



IUC WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Happy Holidays! Thank you for your support. We wish you peace and happiness throughout the holiday season and the New Year.

MESSAGES FROM IUC STANFORD

What an exciting year it has been for the IUC! In September we welcomed the first cohort of Toshizo Watanabe Fellows thanks to the \$10 million endowment gift from the Toshizo Watanabe Foundation, and in October we celebrated this milestone with a symposium on Japanese art at Stanford University that was attended by a full house of IUC alumni and supporters. More recently, in December we welcomed Dr. Giles Richter as our new Managing Director. A profile of Giles appears [later](#) in this newsletter.

When I first began as Executive Director for the IUC in 2010, and throughout the challenging times that immediately followed, my credo was *onward and upward*. Thanks to all of you, and especially to Toshizo ("Tom") Watanabe, the IUC has indeed gone onward and upward. Our mission now is to pay it forward. My new credo is *it's up to us*. However you choose to support the IUC, please do so actively and with the awareness that it is up to people like you, who understand the value of the IUC core mission, to ensure that the next generation of students will benefit from all the IUC has to offer.

With thanks for your support and wishing you all good things,
Indra Levy, Executive Director

Greetings and *otsukaresama* to everyone who has been busy tying up loose ends as 2018 draws to a close. Just days before leaving Japan in December, I was able to make a visit to the IUC in Yokohama to meet with Bruce Batten and the teaching staff as they wrapped up the Fall term. Sitting in on a class, I was flooded with memories of my own IUC student days in '91-'92 and also reminded of the remarkable intensity of the program. It added to my excitement about joining the IUC organization and working to continue its mission.

As we move in to 2019, I am looking forward to reaching out and making contact with the IUC community, including alumni, students, consortium members, and IUC supporters.

Wishing everybody a Happy New Year,
Giles Richter, Managing Director

EVENTS



TOSHIZO WATANABE SYMPOSIUM

On October 20, 2018, the IUC held the Toshizo Watanabe Symposium at Stanford University to celebrate the establishment of the Toshizo Watanabe Fellows Program as well as the 55th anniversary of the IUC itself. The Toshizo Watanabe Foundation's generous gift of \$10 million to the IUC will provide tuition fellowships for twenty deserving students each year.

The symposium, titled "Celebrating the World through Japanese Art," featured talks by five distinguished alumni specialists in Japanese art history or theater: Louise Cort ('68), David Crandall ('76), Karen M. Fraser ('02), Jonathan Reynolds ('81), and Emily Sano ('64). The presentations followed an alumni luncheon where former IUC students gathered and reconnected. Numerous books published by IUC alumni were on display during the symposium and reception, which featured live koto music by the Murasaki Ensemble.

The highlight of the symposium was a short speech by Mr. Watanabe himself. He talked about how he was inspired by his mentors such as Lawrence Wien, founder of the Wien International Scholarship Program, who told him that the "greatest satisfaction came not from making money in business, but from his scholarship programs." Mr. Watanabe concluded his speech with moving words that revealed his deep commitment to the field of education: "To give the gift of education to others, this is what fulfills my soul... We never know the path our lives will take! However, we do know that education, from life itself, and formally, makes us rich in our minds, and in our souls. Life itself is a teacher. Hopefully, all of us, as students of the many teachers in our lives, take the wealth of our education, knowledge and experience, and go out into the world and live a life that matters!" The IUC will continue to honor his vision by helping to educate future leaders and teachers in the field so that they may spread their newfound knowledge to serve the wider world.

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IUC LECTURE SERIES

On Dec. 13, Kent Calder ('75), Vice Dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Director of the Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, and Director of Japan Studies at SAIS, gave a speech on behalf of the IUC at the I-House. Dr. Calder's talk, delivered in Japanese to an audience of around 200, was on "Asia in Washington: Exploring the Penumbra of Transnational Power 2018." All in attendance learned a great deal about the workings of power in Washington thanks to Dr. Calder's intimate knowledge of the subject and his consummate Japanese presentation skills.



This lecture was part of a semi-annual series co-sponsored by the IUC, the I-House, and The Nippon Foundation. The next speaker will be Seth Sulkin ('91), President and CEO of Pacifica Capital K.K. His talk, also at the I-House, is scheduled for May 21, 2019.

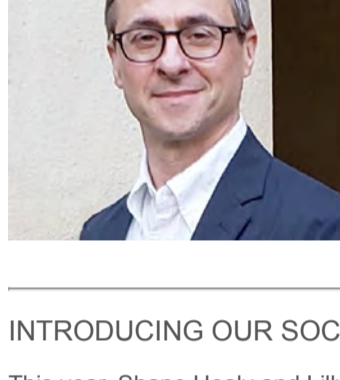
UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Dec. 21, 2018 @ 6PM JST
IUC Happy Hour
Brew La La
Shinbashi, Tokyo, Japan

Saturday, March 23, 2019 @ 7:30PM MST
Stanford/IUC Reception at AAS 2019
Tower Court D, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
Denver, Colorado, USA

CENTER NEWS

INTRODUCING GILES RICHTER, IUC MANAGING DIRECTOR



Giles Richter is an IUC alumnus ('92) with an international career combining mobile, digital, and Japanese. After earning a PhD in Japanese History from Columbia in 1999, he went on to found several innovative start-up businesses in Japan, Europe and the US. He joins IUC from Visa, where he spent three years as Senior Director based in Tokyo.

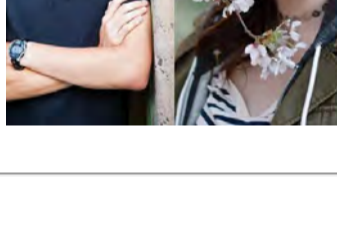
"The rigorous, specialized training I received as a student at IUC has been crucial to my professional career working with Japan," says Richter. "I hear this sentiment voiced regularly by IUC alumni active across academia, business, law, and government, where they continue to make significant contributions to their fields. I look forward to extending this tradition, and also to innovating in ways that will benefit the IUC program, its students, alumni, and supporters."

INTRODUCING OUR SOCIAL MEDIA INTERNS

This year, Shane Healy and Lilly Hart will be posting from the student perspective of the IUC on both our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

Shane graduated from Middlebury University in spring 2018, where he majored in Japanese Studies. He spent a year studying abroad at International Christian University (ICU)—not to be confused with IUC) in 2016, where he was involved with the rakugo club on campus.

Lilly graduated from DePaul University in 2015 with a major in Public Relations and double minor in Japanese and Global Asian Studies, then spent the years after graduation on the JEI Programme in Toyama Prefecture. She spends her free time studying kanji at Starbucks.



INTERVIEWS: NEW IUC FULL TIME TEACHERS

Following the retirement of Takashi Matsumoto and Hiroko Otake in August, the IUC has hired two new full-time teachers, Yoshiko Hashimoto and Katsuyuki Komine. Both were already teaching at the IUC as adjuncts. Hashimoto-sensei was also an adjunct at Yokohama National University and the Naganuma School. The following is based on interviews conducted by our social media interns, Lilly and Shane.

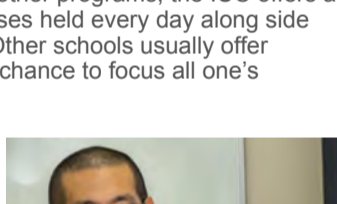


Yoshiko Hashimoto always wanted to be a teacher of some sort. Her dream was originally to become an English teacher, but no matter how much she studied, she had concerns about how effectively she would be able to teach English. In her university's School of Education, she discovered that it was possible to teach Japanese to foreign students and changed her career plans accordingly.

Hashimoto-sensei previously taught at Cornell University's FALCON Program, which takes students to the intermediate level. Two of her former students came to the IUC to study. After hearing about the program from them, she looked into the Center and applied to be a teacher.

Hashimoto-sensei believes that unlike other programs, the IUC offers a uniquely intense level of immersion. With small six- to seven-person classes held every day along with one-on-one personal guidance from the teachers, the Center is unique. Other schools usually offer advanced Japanese courses in addition to other coursework, but not the chance to focus all one's attention on just Japanese.

Katsuyuki Komine has over 28 years of experience as an educator. His hobbies include reading, keeping up on current research trends, and watching *shogi* matches.



After graduating from university, Komine-sensei spent five years teaching Japanese language arts to Japanese high school students before returning to graduate school to earn his master's degree in modern Japanese literature, with a focus on the Meiji period. He then went on to teach Japanese as a foreign language overseas, spending a total of nine years in Thailand and China. During that time he lived in the school dorms with his students, and enjoyed being able to form connections with them outside of class.

Upon his return to Japan, Komine-sensei first heard about the Center when searching for another teaching position. He was attracted to the focused, discipline-based learning curriculum that the program offers, which he feels is one of its biggest strengths that sets it apart from other educational programs.

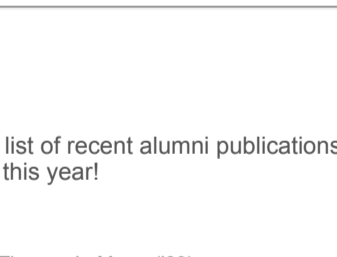
Komine-sensei enjoys working closely with the students at the Center and helping them develop the skills to communicate their research and specialized knowledge to others in Japanese. He hopes that even more students will come to the Center in the future and strengthen the relationship between their countries and Japan.

We are very grateful to Hashimoto-sensei and Komine-sensei for everything they do at the Center and want to congratulate them on their new full-time positions. これからもどうぞよろしくお願ひ致します。

ALUMNI NEWS

ORDER OF THE RISING SUN

John C. Campbell ('66) has been awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, in recognition of his contribution to developing Japanese studies and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States.



Dr. Campbell is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Michigan, where he also served as Director of the Center for Japanese Studies. He is the 15th alumnus of the Inter-University Center to receive the Order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese government.

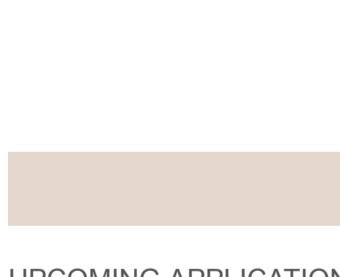
Congratulations, Dr. Campbell, on this very well-deserved honor!

RECENT ALUMNI PUBLICATIONS

Are you looking for a good book to read over the holiday break? Here's a list of recent alumni publications for you to choose from. As you can see our alums have been very busy this year!

- [東京百年物語](#), Robert Campbell ('80)
- [The Anime Ecology: A Genealogy of Television, Animation, and Game Media](#), Thomas LaMarre ('89)
- [Down and Out in Late Meiji Japan](#), James L. Huffman ('70)
- [From Mindfulness to Heartfulness: Transforming Self and Society with Compassion](#), Stephen Murphy-Shigematsu ('88)
- [Interpreting Anime](#), Christopher Bolton ('94)
- [Japan at the Crossroads: Conflict and Compromise after Anno](#), Nick Kapur ('08)
- [Japan: History and Culture from Classical to Cool](#), Nancy Stalker ('97)
- [Japan in the American Century](#), Kenneth B. Pyle ('62)
- [Making Time: Astronomical Time Measurement in Tokugawa Japan](#), Yulia Frumer ('09)
- [Miyazaki World: A Life in Art](#), Susan Napier ('76)
- [The Tale of Genji: A Visual Companion](#), Melissa McCormick ('91)

MEIJI AT 150 PODCAST



Additional full-length interviews have been added to the *Meiji at 150* website hosted by University of British Columbia since our last newsletter. Commemorating 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 featured on this site!

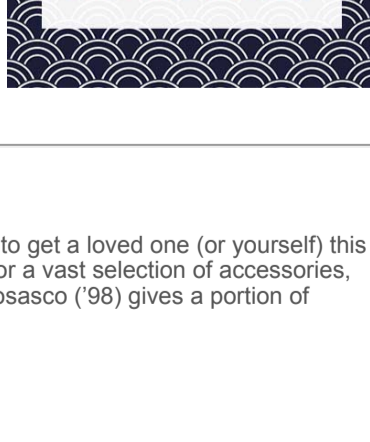
- Ep. 58 [Andrew Gordon](#) ('74)
- Ep. 60 [Louise Young](#) ('84)
- Ep. 62 [Jennifer Weisenfeld](#) ('89)
- Ep. 64 [Tze Loo](#) ('04)
- Ep. 67 [Brian McVeigh](#) ('88)
- Ep. 70 [Naoko Aso](#) ('80)
- Ep. 71 [Michael Dylan Foster](#) ('96)
- Ep. 75 [Jonathan Reynolds](#) ('81)
- Ep. 77 [James Huffman](#) ('70)
- Upcoming:*
- [Ian Miller](#) ('98)
- [Mark Ravina](#) ('84)

OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES

We are currently accepting applications for Summer 2019 and the 2019-20 academic year. We are interested in forwarding this information to anyone whom you feel would be a great candidate for our programs. For more information and eligibility requirements, please visit our website at iucjapan.stanford.edu/programs.

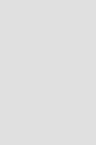
- 10-MONTH PROGRAM
[Interfolio Position ID#53969](#)
Deadline: Friday, January 11, 2019
- SUMMER PROGRAM
[Interfolio Position ID#57843](#)
Deadline: Friday, March 8, 2019
- SUMMER INTENSIVE KANBUN PROGRAM
[Interfolio Position ID#58727](#)
Deadline: Friday, March 8, 2019



LAST MINUTE HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Did the holidays sneak up on you, and you're trying to figure out what to get a loved one (or yourself) this holiday season? Well, look no further. Check out Kasumisu Gallery for a vast selection of accessories, home decor, and more! This gallery which is run by IUC alum Mark Rosasco ('98) gives a portion of proceeds from sales to IUC alumni and supporters back to the IUC.

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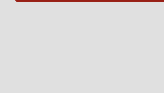
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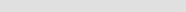
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