What an exciting year it has been for the IUC! In September we welcomed the first cohort of Toshizo Watanabe Fellows. The program is designed to provide young scholars with the opportunity to develop their research and teaching skills in Japan. We are currently accepting applications for Summer 2019 and the 2019-20 academic year. We seek your help in spreading the word about this exciting opportunity.

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Interfolio Position ID#58727
- Interfolio Position ID#57843
- Interfolio Position ID#53969

Upon his return to Japan, Komine-sensei first heard about the Center when searching for another teaching position. He was interested in teaching Japanese language arts to Japanese high school students and was drawn to the idea of teaching in an international environment. He was particularly impressed by the Center's focus on promoting mutual understanding between Japan and other countries.

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 full-time teachers, Yoshiko Hashimoto and Katsuyuki Komine. Both were already teaching at the IUC as alumni specialists in Japanese art history or theater: Louise Cort ('68), David Crandall ('76), Karen M. Shoyu ('87), Katsuyuki Komine ('97), Noriko Aso ('89), Shigematsu ('88), Muriel Donohue ('92), and Frederic ('76).

Katsuyuki Komine (‘66) has been awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, the highest national decoration of Japan, in recognition of his contributions to the field of Japanese studies. The Order of the Rising Sun is presented by the Japanese government to individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of Japanese culture or society.

The symposium, titled “Celebrating the World through Japanese Art,” featured talks by five distinguished speakers: John C. Campbell ('66), Seth Sulkin ('91), Suzuha Hama ('87), Michael McEwan ('87), and Stephen Crook ('65). The symposium was part of a semi-annual series co-sponsored by the IUC, the Stanford University Japan Studies Program, and the Asian Studies Center.

Seth Sulkin ('91), President and CEO of Pacifica Capital K.K. His talk, “The Future of Japan in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities,” was a must-hear for anyone interested in Japan's future role in the world. He discussed the country's economic and political challenges as well as its potential for innovation and growth.

One of the highlights of the symposium was the keynote lecture by John C. Campbell ('66), who is currently serving as the Senior Advisor to the President of the University of California. His lecture, titled “Japan's Role in the World,” was delivered in Japanese to an audience of around 200. His knowledge of power in Washington thanks to Dr. Calder's intimate knowledge of Washington, DC, politics and how to navigate the powerful circles to get what she wants.

In another lecture, Calder's talk, delivered in Japanese to an audience of around 200, was on the subject and his consummate Japanese presentation skills.

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? Here's a list of recent alumni publications on home decor, and more! This gallery which is run by IUC alum Mark Rosasco ('98) gives a portion of its proceeds from sales to IUC alumni and supporters back to the IUC.

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

My new credo is to make significant contributions to their fields. I look forward to continuing our mission.