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NEWSLETTER FALL 2009

Dear Alums, Friends, and Family of the Inter-University Center,

Hello once again from the Inter-University Center! As executive director, allow me to wish you season's greetings from the staff at Stanford and in Yokohama, the faculty, and the consortium representatives.

As most of you will know from previous communications, the IUC is mourning the loss of two former Yokohama directors, Dr. Kenneth Butler and Dr. William Tyler. Dr. Butler and Dr. Tyler were both dedicated to the IUC and its mission and served admirably during their time in Yokohama—Dr. Tyler for two years and Dr. Butler for two decades. Their sacrifices and exemplary leadership will always be remembered.

Along with the sad news comes glad tidings of a new Yokohama director—Dr. James Baxter, who began his tenure this past September. Dr. Baxter is just beginning an appointment as Professor of History at J. F. Oberlin University in Machida and will be serving half-time there and half-time as IUC director through a special arrangement worked out between Stanford and J. F. Oberlin University. Dr. Baxter, who received his B.A. at Stanford and his M.A. and PhD degrees at Harvard (in History, 1978), has abundant experience in both the academic and corporate worlds. Most recently, he spent ten years at the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken). We believe he is ideally suited to guide the IUC as we approach our 50th anniversary in 2013. We wish him the best in his new responsibilities and anticipate great benefits from his leadership.

This year 59 students are enrolled in our ten-month program—our largest enrollment ever—and our faculty report that our students are enthusiastic and dedicated. Despite the extra labors required from them in accommodating so large a class, our teachers continue to exhibit the highest standards of professionalism.

As always, the IUC is facing financial challenges, but we have been able to offer some form of financial support to nearly all of our students, thanks to generous support from the Blakemore Foundation, the Richard U. Light Fellowship Program (for Yale students), the Sato Foundation, the Cressant Foundation, the Hiroko Fowler Scholarship Fund, the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship (for University of Hawaii students), the US Department of Education, and various independent scholarship supporters in Japan. These and all other forms of financial assistance are greatly appreciated.

Again, we wish you all the best. If you are in the neighborhood, please drop by the Center. We would be very happy to show you around.

Sincerely,
Steven D. Carter
Executive Director, Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies
Professor of Asian Languages and Cultures, Stanford University

Class of 2009-10



Universities Represented

California State University-Los Angeles, Columbia University, Cornell University, Duke University, Harvard University, Indiana University, Kenyon College, Knox College, Middlebury College, Oberlin College, Ohio State University, Portland State, Princeton University, Stanford University, Suffolk University, University of California-Berkeley, University of California-Irvine, University of California-Los Angeles, University of Cambridge, University of Chicago, University of Hawaii-Manoa, University of Illinois, University of Kansas, University of London, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Montana, University of Oxford, University of Pittsburgh, University of Puget Sound, University of Rochester, University of San Francisco-Law School, University of Southern California, University of Washington, Yale University

Faculty

Soichi Aoki (Associate Director), Tomotaro Akizawa, Tamaki Kono, Kiyomi Kushida, Takashi Matsumoto (Program Coordinator), Makiko Ohashi, Hiroko Otake (Instructional Coordinator), Ari Sato, Tsukasa Sato

Part Time Faculty

Eri Goto, Yoshiko Hashimoto, Yoko Kato, Toshiko Kawasaki, Yasuko Kanayama, Akiyo Senda, Nobuko Suzuki, Junko Saito, Kaoko Yoshikawa

Director

Dr. James C. Baxter

Staff

Mieko Furuoya (Financial and Administrative Manager), Junko Tanaka (Administrative Officer), Chieko Yoshida (Student Coordinator)

Part Time Staff

Eri Goto, Aya Toma

Class of Summer 2009



Universities Represented

Columbia University, Harvard Law, Harvard University, MIT, Ohio State University, Princeton University, Stanford University, University of California-Los Angeles, University of Hawaii, University of Michigan, University of Southern California, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of San Francisco-Law School, Yale University



Greetings from Director Dr. James C. Baxter

Greetings,

I am honored to have the opportunity to play a part in the operation of the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies. For me to say this in this instance is not merely to express a truism. I never studied here myself, but ever since I entered graduate school more than forty years ago, I have been deeply impressed by the facility in Japanese that students have developed under the guidance of inspiring IUC instructors.

When I first heard that the IUC was searching for a new resident director, I assumed that only people with experience in language pedagogy would be taken seriously as candidates. A sometime historian, sometime banker, sometime editor like me need not apply, I thought. I was told, however, that it was not necessary that one have background as a Japanese language educator in order to do this job, precisely because the IUC program and the IUC language instructors are superb. My role is not to involve myself in pedagogical matters, but to serve as an administrator of the functions of the Center that support our program of instruction.

As soon as I met and spoke individually with the nine full-time IUC faculty members, my image of the Center was confirmed. These teachers are dedicated, incredibly skilled professionals, worthy successors to the distinguished instructors who won a sterling reputation for the IUC over the decades. The three members of our office staff, too, quickly made it evident to me that they are supremely competent. It took no time at all after I arrived in Yokohama for me to appreciate what readers of this Newsletter know from their own experiences as students or from other contacts with our faculty and staff: The IUC is an excellent organization with excellent people.

At the end of the first quarter of the current academic year, I was shown student evaluations. These are evaluations by the students of the instructors. Our faculty earned what I regard as astonishing high marks, and more than a few students added comments such as "the best language teacher I ever had." To be sure, these evaluations reflect only two months of this year's program. But they do reinforce my own initial highly positive assessment of our teachers and our program. They show that the IUC is thriving. I am very pleased to have a chance to contribute to such a fine institution, and promise to do all I can to maintain it and even, if possible, with the cooperation of our faculty and staff and people like you, improve it.

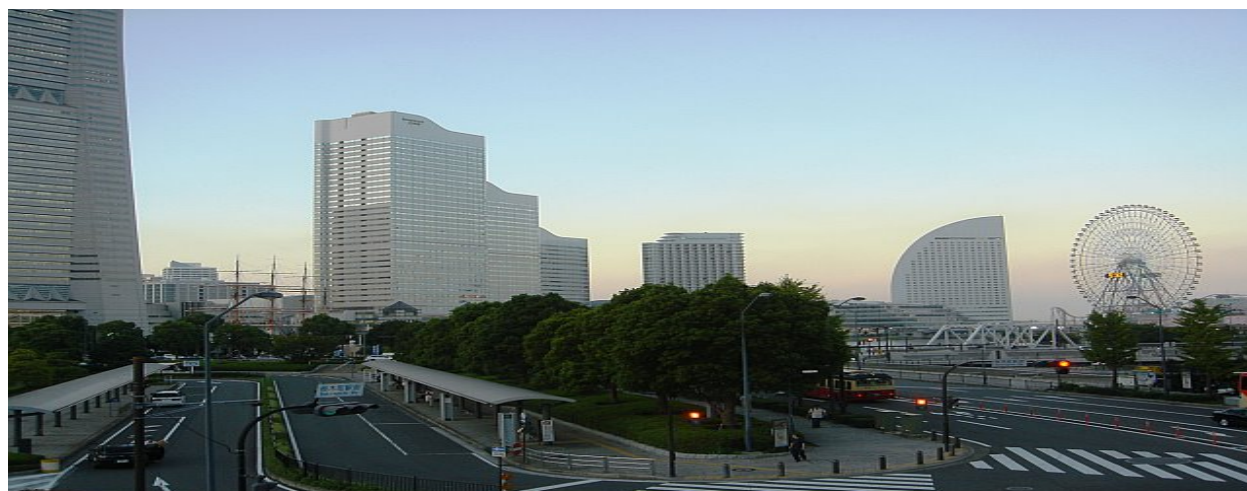


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In Memory

Dr. Kenneth D. Butler (1930-2009)



On behalf of the Stanford staff, the Executive Committee, the Advisory Board, and the many others involved on campuses throughout the US, Canada, and Europe, we express our sadness at the death of Dr. Kenneth Butler. Ken was a three-term director of the Inter-University Center and one of its guiding lights.

All of us associated with the IUC have known that the day of the passing of our dear friend and colleague would come sooner rather than later. Ken had been locked in a valiant battle with illness for some years that had sapped much of his legendary strength and vitality, and we all know that even mighty oaks must fall. All the same, knowing and being resigned are quite different things. For most of us, the idea that Ken is gone is still difficult to imagine.

Ken's introduction to the Far East came while he served in the U.S. Navy as a computer and radar technician, from 1950-1954. He received his BA, with honors, in Classical Chinese from the University of Chicago in 1957, going on to earn an MA from Harvard the next year, again in Chinese, and a PhD from Harvard—this time focusing on medieval Japanese language and literature—in 1964. From 1963 to 1967 he served as an assistant professor at Yale University, before making the fateful decision to take up duties as Director of the Inter-University Center for

Japanese Language Studies, then located in Tokyo. In addition to his academic articles on *The Tale of the Heike*, he was the author of numerous articles on Japanese language education and Japanese culture.

Ken was an extraordinary man, a man of energy, dedication, and persistence, whose contributions to the IUC simply cannot be overstated. As all of us who had any contact with him will know, he had a strong sense of pride in the growth and flourishing of the IUC, to which he contributed more than any other individual over his three terms as director, which spanned more than twenty years. Supported by a valiant staff of teachers and managers and with the cooperation of colleagues at the universities that make up the consortium, he more than any other individual built the Center into what it is today, with painstaking labor and intellectual vision. The first class comprised only 4 students, but by 1995 there were 47. This year our enrollment stands at 59, the largest class on record.

Ken was also instrumental in securing needed financial support for the IUC from many organizations over many years, including the Japan Foundation, the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, the City of Yokohama, the Shoyu Club, the Tokyo Club, the College Women's Association of Japan, Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation, The America Japan Society, Ito Foundation USA, Canon Computers, and Toshiba Foundation. For his contribution to the development of education and culture in Yokohama he was awarded the Yokohama City Bunka-sho (Cultural Award) in 2000 and the next year received an honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree from Yokohama City University in recognition of his scholarly work in pre-modern Japanese literature, his contributions to the development of Japanese language education, and his efforts in promoting international exchange at Yokohama City University. The last award bestowed upon him in his lifetime was the Shigemitsu Mamoru Prize, named in honor of the renowned twentieth-century diplomat and foreign minister. Ken received that prize in December 2008, a few months after his retirement from the IUC.

Perhaps the greatest tribute we can give to Ken is to note the accomplishments of IUC students, who now hold leadership positions in all areas of Japanese scholarship, in business, law, education, government, and diplomacy. The roster now includes over 1600 names in every imaginable field of endeavor, most of them still actively engaged with Japan and Japanese studies. Those students have written over 600 books, thousands of articles, and been involved in countless business ventures and legal negotiations. They have been at the very forefront of US-Japan relations for the past five decades, and thanks to the dedicated service of Ken and other directors, they will no doubt continue to be so into the future.

While we are saddened by Ken's loss, then, we at the same time have profound feelings of gratitude for his contributions to the IUC and for his friendship. Not all who pass on leave behind a concrete legacy, but Ken Butler is one who truly has done

so. The continued health and vitality of the IUC will stand as the best possible tribute to his labors for, we hope, decades to come.

In coming months, the IUC will be issuing a special newsletter in honor of Ken, where students and colleagues will have the opportunity to say a few words about him. We will also be establishing a fund in his honor so that students in the future, too, will know his name and remain aware of the great contribution of Dr. Kenneth Butler to the IUC. Those who wish to give to this fund now may send checks made payable to "IUC/Ken Butler Memorial Fund" c/o Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Encina Hall, Room E009, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-6055.

Dr. William Tyler



William Jefferson Tyler, Yokohama Director from 1987-1989, died on January 2, 2009 after a brief illness. The following is excerpted from the Ohio State University Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures web site <deall.osu.edu/news/yr2009/williamtyler.cfm>.

"Professor Tyler's passing is an enormous loss to the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at The Ohio State University. Professor Tyler received his B.A. from International Christian University in Tokyo and an A.M. and a Ph.D. from the Department of East Asian Languages & Civilizations at Harvard University. He came to OSU in 1991 after a distinguished career of teaching at Amherst and University of Pennsylvania and as the director of the most prestigious intensive Japanese language program, the Inter-University Center of Japanese Language Studies in Yokohama.

The body of scholarship left to us by William Tyler is truly impressive. With the publication of his *The Bodhisattva* (Columbia University Press, 1990) and *The Legend of Gold & Other Stories* (University of Hawai'i Press, 1998), he established a national and international reputation as the foremost scholar of the important Japanese novelist Ishikawa Jun, an author whose stylistic virtuosity, historical acuity, and philosophical depth have long been recognized. Professor Tyler's latest book, *Modanizumu: Modernist Fiction from Japan, 1913-1938* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2008) is a monumental work of scholarship. These books and his many articles and translations have established him not only as one of the finest translators of his generation but also as one of our most original and creative scholars of Japan.

Professor Tyler was a dedicated and inspiring teacher. His courses for undergraduates were among the most popular offered by our department. Professor Tyler devoted a great deal of time and effort to teaching and guiding his graduate students to successful careers.

As a colleague, William Tyler was invariably generous in sharing his extensive knowledge of Japan, his books and research sources, and the teaching materials he had developed. He is simply irreplaceable as a teacher, colleague, and friend."



Oral Presentations, Class of 2008-09

(Note: translated to English – original presentations are in Japanese)

- (The Japanese Healthcare System: Fighting to Stay on Top) Cristina Almendarez / Yale University
- (Marriage Difficulties in Present-Day Japan: From a Linguistic Perspective) Erika Alpert / University of Michigan
- (Buddhist Iconography and Social Activism) Charles Alvarez / Yale University
- (Japanese Mahjong and the Law) Benjamin Boas / Brown University / Kyoto University
- (Economics of the Yakuza) Katrina Brett / Willamette University
- (The Mutual Influence of Writing Form and Content: Medieval Japanese Depictions of China) (n/a)
- (Animals in Setsuwa Stories: Their Symbolism and Significance) (n/a)
- (Japan's Drag Lag) Rushelle Byfield / Yale University
- (The Water Culture and Politics of the Lake Biwa Area) Cheng-Heng Chang / University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Japanese Immigrants to Southeast Asia in the Meiji and Early Taisho Eras-The Overlooked Immigrants) Suzy Cincone (Indiana University)
- (From Cats to Passports: An Overview of RFID Security and Privacy Issues) Benessa Defend / University of Massachusetts
- (The Fansub Phenomenon and Legal Issues: Freedom of Information vs. Intellectual Property Rights) John de Perczel (University of Southern California)
- ("Ongaku ha heiki nari / Music is a weapon of war": Shouwa composers and the politicization of aesthetics) James Edwards (University of California, Los Angeles)
- (Analysis and Refinement of SKIP Content) (n/a)
- (Bouncing Propaganda: Rubber Balls and Wartime Japan) Kjell Ericson / Stanford University
- (Style Shifting in Japanese: A study on the dependence of distal and direct forms on politeness and awareness) Andrew Fleury / Stanford University
- (GAIKUJ: the space between man and architecture) Gary Fox / Yale University
- (Not Chasing Time: Time-Consciousness in the Edo Period) Yulia Frumer / Princeton University
- (Akihabara: Conditioning a Public 'Otaku' Image) Patrick Galbraith / Sophia University
- (Mori no Sato: Yokohama's New Children's Home) Kathryn Goldfarb / (University of Chicago)
- (Making the Familiar "Novel": Chinese Vernacular Composition in the Tokugawa) William Hedberg / (Harvard University)
- (Multicultural Education in Japanese Public Schools) Hilary Holbrow / Boston University
- (Using the Web for Today's Business) Matthew Iannotti / University of Massachusetts
- (Art in the Threshold of Nature and Artifice) James Jack / University of Hawaii
- (SANKAKU: Cozy Bakery Café) Sarah Justeson / University of Buffalo
- (Intellectual Property's Godzilla: Patent trolls and their effects in Japan) Gautam Kene / Columbia University
- (Blogs and Affiliate Marketing) Helen Kenyon / University of Cambridge
- (The Yamanashi Wine Industry) Aaron Kingsbury / University of Hawaii
- (Japan's China Policy: Hedging and Binding) Daniel Kliman / Princeton University
- (Rock Star: The Quest for Fame in the Japanese Music) Anthony Koutzoukis / Berklee College of Music / Cornell University
- (Don't screw with me, Japanese job market) Christopher Kulesa / Stanford University
- (Bringing the Inter-University Center to the World: Kanji in Context for the iPhone) Daniel Kurtz / Northeastern University
- (Natsuo Kirino's "Ugly Women") (n/a)
- (Japanese expression influenced by the Bible) Jinkyung Lee / University of Michigan
- (The Japan Empire and the Local Cultural Movement in Taiwan during Wartime - Focusing on Folklore in Taiwan) Hsin-Chieh Li / University of California, Irvine
- (Takahashi Yuichi's Works and his Spiral Painting Exhibition Space: Spiral Architecture of a Pleasure Garden) (n/a)
- (The San Francisco Peace Treaty in Four Contexts) Jennifer Miller / University of Wisconsin
- (Between opposition and cooperation: Burakumin and Modern Japan) Ryan Moran / University of California, San Diego
- (Those Colorful Picture Books) (n/a)

- (Japan's "Hooterasu": Light for All people) Rei Onishi / Harvard University
- (In Search of the Perfect Bowl of Ramen) Aaron Otani / Yale University
- (Exceptional Drawing Techniques and Evolvement of Aesthetic Sense in Ukiyo-e Prints of Beauty) Zhiying Qian / University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- (Did a recent decision of the Fukuoka District Court allow the defendant to benefit from leaving the scene of the accident? : what is meant by "severe punishment" towards drunk drivers who leave the scene.) Brian Quinn / St. John's University / Cornell University
- (The Discourse of Mixed-Blood Children in Postwar Japan: Eugenics, Nationalism, and the Politics of Sex) Kristin Roebuck / Columbia University
- (Secrets of Longevity: Lessons from Okinawa) Matthew Rosenbaum / Macalaster College / Okinawa Int'l University
- (Satan's Eye: The Discovery of Sin in Ephrem the Syrian's verse homily on the "Sinful Woman") Patrick Schwemmer / Yale University
- (The Future of Japanese Professional Baseball) Andrew Stuerzel / Wesleyan University
- (Making Salmon Modern: The development of Hokkaido's canning industry) Heather Anne Swanson / University of California, Santa Cruz
- (China: The Rebirth of an Empire by Jesse Veverka) Jesse Veverka / Cornell University
- (Form and State of Mind: The lessons of Howl's Moving Castle) Jonathan Wagner / University of California, Irvine
- (Falling Angels: Japan's Angel Plan Policies to Cope with the Declining Birthrate) Wrenn Yennie / Monterey Institute
- (Colorless Racialization: Discrimination and Assimilation of Resident Koreans in Japan) Sharon Yoon / Princeton University
- (Kamikaze special attack corps: Fate and Fear) Vanessa Young / University of Washington

2013 Celebration and Campaign

The year 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies. The Inter-University Center became a consortia in 1963 and, as such, is an essential asset for the United States and Japan. For over forty-five years the IUC has offered the premier American program for teaching of advanced Japanese. Its distinguished graduates in academia, law, business, government service, public policy, journalism, non-profit management and other key professions have been in the forefront of American education about and interaction with Japan. The IUC's role is critical to the future of Japanese studies in the United States, to American understanding of Japan more generally, and to the development of professional leaders capable of working productively with a key ally and partner across a broad range of economic, political, security and cultural issues. It is thus imperative to ensure the ongoing vitality of the IUC by providing the stability it needs and deserves.



The 50th anniversary of the IUC in 2013 provides the ideal target for a significant effort to solidify base support and increase resources for the future. Accordingly, the Advisory Board has begun a 2013 development campaign. As a proud IUC graduate indebted to its outstanding faculty and program, I am delighted to be working with the Board, alumni and friends on the organization of the campaign. The present economic climate in both the US and Japan is hardly optimum for such an effort, but given the need and the amount of work to be done it is important to move forward. There will be many ways to help, and we look forward to the active participation of all IUC graduates.

John Wheeler
IUC '68-69

Alumni News



Tokyo Reception

IUC graduates, friends and supporters gathered at Tokyo's International House of Japan on November 20 for an evening of commemoration and celebration. Following a similar highly successful event in November 2008, the occasion provided an opportunity to bring an important segment of the growing IUC family together to extol its critical contribution to American education and U.S.-Japan relations and to meet its new Director, James Baxter. It also provided a poignant moment of remembrance and tribute, honoring longtime IUC Director Kenneth Butler who passed away in early October.

The formal part of the evening began when IUC Professor and Program Coordinator Takashi Matsumoto, serving as shikaisha, read a greeting from IUC Board Chairman James Ketelaar. He then introduced Dr. Baxter, who shared his thoughts upon becoming Director. Associate Director Soichi Aoki kicked off the tribute to Ken Butler with a rousing slide show that presented with insight and humor the larger-than-life energy, vitality and enthusiasm of the man who, more than any other individual, built the IUC into what it is today. The commemoration of Dr. Butler's life and the more than 20 years he spent at the Center also included a memorial message from IUC Executive Director Steven Carter and testimonials from former instructor Sumie Tani and alumni Richard Wallace ('70-'71), Tracy Dahlby ('73-'74), David Livdahl ('73-'74), Keith Casner ('00-'01), and John Wheeler ('68-'69). Dr. Baxter then paid tribute to another former Director who passed away in 2009, William Tyler. Before the informal socializing resumed, Mr. Wheeler outlined preliminary plans for a strategic campaign to strengthen the IUC's base, looking to its 50th anniversary in 2013.

The enthusiasm for the IUC and its great value to their lives and careers was palpable among the assembled graduates representing widely diverse fields, from university teaching to venture capital, from law to rock music. All looked forward to the next chance for such an enjoyable, meaningful reunion.

Class Representatives

The IUC seeks volunteers from each class to serve as Class Representative. Several classes have reps already in place ('72, '84, '88, '89, '02, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09), however we have many classes still unrepresented, and we welcome volunteers. As a Class Rep, you would be responsible for staying in touch with your classmates and keeping us current on emails and addresses, passing along important IUC updates, and serving as the contact person for your class. It's a good way to stay in touch with colleagues. If interested, please contact the Stanford Administrative Office.

Alumni Updates 2005-2009

2004-05

William Dunbar

William works for Eiken and resides in Yokohama with his wife.

Isaac Gagne

Isaac is a PhD candidate at Yale University, doing research in the Waseda University area on new religious movement and ethics/morality in contemporary Japan. He anticipates remaining in the Tokyo area until December 2010.

Aaron Hames

Aaron and wife Kiyomi reside in Yokohama (Higashi Totsuka) with their two year old son. Aaron's blog <http://awaumi.blogspot.com/>

Amity Malack

Amity received an MA in International Migration Policy from the Monterey Institute of International Studies and is a resident fellow at the International Organization for Migration Thailand Refugee Resettlement Program. She recently became engaged and can be reached at amalack@exchange.miiis.edu

Jon-Pal Mouzakis Gagnum

Jon-Pal resides in Rome where he is employed by Aveeno. Previously he lived in Los Angeles where he was employed by Neutrogena.

Kristy Surak

Kristy lives in Central London conducting post-doctorate research. She completed her dissertation from University of California, Los Angeles. She can be reached at <http://ksurak.bol.ucla.edu>

2005-06

Emily Chung

Emily resides in New York where she is employed by the Center for Global Partnership (CGP)—Japan Foundation as a Program Assistant.

Kara Hill

Upon completion of the IUC, Kara began work at Ito-Yokado's headquarters in Tokyo. After just one year, she returned to the US where she began studying the Chinese language at Cornell University. In 2008, she traveled to Taiwan to continue language study at ICLP. She is currently enrolled in the Ohio State University's Chinese Flagship program to obtain a master's degree with a focus on East Asia.

Yoshio Leeper

Yoshio remained in Japan post-IUC, working for the Fujitsu Research Institute for a year followed by a two-year stint as a research student at the Waseda University Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies. He returned to Fujitsu in April, and continues to enjoy life in Tokyo.

Mark Makdad

Since graduation, Mark has been working for a bilingual staffing and recruitment agency in Tokyo with a large client base among multinational companies in Japan. He manages a team of 5 Japanese staff and is responsible for the contract/temp

staff division of the firm. His next step is to pursue an MBA providing him with the business, education, and language skills necessary to contribute to his clients at a higher level.

Val Penascino

After the IUC, Val returned to Washing DC and was hired by the Embassy of Japan to work in press and public relations. He spent the next two years promoting Embassy sponsored cultural events, writing speeches for Japanese diplomats, articles for the Embassy newsletter and helping to run Embassy film festivals, performances and symposiums. At present, Val works for the US Department of State as a Special Agent protecting foreign dignitaries visiting the US. He recently completed an assignment as Lead Advance agent for Japanese Foreign Minister Okada on his visit to the United Nations General Assembly. Assignments have taken him to South Africa, The Congo and Hartford, Connecticut.

Jolyon B. Thomas

After finishing the IUC program, Jolyon did a year of research at Today, finished his MA at the University of Hawaii, and published several articles, in both Japanese and English, related to his thesis. He is now a second year student in Religion at Princeton University. Although his dissertation research is heading in new directions, Jolyon continues to work on issues related to medic and religion in contemporary Japan. He's happy to share that he has recently become engaged and says that he can be found on Facebook and Academia.edu <http://Academia.edu>.

2006-07

Harvey Beasley

Harvey is a second year student at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy working on his MALD degree. Summer 2009 he interned at the US Embassy in Tanzania in the Public Diplomacy section. That same summer he visited Japan for 10 days on a Travel Scholarship from The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP). With the aid of this scholarship, he visited various places related to his studies including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he spoke with Japanese diplomats on a variety of topics including Japanese Public Diplomacy. From January 2010 to August 2010, he will be studying Chinese in Kunming China on a Boren Graduate Fellowship. Upon graduation, Harvey plans to join the US Foreign Service as a Public Diplomacy Officer.

Nadia Kanagawa

After graduating IUC, Nadia joined Google Japan as a recruiter and spent 1.5 years recruiting for sales, marketing, back office and support positions. When Koichiro Tsujino became the new president of Google Japan, she transferred to a position as his full-time assistant. She reports that the experience has been wonderful, working for a leader with such a strong vision for Google in Japan and she has had opportunities to meet many innovative and inspiring people.

Namiko Kunimoto

Since returning from IUC, Namiko was married in June 2008 and has been working toward completing her dissertation, "Portraits of the Sun: Gender and Nationhood in the Art of Tanaka Atsuko and Shiraga Kazuo." An essay based on this project received the Chino Kaori Memorial Essay prize from the Japan Art History Forum, the primary organization of Japanese Art Historians in North America. Namiko is looking forward to receiving her PhD from the University of California, Berkeley in May 2010.

Tyler Morrison

After graduating from the IUC, Tyler worked as a Japanese document reviewer and translator for Constantine and Cannon, LLP for a year and then began a post-baccalaureate pre-med program to complete the required coursework for medical school. With that coursework and the MCATs behind him, Tyler is currently applying to medical school. During the lengthy application process, he is employed as a CRTA Fellow (cancer research) at the National Cancer Institute of the NIH.

Ryan Masaaki Yokota

Ryan recently returned to Japan under a Japan Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship and is currently in Naha, Okinawa conducting his dissertation research on OKinawan Nationalism. He recently had an article published in *Afro-Hispanic Review Journal* entitled "Transculturation and Adpatation: A Brief History of the Japanese and Okinawan Cubans."

2007-08

Timothy Benedict

After completing his year at the IUC, Timothy spent some time in China before moving to Osaka in April 2009, where he is working as a hospital chaplain and improving in his Osaka-ben. He plans to eventually return to the US for further graduate study in the field of Japanese religion.

[Kathryn Hemmann](#)

Kathryn is currently in her third year of coursework at the University of Pennsylvania. She is using the language skills she gained at the IUC to study contemporary manifestations of the ancient trope of the demonic woman in Japanese popular media such as novels, film and manga. In late October, she presented a paper at the Mid-Atlantic regional meeting of the Association for Asian Studies about the postmodern conception of the pre-modern in Japan as expressed by director Kon Satoshi's animated film *Paprika*.

[Brooke Lathram](#)

Since graduating from the Center, Brooke married Tomohiro Abe at Yasuka Shrine in Kyoto on April 26, 2009 and in her hometown of Memphis, TN, on July 18, 2009. She programs surveys, cleans data, and writes reports for AIP Corporation, an on-line marketing research company in Ebisu. She completed the Tokyo Marathon and climbed Mt. Fuji, Mt. Kita, and Mt. Shirouma. When she is not trying to meet deadlines or reach finish lines and summits, she reads books in her apartment in Shinagawa.

[Amy Bliss Marshall](#)

Amy completed her Qualifying Exams in May and is now ABD in the PhD Program, History Department, Brown University. She and husband Gene live in Wellesley, MA where he is employed as an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Wellesley College. They welcomed their first child, Eli Owen on October 14th. Amy will return to Japan in January 2010 where she will conduct dissertation research as a Fulbright Scholar. Amy and her family look forward to visiting with everyone at the Center.

[Alan Rogers](#)

Alan has taken a position with Nintendo and moved to Seattle, WA. He is working as a technical liaison and project coordinator between Nintendo Software Technology, an American game development branch of Nintendo and the home office in Kyoto. The position includes some travel and Alan can occasionally be found in Kyoto or other international offices.

[Travis Seifman](#)

After spending a year at home in New York working for the Japan society managing the gallery and organizing exhibitions, Travis is now at the University of Hawaii pursuing an MA in Art History. His focus is on representations of Okinawa in art, and he is enjoying the Asia-Pacific bent of the degree program as well as the campus atmosphere. Travis reports that he is making new friends, extending networking feelers to the Honolulu Academy of Arts, Center for Okinawan Studies and other directions and is looking to take up sanshin soon, though likely not surfing. He looks forward to a return trip to Japan.

[Connor Shepherd](#)

Connor works as a consultant in the San Francisco Bay Area. He has considered relocating to Tokyo around winter 2010 and is still interested in start-ups and venture capital. Connor is prepping for the Ikkyuu exam in December 2009.

[Brigid Vance](#)

The tracksuit (トラックスーツ) and I (パンズ) are in Taiwan for the year. I am doing dissertation research and library-hopping. The tracksuit is hanging out and missing IUC. We are both gaga for guava, especially red heart guava.

[Richard Wright](#)

After completing his IUC coursework, Richard interned with an equity brokerage before returning to his former consulting position in New York. This fall he enrolled at the Fletcher School, where he is studying foreign policy (specifically Pacific Asia and International Business Relations). He has also started studying Chinese and reports that it is much easier than Japanese! He looks forward to a return to Asia this next summer, either Japan or China.

2008-09

[Matthew Rosenbaum](#)

After graduation, Matthew returned to the US where he has been making medical school applications and working part-time as a freelance scientific translator.



Tech News

New Stanford webpage launch!

We recently launched our re-designed Stanford web page. We hope that it will be easier to navigate and that you will enjoy the many new photos. We are indebted to Sarah Cortina (IUC 2008) for many of the photos featured on the site.

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