu Yudanshakai list

Jack Carter – 2010 ^

Russ Coelho – 2010 ^

Counted on the Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu list

Chuck Goodman – 2013 #

Tim Harris – 2013 #

Sig Kufferath * (Title of Dai Shihan)

Counted on the American Jujitsu Institute list.

Mike Esmailzadeh – 2010 ^

Counted on the Danzan Ryu Yudanshakai list

Al Ikemoto – 2010 ^

Hans Ingebretsen – 2010 ^

Tom Jenkins – 2012 (Counted on the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation list)

Dale Kahoun – 2010 ^

Libert O’Sullivan – (Judan - Kilohana)

Counted on the American Jujitsu Institute list

Bob McKean – 2010 ^

Counted on the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance list.

Scott Merrill – 2010 #

James Muro ^ - (Judan – Kilohana 2011)

Counted on the Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu list

Chris Nicholas – 2013 #

Counted on the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance list.

Stephen Nicholas – 2010 #

Richard Pietrelli – 2010

Russ Rhodes ^

Mike Tucker - 2013 #

Counted on the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance list.

Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association

Ramon Ancho *1978 (JUDAN - Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association)

Sandra Ancho

Clive Guth - 2005

Tony Janovich - 1992 (2007 JUDAN – Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association)

Doug Kiehl 1996

Jane Kiehl - 2007

Sig Kufferath * – 1978 - *Counted on the American Jujitsu Institute list*

Associate Professors of the Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Ass.

William Gessner

Ron Jennings – Counted on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai list

*Charlie Kalani *- Counted on the Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu list*

Kodenkan Yudanshakai

No website

NOTE: This organization uses the title of Shihan and not Professor

David Heacock

Steve Herzog

Barry Holck

Joe Holck * (Dai Shihan/Judan - Kodenkan Yudanshakai)

Vinson Holck – 2000 (Dai Shihan/Judan – Kodenkan Yudanshakai)

Jim Kelton

Sig Kufferath * – (Dai Shihan – Kodenkan yudanshakai)

Counter on the American Jujitsu Institute list.

Glenn Medici III

Bill Montero * - (Dai Shihan/Judan - Kodenkan Yudanshakai)

Counter on the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation List.

David Parker

Irene Swanson

Meleana Holck Tomooka

Pacific Jujitsu Alliance

www.pacificjujitsualliance.com

Kevin Colton - 2012

Maureen Browne – 2012 - counted on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai list

Barbara Gessner – 2010 – counted on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai list

Gerry Halligan - 2014

Bob Krull * - 2001

Bob McKean – 2005

Chris Nicholas - 2013

Larry Nolte – 2012 - Counter on the AJJF list

Rory Rebmann – 2012 (**JUDAN – Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai**)

Counted on the AJJF list

Troy Shehorn – 2012

Mike Tucker - 2013

Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai

www.shoshinryu.com

Carl Beaver * (**JUDAN – Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai**)

Rawlin Blake

Maureen Browne - 2001

Steve Byzek* – 1995

Roy Center – 1990 (**JUDAN 2015 – Shoshan Ryu Yudanshakai**)

Richard Charlebois

Michael Chubb - Counted on the Southern California Jujitsu Association list (**JUDAN 2010 – Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai**)

Dominic Corollo *

Counted on the Southern California Jujitsu Association list

Helen Corollo - Counted on the Southern California Jujitsu Association list

Kevin Dalrymple

James Dehaven *

Rick Dehaven - 1991

Michael Dickinson

William Fischer

Owen Gallagher

Carlos Gallegos

Barbara Gessner - 2010

Joe Holck * (**JUDAN – Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai**)

Counted on the Kodenkan Yudanshakai list

Jon Jacques

Tom Jenkins – 2013 (Counted on the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation list)

Ron Jennings - 1999
Sue Jennings - 2010
Randall Katz
Justic Kocher - 2015
Michael LaMarche
Jack Mauck
Bob McKean – 2013 (counted on the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance list)
Stephen McMillan
Roger Medlen
Imi Okazaki-Mullins * 1994
Norm Carl Nelson * (Counted on the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation list)
Chris Nicholas - 2013 (counted on the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance list)
Larry Nolte – 2013 (Counted on the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation list)
Randall Ora
Barry Posner - 2004
Bill Randle - 1977 (JUDAN - Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai)
Counted on the Southern California Jujitsu Association list
Rory Rebmann – 2010 (Judan – Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai)
Counted on the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation list.
Len Riley - 1991
Joseph Ristrom - 2009
Thabiti Sabahive - 2015
Michael Salter
David Seifried
Edward Shatzen - 2004
Troy Shehorn – 2013 (Counted on the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance list)
Bryan Stanley - 2005
Bruce Stokes
Jon Tessier
Mike Tucker - 2013 (counted on the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance list)
Dan Weinberg
David Williams
Gregory Wilson
Clyde Zimmerman – 1991 (JUDAN 2016 – Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai)

Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – Recognized Professors

William AhMoo

Bill Beach – Counted the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation list.

Michael Belzer - Counted on the Southern California Jujitsu Association list.

Lawrence Boydston - Counter on Danzan Ryu Yudanshakai list

Willy Cahill - Counted on the Jujitsu America list

John Congistre - Counted on the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation List.

Anthony Gonzales * - Counter on the American Jujitsu Institute list.

Lamar Fisher * - Counter on the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation list.

Vincent Holck - Counted on the Kodenkan Yudanshakai list

Wally Jay * - Jujitsu America
Tony Janovich - Counted on the Kodengan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association list
Sig Kufferath * - Counter on the American Jujitsu Institute list.
Francisco Limbago * - Counter on the American Jujitsu Institute list.
Sam C. Luke - Counter on the American Jujitsu Institute list.
David Nuuhiwa *
Danny Saragosa - Counted on the American Jujitsu Institute list
Edward Shatzen
Jack Wheat * - Counter on the American Jujitsu Institute list.

Southern California Jujitsu Association

Inactive Organization

David Bellman
Michael Belzer - 1992
Leif Bennet
Dominic Carollo *
Mike Chubb - 1984
Helen Corollo
Mike Lynch * - 1986
Tim Lynch - 1986
Dave Marcinkus
James Marcinkus *
Tony Muran
Bill Randle
Bill Troff
Naomi Troff