



# **JAPAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

**2008 Annual Conference**

**Japan:  
Innovations and Creative Solutions**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008**



**Day 1: Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008**

**Location: Waterloo Inn Conference  
Hotel**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
8:15 AM	Continental Breakfast	Rosedale Room
8:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration	Back entrance opposite elevators
9:00 – 10:15 AM	Session 1	

**Session 1a:**

**PANEL #1 – Women in Medieval Japan: Rethinking the Medieval Experience**

*Chair: Fumiko Ikawa-Smith*

*Location: St. Jacob's Room*

Presentation #1: *Rieko Kamei-Dyche*, (PhD Candidate, University of Southern California)

*"Familial Doorways: Saionji Women, Marriage Alliances, and Power in Medieval Japan"*

Presentation #2: *Sachiko Kawai*, (PhD Student, University of Southern California)

*"The Lady of the Eight World: The Political, Economic, and Military Power of a Retired Queen Consort of the Twelfth Century"*

Presentation #3: *Maria Grazia Petrucci*, (PhD Student, University of British Columbia)

*"Histories of Women and Piracy: the legendary case of Tsuruhime"*

**Session 1b:**

**PANEL #2 – The Japanese Survey Course**

*Chair: Bill Sewell*

*Location: Rosedale Room*

Presentation #1: *Cary Shinji Takagaki*, (University of Toronto)

*"The Japanese Survey Course"*

Presentation #2: *Yu Chang*, (Independent Scholar)

*"National History as Cultural Essence? Challenges of Teaching Japanese History in*

*East Asian and World Historical Contexts"*

Presentation #3: *Bill Sewell*, (Saint Mary's University)  
*"The Survey Course: Tradition and Transformation"*

Session 1c:

**PANEL #3 - Rural Japan and Tourism**

Chair: *David Edgington*

Location: *Heidelberg Room*

Presentation #1: *Atsuko Hashimoto* and *David Telfer*, (Brock University)  
*"Revitalization of Depopulating Rural Farming Communities in Oita, Japan through Tourism"*

Presentation #2: *Tom Waldichuk*, (Thompson Rivers University)  
*"The Transformation of Stone-Wall Strawberry Cultivation to Agri-Tourism in Shizuoka Prefecture"*

10:15 - 10:30 AM Refreshment Break

*Rosedale Room*

10:30 - 11:45 AM Session 2

Session 2a:

**PANEL #4 - Japanese Changes and Challenges**

Chair: *Tom Waldichuk*

Location: *Heidelberg Room*

Presentation #1: *Mito Takeuchi*, (PhD Student, Ohio University)  
*"School Challenges for Innovations: Accepting Immigrant Youths as Students"*

Presentation #2: *Brian Pendleton*, (Langara College)  
*"Samurai at Rest: Japan's Workaholic Baby Boomers Shift Gears for Retirement"*

Presentation #3: *Scott Harrison*, (University of Waterloo)  
*"The Indigenous Ainu at the Time of the Aland Settlement"*

Session 2b:

**PANEL #5 - Library Research and Publishing About Japan**

Chair: *Satoshi Ikeda*

Location: *Rosedale Room*

Presentation #1: *David Sulz*, (MLIS Student, University of Alberta)  
*"Building, Organizing and Using a Mixed Library Collection of Japanese and English Materials"*

Presentation #2: *Mark Selden*, (Cornell University)  
*"Academic Publishing and E-Publishing About Japan"*

Session 2c:

**PANEL #6 - Learning About History**

Chair: *Paul Parker*

Location: *St. Jacob's Room*

Presentation #1: *X Jie Yang*, (University of Calgary)

*"Medieval Life Experience Through a Story of a Mouse - An Approach to the 'Tale of White Rat Yahyoe'"*

Presentation #2: *Febe Pamonag*, (Western Illinois University)

*"Innovative Strategies for the Promotion of Women's Higher Education in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Japan"*

Presentation #3: *Jacob Kovalio*, (Carleton University)

*"YUDAYAKA/Jewish Peril Propaganda and Debates in the 1920s"*

**11:50 - 1:10 PM** Lunch Break

*Rushes Restaurant at Waterloo Inn Hotel*

**1:10 - 2:10 PM** Keynote Speaker Session

Session K1:

Introduction: *Paul Parker*

Location: *Rosedale Room*

Keynote Speaker: *Dr. Takeshi Hamashita*, (Ryukoku University)

*"China's View of Ruth Benedict's The Chrysanthemum and the Sword"*

**2:15 - 3:30 PM** Session 3

Session 3a:

**PANEL #7 - Digital and Pictorial Representations of Japan**

Chair: *Ken Coates*

Location: *Rosedale Room*

Presentation #1: *Jacob Kovalio*, (Carleton University)

*"When Meiji Japan was Young, a Pictorial Representation"*

Presentation #2: *Ryo Akama*, (Ritsumeikan University)

*"Describing the work of Ritsumeikan University's Digital Media Program"*

*This year's JSAC includes a series of panel discussions on topics of particular importance in modern Japan. The purpose of the sessions is to hear from leading experts in the field and to have an opportunity for open discussion and debate on these issues. Each panel will start with an introduction on recent developments in Japan, followed by comments and questions from the floor.*

Session **3b**:

**INVITED PANEL #8 - Education**

*Chair: Jeff Alexander*

*Location: St. Jacob's Room*

Presentations:     *Dawn Grimes-MacLellan, (Saint Mary's University)*  
                          *Philip MacLellan, (Saint Mary's University)*

<b>3:30 - 3:50 PM</b>	Refreshment Break	<i>Rosedale Room</i>
<b>3:50 - 5:00 PM</b>	JSAC Annual General Meeting	<i>Rosedale Room</i>
<b>5:10 PM</b>	Depart for Stratford, ON	<i>Meet buses at Waterloo Inn back entrance (opposite registration)</i>
<b>6:00 - 7:30 PM</b>	Dinner Reception	<i>Stratford City Hall</i>
<b>8:00 PM</b>	Musical <i>Cabaret</i> begins Free time if not attending musical	<i>Avon Theatre</i>
<b>10:30 PM</b>	Musical to conclude and bus to arrive for transportation back to Waterloo	<i>Avon Theatre</i>



Day 2: Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008



University of  
**Waterloo**



Location: *Renison University College -  
University of Waterloo*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
8:30 AM	First bus shuttle leaves Waterloo Inn	<i>Waterloo Inn back entrance - drop off at Renison University College</i>
8:55 AM	Second bus shuttle leaves Waterloo Inn	<i>Waterloo Inn back entrance - drop off at Renison University College</i>
8:45 - 9:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	<i>Renison University College - Upper level</i>
8:00 - 12:00 PM	Registration	<i>Renison University College - Upper level</i>
9:30 - 10:25 AM	Session 4	

**Session 4a:**

**INVITED PANEL #9 - Pretty Boys of Korea meet the New Women of Japan:  
Exploring Japanese Gender and Ethnicity through Television and Drama**

*Chair: Ken Coates*

*Location: Room 2107*

Presentation #1: *Millie Creighton*, (University of British Columbia)

*"Are Ethnic Eroticisms Challenging National, Gender and Racial Hierarchies?  
Explorations of the 'Korea Boom' in Japan"*

Presentation #2: *Alisa Freedman*, (University of Oregon)  
*"From Twenty-Something Tokyo Temps to Career Women 'Around Forty': Working Women as Romantic Leads on Japanese Television Dramas"*

Session 4b:

**INVITED PANEL #10 - Demographics and Immigration**

Chair: *Tom Waldichuk*

Location: **Room 2102**

Presentations: *Stephen Nagy*, (Waseda University)  
*David Edgington*, (University of British Columbia)

10:30 - 11:30 AM Session 5

Session 5a:

**INVITED PANEL #11 - Japan's Relations with its Neighbours**

Chair: *Derek Hall*

Location: **Room 2107**

Presentations: *Kimie Hara*, (University of Waterloo)  
*Kevin Cai*, (University of Waterloo)  
*Satoshi Ikeda*, (Concordia University)

Session 5b:

**INVITED PANEL #12 - Law and Business**

Chair: *Dick Beason*

Location: **Room 2102**

Presentations: *Masao Nakamura*, (University of British Columbia)  
*Teri Ursacki-Bryant*, (University of Calgary)  
*Shigenori Matsui*, (University of British Columbia)

11:30 - 11:45 AM Refreshment Break

*Renison University College -  
Upper level*

11:45 - 12:45 PM Session 6

Session 6a:

**INVITED PANEL #13 - Bilateral Relations: Canada-Japan Political Relations and  
Canada-Japan Commercial Relations**

Chair: *Jim Tiessen*

Location: **Room 2106**

Presentations: *Eric Walsh*, (Department of Foreign Affairs and International  
Trade - DFAIT)

*Chad Fleck*, (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade - DFAIT)

**12:45 - 1:30 PM** Lunch Break Rooms 2102, 2107

**1:30 - 3:15 PM** Keynote Speaker Session

Session **K2**:

*Introduction: Ken Coates*

*Location: Room 2106*

Keynote Speaker: *Dr. John Dower*, (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)  
*"Visualizing Japan: Approaching and Understanding Japan through Images"*

**3:15 - 3:45 PM** Refreshment Break *Renison University College - Upper level*

**3:45 - 4:40 PM** Keynote Speaker Session

Session **K3**:

*Introduction: Kimie Hara*

*Location: Room 2106*

Keynote Speaker: *Dr. Mark Selden*, (Cornell University)  
*"Japanese and American War Atrocities, Historical Memory and Reconciliation in the Long Twentieth Century"*

**4:45 - 6:15 PM** Business Session

Session: **Canada-Japan Business Relations**

*Chair: Ken Coates*

*Location: Room 2106*

Presentations: *Gerry Remers*, (Christie Digital)  
*Raymond Tsui*, (Open Text Corporation)  
*John Adams*, (Mitsui Canada)  
*Dan Mathieson*, (Mayor of Stratford)

**6:30 - 6:50 PM** Nagata Shachu Taiko Drummers *Courtyard outdoors*  
Group performance

**7:00 PM** German Oktoberfest Buffet Dinner *Renison University College - Great Hall*

**8:15 - 9:20 PM** Japanese Entertainment *Renison University College - Great Hall*



9:30 PM

Departure for Waterloo Inn Hotel

*Bus to pick up at entrance*



**Day 3: Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Location: Waterloo Inn Conference  
Hotel**

**Time**

**Event**

**Location**

8:15 AM

“Waterloo County” Breakfast

*Heritage Room*

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Session 7

Session 7a:

**PANEL #14 – Japanese Media and Film**

*Chair: Paul Parker*

*Location: St. Jacob’s Room*

Presentation #1: *Atsushi Miyahara*, (Kinjo Gakuin University)

*“Media Technology and the Development of Journalism: Japanese Newspapers and Computers”*

Presentation #2: *Andrew Kamei-Dyche*, (University of Southern California)

*“Japanese Encounters with Lu Xun: Uchiyama Shoten and Rethinking Interwar Sino-Japanese Intellectual Relations”*

Presentation #3: *Michael Blouin*, (Michigan State University)

*“Specters of Modernity: The Uncanny in Japanese Horror Cinema and its American Re-Makes”*

Session 7b:

**PANEL #15 – Teaching Japanese**

*Chair: Akiko Maruoka*

*Location: Heidelberg Room*

Presentation #1: *Norio Ota*, (York University)

*“TJFL across the Border – the Cuban Connection”*

Presentation #2: *Rie Shirakawa*, (Carleton University)  
*"Conversation Between Unacquainted Native and Non-Native Speakers of Japanese"*

Presentation #3: *Yasuko Obana*, (Kwansei Gakuin University)  
*"Learners' Errors in Politeness Strategies in Japanese Honorifics"*

Presentation #4: *Noriko Yabuki-Soh*, (York University)  
*"On-Line Distance Education for Teaching of Advanced Japanese as a Foreign Language in University Courses"*

Session 7c:

**PANEL #16 - Japanese Culture and Social Change**

*Chair: Bill Sewell*

*Location: Heritage Room*

Presentation #1: *Lisa Kuly*, (Cornell University)  
*"The Parturition Hut of Oobara Shrine: Tradition and Ideology in Rituals of Safe Childbirth"*

Presentation #2: *Sheri Zhang*, (University of Ottawa)  
*"Japan's Changing Culture Reflected in Mizuko Jizoo"*

Presentation #3: *Jennifer Beamer*, (PhD Student, University of Alberta)  
*"Innovative Ways of Promoting Tradition in Japan: Kyoto's Kimono Station"*

Presentation #4: *Bernard Saint-Jacques*, (Professor Emeritus, University of British Columbia)  
*"21st Century, Two Turning Points for Japan: 1) Changes in Japanese Culture, 2) Japan's Relations with Asia. Creative Solutions are Possible"*

10:30 - 11:00 AM Refreshment Break

*Location: Heritage Room*

11:00 - 12:30 PM Session 8

Session 8a:

**PANEL #17 - Japanese Business**

*Chair: Teri Ursacki-Bryant*

*Location: Heritage Room*

Presentation #1: *Jeff Alexander*, (University of Wisconsin Parkside)  
*"Japanese Business in the Age of Digital Media"*

Presentation #2: *Dick Beason*, (University of Alberta)  
*"Ownership, Returns and Creative Restructuring Among Japanese Firms, 1990-2005"*

Presentation #3: *David Edgington*, (University of British Columbia)

*"Japanese Electronics Firms in Taiwan"*

Presentation #4: *Sujaya Dhanvantari*, (Chuo University)

*"Resistance Against Innovative Employment Systems in Japan: An Analysis of the Culture of Work"*

Session 8b:

**PANEL #18 - Japanese International Initiatives**

Chair: *Norio Ota*

Location: *St. Jacob's Room*

Presentation #1: *Derek Hall*, (Wilfrid Laurier University)

*"Vegetables with a Visible Face': State and Corporate Food Traceability Initiatives in Japan"*

Presentation #2: *Utpal Vyas*, (JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow, Kobe University)

*"Japanese Local Governments in International Relations: Kobe City's Activities in China"*

Presentation #3: *Austin Uzama*, (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Beppu)

*"Selling Japan's Tourist Industry to International Tourists"*

Session 8c:

**PANEL #19 - Contemporary Challenges in Japan**

Chair: *Jacob Kovalio*

Location: *Heidelberg Room*

Presentation #1: *Trevor Harrison*, (University of Lethbridge)

*"Right-wing Nationalism and the Abe Interregnum"*

Presentation #2: *Stephen Nagy*, (Waseda University)

*"Paper Tiger or Substantive Social Integration Policy? A Comparative Examination of the Sociological Dimensions of Multiculturalism and Japanese Multicultural Coexistence"*

Presentation #3: *Jim Tiessen*, (Ryerson University)

*"Comparing Hospitals in Japan and Canada"*

Presentation #4: *Fumiko Ikawa-Smith*, (McGill University)

*"From the 'Former Aboriginal' to the Real 'Indigenous People': Socio-Political Background for the Archaeological Reconstruction of Japan's National History"*