



IUC SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends:

After a brief sabbatical, I am delighted to be back just in time for the inaugural year of the Toshizo Watanabe Fellows Program. As we ramp up for an October 20th symposium at Stanford to celebrate the occasion, I have a special request for IUC alumni: please send the titles of your recent book publications to lucjapan@stanford.edu so that we can proudly put them on display. Speaking of alumni accomplishments, be sure to scroll down to learn about the latest – they just keep rolling in!

Last but not least, we bid a fond farewell to Managing Director Kevin Singleton, who is now leveraging his computer science expertise to pursue other projects. We wish Kevin every success.

Sincerely,
Indra Levy, Executive Director

STUDENTS



CLASS OF 2018-19

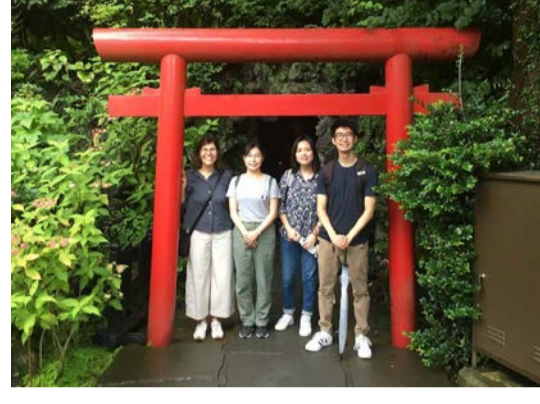
In September we welcomed a new class of 56 students, somewhat fewer than last year but still far larger than average. Here the class of 2018-19 poses by Pukari Pier on the waterfront behind the center. Thanks to the generous donations from our alumni company, we were able to provide financial support to eleven students who otherwise would not have been able to participate in our program. Thank you!

>> [meet the students](#)



CLASS OF 2017-18

The class of 2017-18 was the largest in the IUC's history. Sixty-three students successfully completed the program – so many that the annual graduation presentations were spread out over three days (June 4, 5, and 6) rather than the customary two. Everyone did a great job and we are extremely proud of you! Please keep in touch!



SUMMER 2018

This summer was the hottest on record in Japan, as elsewhere. Forty-two students braved the heat to participate in our seven-week summer program, from June 21 to August 8. The three-week kanbun program took place from June 21 to July 12; seven students attended.

EVENTS



TOSHIZO WATANABE SYMPOSIUM

To celebrate the establishment of the Toshizo Watanabe Scholarship Program with a generous \$10 million endowment gift, the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies will host a symposium on Japanese art with a group of distinguished alumni. Join us for an afternoon of invigorating discussions on Japanese ceramics, photography, and noh theater. Enjoy a free reception with libations and live music following the symposium. For questions please contact Miri Nakamura at stanford@iucjapan.org.

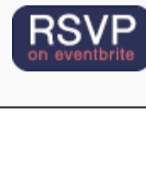
Location:
Bechtel Conference Center
Encina Hall, 616 Serra Mall
Stanford, CA 94305-6055

Opening remarks by:
Gerald L. Curtis '65, Burgess Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Columbia University

Presenters:
Louise Cort '68, Curator for Ceramics at The Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery
David Crandall '76, Founding Member of Theater Nohgaku
Karen M. Fraser '02, Assistant Professor of Asian Art at University of San Francisco
Jonathan Reynolds '81, Professor of Art History at Barnard College/Columbia University
Emily Sano '64, Coates-Cowden-Brown Senior Advisor for Asian Art at the San Antonio Museum of Art

Schedule:

- 12 pm – 1 pm: Alumni Luncheon Reunion (additional \$20/person)
- 2 pm – 5 pm: Symposium
- 5 pm – 7 pm: Reception



IUC LECTURE SERIES

On May 10, Jason Hyland (IUC '79), Former Chargé d'Affaires ad interim at the U.S. Embassy in Japan and currently Representative Officer and President of MGM Resorts Japan LLC, shared highlights and lessons from his career at a special lecture (in Japanese) at the International House of Japan. The lecture was followed by a reception, also at the I-House, generously hosted by the MGM Resorts Japan and well attended by alumni and friends of the IUC.

The next IUC Lecture will be by Kent E. Calder ('75) and will take place on Dec. 13, also at I-House. Dr. Calder is currently Vice Dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Director, Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, and also at the I-House.

Director of Japan Studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He will be speaking on "Asia in Washington, D.C."

OTHER PAST EVENTS



Last month, the IUC alumni gathered to swap tales of past IUC classes and share future plans at the summer edition of our Happy Hour series.



In June, Chairman Yohei Sasakawa treated the fellows to a farewell party on a "yakatabune" cruise past Ōdaiba and along the Sumida River.



In December, three officials from the Cabinet Office paid a visit to the Center to discuss with our students the government's "Cool Japan Initiative."

CENTER NEWS

IUC TEACHERS

We are sad to report that two of our beloved teachers, Hiroko Otake and Takashi Matsumoto, retired at the end of August. Matsumoto-Otake has been with the IUC 30 years (28 as full-time faculty) and Otake for 26 years (25 of them full-time). お二人ともお疲れ様でした!

Ari Sato has taken over the role of Program Coordinator from Hiroko Otake. The Program Coordinator is responsible for the IUC's ten-month curriculum, so this is a huge job; we wish Ari-sensei the best!

Two new full-time teachers, Katsuyuki Komine and Yoshiko Hashimoto, joined us in September. Welcome to the team!



>> [meet our teachers](#)

IUC LEADERSHIP BOARD

The Leadership Board is excited to announce that it is expanding into Japan in welcoming its newest member, Seth Sulkin ('91), CEO of Pacific Capital K.K. Thanks to all for your continuing support of the IUC! The Leadership Board is committed to strengthening the network of IUC alumni and supporters. Please share your news for the next fall newsletter, or ideas for connecting IUC alums, with an e-mail to alumni@iucjapan.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Andrew Hazelton (Chair, IUC '05)
Hobart Birmingham (IUC '66)
Oliver Chubb (IUC '89)
Martha Debs (IUC '80)

David A. Evans (IUC '79)
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Shoyu Club
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IUC TOKYO ALUMNI EVENTS COMMITTEE

We have a new "IUC Tokyo Alumni Events Committee." Richard Sleboda ('03), Sara Jessome ('14), and Thomas Gregg ('17) will be planning and staging more events for IUC alums in the greater Tokyo area starting this fall. Look forward to special dinners, talks, and other events in addition to the usual Happy Hours.

Make sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and join our [LinkedIn Alumni Group](#) pages to find out when these events take place!



ALUMNI NEWS

ORDER OF THE RISING SUN



Two IUC alumni have been named as recipients of the Order of the Rising Sun by the Japanese government.

Dr. Phyllis Lyons ('68), Professor Emeritus, Northwestern University, was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, for her efforts to further understanding of Japan in the United States through the advancement of Japanese language education, Japanese studies and cultural exchange between the two countries.

Dr. Ellis Krauss ('69), Professor Emeritus, University of California, San Diego, was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, for his contributions to promoting academic research on Japan and academic exchange between Japan and the United States.

ALUMNI PUBLICATIONS



In Black and White, a literary murder mystery by the great novelist Jun'ichiro Tanizaki, translated by Phyllis Lyons ('68).

In *Magazines and the Making of Mass Culture in Japan*, Amy Bliss Marshall ('08) examines the role of family magazines in the emergence of a national mass culture in prewar Japan.

Ryoma! The Life of Sakamoto Ryoma: Japanese Swordsman and Visionary by Shiba Ryotaro, translated by Juliet Winters Carpenter ('77) and Paul McCarthy ('66) is the first volume of Shiba's multi-volume novel about one of the most famous samurai of the final years of the Tokugawa Shogunate.

MEIJI AT 150 PODCAST



We found a treasure trove of alumni interviews on the *Meiji at 150* website hosted by University of British Columbia to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration. This podcast series features interviews with specialists of Japanese history, literature, art, and culture. We're so excited to see so many of our alumni and our very own Executive Director, Indra Levy, featured on this series!

- Ep. 3 Ken Ruoff '94
- Ep. 9 Sharalyn Orbaugh '83
- Ep. 13 Millie Creighton '84
- Ep. 15 Marcia Yonemoto '90
- Ep. 22 Mark Metzler '92
- Ep. 23 Marnie Anderson '00
- Ep. 35 Betsy Lublin '97
- Ep. 37 Melek Ortobasi '95
- Ep. 39 Annette S. Hansen '94
- Ep. 40 Robert Hellyer '94
- Ep. 46 Nick Kapur '08
- Ep. 48 Eric Han '00
- Ep. 56 Indra Levy

Upcoming:
Brian McVeigh '08 (9/28)
Jonathan Reynolds '81 (11/2)

OPPORTUNITIES

IUC 10-MONTH PROGRAM

We will begin accepting applications for the 2019-20 academic year on September 17, 2018. We seek your assistance in forwarding this information to anyone whom you feel would be a great candidate for this program. For more information and eligibility requirements, please visit our website at iucjapan.stanford.edu/programs.

- The Nippon Foundation Fellows (NFF)* Program
Interfolio Position ID#53972
Deadline: Friday, December 14, 2018
- 10-Month Program
Interfolio Position ID#53969
Deadline: Friday, January 11, 2019



*NFF applicants will automatically be considered for all scholarships available for the 10-month program, including The Toshizo Watanabe Fellows Program. A separate application will not be necessary.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF JAPAN

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan pays respect to the IUC and appreciates its activities. Here is the [list of our Embassies and Consulates-General in the US and Canada](#). Please feel free to contact the offices convenient to you. MOFA would like to work together with the IUC alumni."

The IUC thanks MOFA for its moral support and urges IUC alumni planning (or willing to participate in) Japan-related events, academic or otherwise, to get in touch with the nearest Japanese consulate-general or embassy to explore possible forms of collaboration.



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