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Dear JSAC Members,

I hope this finds you well in your corner of the country or the world. Welcome to the Spring 2018 JSAC newsletter! It is great to find out how active and engaged our members are and to learn about their work.

On page 2, you will find the Call for Papers for JSAC 2018 to be held in Edmonton at the Prince Takamodo Japan Centre for Teaching and Research at the University of Alberta (in collaboration with the University of Calgary) October 11 – 14, 2018. Aya Fujiwara and X. Jie Yang are putting together an excellent conference with some terrific keynote speakers. Submit those paper proposals and book off the dates! I look forward to seeing you in Edmonton.

Wishing you all a great summer!

**Carin Holroyd, President,
Japan Studies Association of Canada**



Teri Jane Bryant has quite a following in Japan (taken May 22, 2018, near Todaiji in Nara, with the group of 25 travel study students Leighton Wilks and I take to Japan for three weeks from the Haskayne business school, University of Calgary).

Call for Papers: 2018 JSAC Annual Meeting

Deadline: August 1 2018

The 31st Japan Studies Association of Canada Annual Conference “Japan’s World / The World’s Japan: Images, Perceptions and Reactions”

Hosted by

Prince Takamado Japan Centre for Teaching and Research at the University of Alberta in collaboration with the University of Calgary

11-14 October 2018

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Images, perceptions, and reactions define the political directions that nations might take. In recent years, the world has produced a set of political and cultural discourses of Japan, ascertaining the role that it could play in this world. Many global leaders and scholars view Japan with pessimism as a country in decline, with few options in the future due to its dwindling population, aging society and increasing territorial and military threats from its neighbours. To counter-balance this view, others see Japan with a glimmer of hope, expecting the rise of new scientific and technological inventions to offset these crises. There is also a historical trend to stress Japan’s soft power, focusing on its rich traditional cultural heritage, literature, and language as well as popular culture such as manga, anime, and games. Japan, for its part, has reacted and responded to such images and perceptions created by the rest of the world by reorienting and reinventing its self-images and responses.

The goal of this conference is to bring together interdisciplinary and international Japan Studies researchers to create a space to produce a new set of knowledge regarding the state of Japan and Japan studies. This is the only conference that focuses on Japan in North America. The theme has been set broadly so that it can attract a wide variety of presenters. Participants represent different fields – anthropology, history, arts, culture, political science, cultural studies, linguistics, business, sociology, digital studies, and so on.

We are currently accepting submission for individual papers and panel proposals including but not limited to the following topics. Three presenters, a chair, and a discussant will organize concurrent 1.5-hour panels. Each presenter will have 20 minutes for presentation, a discussant will provide an overarching comment, and the chair will open the discussion to the audience. Some travel grants might be available for students only.

1) Political Economy and Policy

Much of the world may perceive Japan as a declining power because of its stagnant economy, aging society, increasing natural disasters, and spreading nuclear contamination, but do these images give a full picture of Japan? What sorts of policies and technical innovation have been introduced to solve these challenges? How does Japan cope with this negative image and perception in order to remain as one of active players and economic powers in the world?

2) Minority / Aboriginal Rights

While the World sees Japan as a country that lacks openness to immigrants and the awareness of ethnic and aboriginal rights, is Japan still a very closed society? How is its ethnic demography changing? What kinds of efforts have been made to increase the awareness of ethnic pluralism in Japan? How do people of Japanese descent in Canada and elsewhere contribute to the promotion of Japanese linguistic, cultural and social rights?

3) Literature, Fine Arts, Popular Culture, and Language

Since the modern era, Westerners have been inspired by Japanese literary and artistic traditions. Although often perceived with a sense of exoticism, Japanese elements are well incorporated in and often define Western literature and fine arts. How are the world's images, perceptions and reactions reflected in these fields? In recent years, Japanese anime and manga have achieved global popularity, creating and disseminating different images and perceptions. How can we analyze and respond to these phenomena?

4) Digital Studies

In recent years, much of "Japan's world and the world's Japan" has existed in the digital world. Digitalization has produced a new set of images, perceptions, and reactions, reducing the boundary between the physical and virtual world. Such images, perceptions and reactions generated through the application of digital technologies are powerful and useful in many different fields in business and academic studies. Japan, as one of the countries that has a long history of digital technologies and expressions, interacts with the world through digital technologies regularly. Has digitalization transformed Japan's images, perceptions, and reactions of the world and vice-versa? How can it be used to shape Japan's self-image or the world's image of Japan?

For a panel proposal, please use [this form](#).

For an individual presentation, please use [this form](#).

To register for the conference, please click [here](#).

Japan Studies Association of Canada welcomes new members who are interested in Japan.

APF Canada Announces New Team of Distinguished Fellows

In January, the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF Canada) and its Board of Directors announced the appointment of 13 new Fellows and the reappointment of 10 returning Fellows to its roster of experts on Canada-Asia relations. Note how many JSAC members are represented!

APF Canada's Distinguished Fellows provide APF Canada with valuable insight and guidance, participating in dialogues and public events, offering commentary and responding to media requests, and leveraging their networks to assist APF Canada in its mission to be Canada's catalyst for engagement with Asia and Asia's bridge to Canada.

APF Canada's newly appointed Fellows include:

- Mr. David Alan Byng - Royal Roads University
- Mr. Dan Ciuriak - Ciuriak Consulting
- **Dr. Ken Coates - University of Saskatchewan**
- Mr. Brad Gilmour - Mouralea Trade, Agriculture and Resource Consulting
- **Dr. Carin Holroyd - University of Saskatchewan**
- Ms. Margaret McCuaig-Johnston - University of Ottawa, University of Alberta
- Dr. Jonathan Berkshire Miller – The Japan Institute of International Affairs
- **Dr. Stephen Robert Nagy - International Christian University, Tokyo**
- Dr. Patricia Nelson - Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Stockholm School of Economics
- Mr. Nicholas Parker - Parker Venture Management Inc., Global Acceleration Partners Inc.
- Mr. Michael Small - SFU Centre for Dialogue

- **Dr. James Tiessen - Ryerson University**
- **Dr. David Welch - CIGI, Balsillie School of International Affairs**

The Foundation's reappointed Fellows include:

- Mr. Don W. Campbell - DLA Piper
- **Mr. Joseph Caron - Former Canadian Diplomat/Ambassador**
- Dr. Michael Goldberg - Sauder School of Business, UBC
- Ms. Deanna Horton - Munk School of Global Affairs
- Dr. Jean-Michel Montsion - York University, Glendon College
- Dr. Ito Peng - University of Toronto
- Dr. Pitman Potter - University of British Columbia
- Dr. Daniel Savas - Simon Fraser University
- Mr. Hugh L. Stephens - University of Calgary, Royal Roads University
- **Dr. Yves Tiberghien - University of British Columbia**

Publication Notice

Journal of International and Advanced Japanese Studies, Volume 10
(submitted by Leslie Tkach-Kawasaki, May 16, 2018,
tkach@japan.email.ne.jp)

The *Journal of International and Advanced Japanese Studies*, published by the Master's and Doctoral Programs in International and Advanced Japanese Studies, published Volume 10 of its PRINT and ONLINE editions in February and March 2018, respectively.

Articles and research notes from both editions are available on our website at <http://japan.tsukuba.ac.jp/research/en/>

Here is the cover of the PRINT edition of the Journal. JSAC members have submitted manuscripts in the past, and we hope you do so again for this and future editions.

CFP for Volume 11 (2018-19)

The *Journal of International and Advanced Japanese Studies* is currently seeking new manuscripts for its 2018-2019 issues to be published in February 2019. This year, we are accepting research papers (up to 20 pages in length), research notes (up to 15 pages), essays on teaching innovations and practices (up to 15 pages), review essays (up to 10 pages), and book reviews (up to 6 pages) written in either English or Japanese.

Please refer to the Submission Guidelines in English or Japanese (available at <http://japan.tsukuba.ac.jp/research/en/submission-guidelines.html>) if you intend to make a submission to our *Journal*. It must be noted that to be eligible to submit a manuscript to our *Journal*, authors must have completed a recognized course in research ethics.

Please send the "Intention to Submit" form, completed in either English or Japanese, and also available on the above website, to us via e-mail or postal service. The addresses and deadlines are below.



*E-mail: jiajs@japan.tsukuba.ac.jp

* Please use this new email address (effective as of May 1, 2018).

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- The first deadline for receiving your “Intention to Submit” (via email or post to the IAJS Office):
Friday, June 15th, 2018 (strictly enforced).
- The second deadline for receiving receipts of all manuscript types (via email or post to the IAJS Office):
Monday, July 16th, 2018 (strictly enforced).

With regard to the formatting for research articles and research notes, please confirm the templates as formatting guidelines in Japanese or English for the Journal. The templates are available at:

<http://japan.tsukuba.ac.jp/research/en/submission-guidelines.html>.

About the *Journal of International and Advanced Japanese Studies*

The *Journal* is a peer-reviewed academic journal published annually by the Master’s and Doctoral Programs in International and Advanced Japanese Studies, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Tsukuba.

The *Journal* purports to promote open-debates through leading research effects’ publishing in Japanese Studies. We welcome many submissions from the perspectives of cross-national and international studies as well as perspectives in all social science fields (encompassing politics, economics, society, law, media and information studies, culture, language and pedagogy, fine arts, and literature). The *Journal* *especially encourages* graduate students (M.A. level and above) to submit manuscripts to the journal.

All queries and submissions should be addressed to the editorial board at:
jiajs@japan.tsukuba.ac.jp

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Leslie Tkach-Kawasaki, Editorial Committee Chair,
University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba, Japan

Centre for the Study of Global Japan, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

The newly-launched Centre for the Study of Global Japan (CSGJ) is part of the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto. Established in July 2017 with generous support from the Government of Japan as the first of its kind in Canada, the centre is currently staffed by three professors (Louis W. Pauly, David A. Welch, and Mark Manger) and an associate (Seung Hyok Lee) to promote deeper understanding of Japan in Canada from a global perspective.

CSGJ's main focus is to facilitate research networks, teaching, and public outreach through workshops and guest lectures on various aspects of Japanese politics and diplomacy. We actively seek out opportunities for faculty and students in Canada and Japan to freely and objectively exchange their views on both contemporary and historical issues related to Japan, and policy challenges on global issues faced by the two G-7 partners.

Among the various events hosted by CSGJ during the 2017-18 school year (full-list attached below), we would like to highlight particularly our hosting of the Japan Studies Association of Canada 2017 Conference, and our regular Japan NOW talk series.

Events—2017/18

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	Event Title	Speaker(s)	Attendance
12-01-2017	Japan's Global Reach: Development Cooperation and Foreign Policy (Japan NOW)	Akihiko Tanaka	103
10-03-2017	Green Japan: Combining Technological Innovation, Economic Growth and Environmental Sustainability (Japan NOW)	Carin Holroyd	68
17-03-2017	The Age of Three Emperors: The Direction of US Foreign Policy and the Future of US-Japan Relations (Japan NOW)	Tosh Minohara	57
28-03-2017	Stakeholder Capitalism in Turbulent Times	Shibusawa Foundation	62
19/09/2017	Asia's Reckoning: China, Japan, and the Fate of U.S. Power in the Pacific	Richard McGregor	120
22-09-2017	Dismantling Japanese Developmentalism (Japan NOW)	T. J. Pempel	81
02-10-2017	Walk in Canada, Talk on Japan	Tomohiko Taniguchi, Kazuo Okura, Koji Uenoyama, Junko Uchigami	Varied
12-10-2017	Professional Development: A Seminar for Graduate Students and Junior Faculty Members	Ken Coates, Carin Holroyd, David Welch	46
12/10/2017 - 15/10/2017	Japan Studies Association of Canada 2017 Conference: Future Uncertain: Economic, Environmental, Social and Political Challenge (Co-sponsored by Japan NOW)	50 participants over 4 days	46-100 each session
13-10-2017	Being Ambassador to Japan with Joseph Caron	Joseph Caron	100
13-10-2017	"Society 5.0": Japan's Growth Strategy Under Abenomics or the "Reset"-Party of Hope (Japan NOW)	Atsushi Sunami	85
13-10-2017	Undergraduate Roundtable: Gender Equality in Japan from Students' Perspective	Taku Nishimura, Keita Morikawa, Kana Shishikura, Natsuhi Yasuda, Seung Hyok Lee	25
14-10-2017	Cultivating Institutional Change in Japan: Globalization, Demographic Decline, and the Future of Farming	Patricia Maclachlan	76
14-10-2017	Japanese Smart Communities as Industrial Policy	Andrew DeWit	77

02-11-2017	Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook -- Born in Japan, Flourishing Around the World (Japan NOW)	Yasuhide Nakamura	62
29-11-2017	Escape Velocity? How to Overcome Secular Stagnation in Japan and Abroad (Japan NOW)	R. Anton Braun, Nobuyuki Kinoshita	85
10-01-2018	Meet and Greet the Consul-General of Japan	Takako Ito	40
19-01-2018	How Have the 'North Korea Factors' Shaped Japan-South Korea Relations?	Seung Hyok Lee	46
09-02-2018	Security Cooperation in East Asia, Japan, South Korea, and the United States (Japan NOW)	Peter D. Feaver, Naoko Kumagai, Seung Hyok Lee	80
05-03-2018	Geopolitics and Security Shifts in East Asia - Perspective from Japan	Jonathan Berkshire Miller	40
08-03-2018	150 Years After the Meiji Restoration--Japan's Global Engagement Then and Now	Koko Kato, Tomoko Okagaki, Yuichi Hosoya, Sarah Taylor, U of T scholars	60
12-03-2018	Shaping Summitry: An Anniversary Conference (Co-sponsored with G-7 Research Group, Trinity College)	Bill Graham, Margaret MacMillan, Barbara Eastman, Sir Nicholas Bayne, Jonathan Fried, Tiff Macklem, U of T distinguished alumni	150
10-04-2018	Takehashi: Student Presentations on Japan	Takehashi 2018 participants	35

Member News

Ken Coates (Professor and Canada Research Chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan)

Arranged for Dr. Atsushi Tsunami, GRIPS (Tokyo), to present a paper on "Japan 5: Toward a Digitally Smart Society," to the 2018 Creating Digital Opportunities Conference (SSHRC Partnership Project), Vancouver, April 2015.

Continuing my research on digital technologies and the future of rural societies, which includes a substantial element on Japan's rural challenges.

Millie Creighton (Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia)

Dr. Millie Creighton is spending eight months of the 2018 year under an appointment as a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University based in the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies.



Photographic Evidence Answers that Age-Old Question: Why Did the Canadian Goose Cross the Road? To Get In To Harvard. While based at Harvard as a Visiting Scholar, I noticed this grouping of what seemed to be Canadian Geese, of two adults and 11 blooming goslings crossing the road from the Charles River that separates and also connects the Harvard main Cambridge campus and the Harvard Alston campus. Once on the other side, they could easily make their way directly into Harvard, without seemingly having to do all the paperwork I did to similarly enter Harvard from Canada for my sabbatical. (Photo by Millie Creighton, taken May 27, 2018)

David W. Edgington (Emeritus Professor, University of British Columbia)

Presentation:

Edgington, David W. 2018. "Building Back in Devastated Communities", an invited talk to a workshop entitled: "Love, Hope and New Life: Seven Years After the Eastern Japan Great Earthquake/Tsunami", Unitarian Church of Vancouver, BC, March 7th 2018.

Field Work:

Interviews with government officials, local residents and entrepreneurs related to long-term recovery after the '3.11 disaster' in Sendai and Fukushima, November and December, 2017.

Scott Harrison (Program Manager, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada)

Articles: Co-author with Charles Labrecque, "Canadian Provinces and Foreign Policy in Asia" International Journal (forthcoming - accepted)

Presentations: Co-presented with Michael Hathaway, "Indigenous Politics in Asia: How China and Japan are Part of Global Dynamics,"; presented at Questions of Indigeneity in the Asia Pacific speaker series, Munk School of Global Affairs, April 3, 2018

Committees: Editorial Committee, Education About Asia, Association of Asian Studies (from May 2018)

Carin Holroyd (Professor, Department of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan)

Holroyd, C. "Digital Galapagos: Japan's Digital Media and Digital Content Economy", *Journal of the Japan Studies Association*, forthcoming

Holroyd, C. "Digital Content Promotion in Southeast Asia: Government Strategies for a New Economic Sector," *Journal of Asian Public Policy*, forthcoming

Presented at the Centre for Japanese Research's conference on Donald Trump, Japan and Canada organized by Dr. Shige Matsui in February 2018.

Presented on "Digital Content Promotion in Japan and South Korea" at the Creating Digital Opportunity (SSHRC Partnership grant conference) conference in Vancouver in April 2018.

Fumiko Ikawa-Smith (Professor Emerita, McGill University)

Chapters: Paleolithic Archaeology in Japan, in Handbook of East and Southeast Asian Archaeology, edited by Junko Habu, Peter V. Lape, & John W. Olsen, pp. 195-217. Springer, 2017. Ringer

Conferences/Meetings attended: 「交響する古代」, at Meiji University, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2017

Awards: Lifetime Service Awards, JSAC, 2017

Jacob Kovalio (Professor, Department of History, Carleton University)

1. Ms. Koko Kato, Special Advisor to the Cabinet of Japan, gave a lecture on March 9th, 2018 at Carleton University on "Heritage Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution" in honour of the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration.

Full industrialization in record time by successfully combining Western technology and domestic developments and entrepreneurship, was one of the many achievements of the Meiji era [1867-1912] in Japan's history. Ms. Katō's lecture – part of a slew of events worldwide, organized by the Government of Japan in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration- is an overview of various industrial heritage sites from this unique period. Ms. Katō earned a Master's degree in Community and Regional Planning from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Her research focuses on domestic and international industrial heritage, an area in which she serves as an advisor to the Government of Japan. Ms. Katō is the author of *International Heritage* [Nihon Keizai Shimbun Inc., 1998] and of many articles and essays in professional periodicals and regular magazines.

2. The Kovalio presentation [April 9, 2018 - the first in the annual *Japan Lecture Series at Carleton University*] focused on the myriad political, social and institutional changes triggered by the Meiji Restoration of April 1868- a revolution in anything but name. The most relevant changes included the [formal] return of power from the feudal Tokugawa Shogunate to the imperial institution and the vast social, economic and political transformations the Meiji political leaders initiated.

Stephen Nagy (Politics and International Relations, International Christian University, Tokyo)

- o Led China Global Link program to cultivate Sino-Japanese relations future leaders
<https://www.jicuf.org/2018-global-link-china-participants-share-their-experiences/>

Recent Op-eds and Policy pieces on regional politics

- 1) Changing geopolitics & China's role in the Trilateral Summit: Moving beyond functional cooperation
<http://chinaplus.cri.cn/opinion/opedblog/23/20180509/128586.html>
 - 2) Three key issues for the Trilateral Summit: Ceremony and civility mask diverging interests in Northeast Asia
<https://www.policyforum.net/three-key-issues-trilateral-summit/>
 - 3) Post-summit period shrouded in uncertainty for Japan
<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/opinion/2018/05/01/commentary/japan-commentary/post-summit-period-shrouded-uncertainty-japan/#.WvZYDGjRAow>
 - 4) Forging a permanent peace on the peninsula
<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/opinion/2018/04/19/commentary/japan-commentary/forging-permanent-peace-peninsula/#.WvZYWWjRAow>
 - 5) MAXIMIZING THE FRACTURES
<http://www.asianaffairs.in/magazine/maximizing-the-fractures/#.WrHryYjFIow>
 - 6) In Japan is demography destiny? : *Time for a modern Meiji Restoration*
<https://www.macroegeo.global/analysis/in-japan-is-demography-destiny/>
 - 7) China may gripe, but Canada's policy moves in Asia make sense
<https://www.hilltimes.com/2018/05/11/china-may-gripe-canadas-policy-moves-asia-make-sense/143775>
 - 8) Converging or Diverging Interests? The Trilateral Summit & PM Abe's Political Imperatives
<https://glos.blog/2018/05/14/converging-or-diverging-interests-the-trilateral-summit-pm-abes-political-imperatives/>
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Brian Pendleton (Professor Emeritus, Asian Studies, Langara College)

February 2018 – presented a series of lectures on Japanese and Chinese Religions, Asian Studies Program, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Richmond, B.C.

March 2018 – visited a number of Japanese gardens in Europe, the highlight being the “Garten Der Welt” (Gardens of the World) in Berlin. The huge Erholungspark, located in the Marzahn neighbourhood in former East Germany, includes western-style gardens, the largest Chinese garden in Europe, a Korean garden, and the “Yūsuien” (Harmony Water Garden) Japanese garden designed by Masuno Shunmyō. JSAC members will recognize Masuno as the designer-builder of the gardens at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo (1991), the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull/Ottawa (1995), and the renovation of Nitobe Memorial garden in Vancouver (1993).

May 2018 – attended the North American Japanese Garden Association (NAJGA) Regional Workshop in Michigan. Lectures and tours were held at the historic 1915 Japanese garden (Cranbrook Art Museum and Estate), the Freer Gallery of Japanese Art, Yamasaki Minoru’s modernist water garden (Wayne State University), Muedler garden (Michigan State University), Shigematsu garden (Lansing Community College), and the eight-acre DeVos Japanese garden at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park (Grand Rapids).

Mark Rowe (Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University)

Mark Rowe gave a talk in April at the University of Tübingen : " The Extraordinary in the Ordinary - Female Buddhist Priest in Japan Today."

Scott Simon (University of Ottawa)

From August 1, 2017, to July 27, 2018, I have been working at the National Museum of Ethnology (Minpaku) in Osaka. In addition to working on a book manuscript about Taiwanese indigenous peoples, I have been working with Dr. Atsushi Nobayashi on a Minpaku-funded research project entitled “Ecological and Cultural Approaches to Taiwan and Neighbouring Islands” and a related SSHRC-funded project entitled “Austronesian Worlds: Human-Animal Entanglements in the Pacific Anthropocene. I am working in a new field of inquiry in anthropology called Multi-species ethnography, the idea being to study humans and other animals as they interact within the same ecological niches, co-creating cultures. For the Japanese component of the project, I have been doing field research primarily with bird watchers of the Wild Bird Society of Japan in Osaka. I have also been learning about other human-bird relations, such as duck hunting, cormorant fishing, conservation projects, bird banding, and the worship of bird deities such as the giant crow known as Yatagarasu who in ancient times led the first Japanese Emperor Jimmu out of the forest. The goal is to produce a book-length monograph about Japan and its birds, as well as a number of journal articles.

I won’t be able to make the conference this year, but I do plan to return to JSAC after I get back to Canada.

James (Jim) Tiessen (Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University)

Jim took part in a public lecture panel, *Being a doctor in Japan: From the everyday to the extraordinary* at the Japan Foundation in Toronto January 2018. Dr. Shinya Ito (University of Toronto, Hospital for Sick Children) and Dr. Takeshi Kanno (Tohoku University Japan, and McMaster University) shared their experiences with the full house. In early May Jim spoke about recruiting physicians in rural Japan with Dr. Sarah Newbury, Chief of Staff of the North of Superior Healthcare group, on a panel *Physician Recruitment Methods* at the Ontario Hospital Association's "Rural and Northern Health Care Leadership Conference" in Toronto.



Shinya Ito, Takeshi Kanno and Jim Tiessen.
Jan. 31 2018, Japan Foundation Toronto.

Austin Uzama (Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia)

Austin Uzama recently published an article in the *Journal of Adult and Continuing Education*. The article examined the benefits of incorporating ecotourism programs into the adult education curriculum. Social education and lifelong learning (shougai gakushuu) are terms used to refer to adult education and related activities in Japan. Adult education originated immediately after Second World War with the enactment of the Fundamental Law of Education (1947; revised in the 1980s). The aim of the paper was to examine how host communities can learn from adult education centers in their communities to practice sustainable ecotourism. <http://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/XuSrbiqTVg7eVpjka68x/full>

Tom Waldichuk (Faculty of Arts, Thompson Rivers University)

"Tom Waldichuk and the students from his third year geography of Japan field course presented a poster on tourist walking routes in Bunkyo Ward, Tokyo at the Western Division conference of the Canadian Association of Geographers in March at the University of Alberta. Tom is planning to take another group of students to Japan in May 2019.



Hokkaido Birding Expedition
(Scott Simon)

Noriko Yabuki-Soh (York University, Associate Professor)

Conference Proceedings: The role of viewpoint in written narratives in Japanese: Exploring a cognitive linguistic approach. In D. Edgington (Ed.), *Globalizing Japan: Issues in Language, Linguistics and Japanese Society* (pp. 16-28). Japan Studies Association of Canada.

日本語教材に見られる授受表現・受身表現—認知言語学の観点から— [Donatory and passive expressions found in JFL instructional materials: A cognitive linguistic approach]. *The 23rd Princeton Japanese Pedagogy Forum Proceedings*, 334-345.

Conference Presentation: Images of Japanese women: An analysis of language use in advertisements. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Japan Studies Association of Canada (JSAC 2017), University of Toronto, Toronto, October 12-15, 2017.

Invited talk: 視点表現に関する一考察—日本語学習者と母語話者の比較— [Expressions of viewpoint: Comparing L2 learners and native speakers of Japanese] Workshop for JFL Teachers given at Carlton University, Ottawa, January 21, 2018.

Community service: Chair of the Organizing Committee for the 36th Ontario Japanese Speech Contest, University of Toronto, March 3, 2018.

Sheri Zhang-Leimbigler (University of Ottawa, Professor, Director of Chinese-Japanese Language and Culture Centre)

- Guest speaker at the 2018 International Human Rights Summit, United Nations, New York, July 2018
- Book publishing contract: *Building the China-Canada Cultural Bridge - Inspired by Japanese Cultural Concepts*

Sheri Zhang-Leimbigler, University of Ottawa, Canada

Jeff Ma Beifang Minzu University, China

This book provides a wider scope of knowledge of modern Chinese culture, inspired by Japanese cultural concepts that are woven into our work to present Chinese culture as a mosaic. Befu's (2011) work on stratified Japan led us to China's regional cultures. Sugimoto's (2011) two competing models of Japanese culture form the theme of our work. Among the 56 ethnic groups in China, the Muslim group is one of the largest. The ancient capital city Chang'an, known as today's Xi'an, is one of China's most Muslim-friendly cities, and is the eastern starting point of the Silk Road. Towards the west of this city is the Ningxia Hui Muslim Autonomous Region. The city of Guyuan is located on the land route of the Silk Road linking China to the West. One finds sculptures of Buddha scattered throughout the vast mountainous area, the hometown of Chinese Hui Muslims. Following Erie's path-breaking work on China and Islam (2016), we are encouraged to launch our research project to cover the Islamic culture and identity perceived in China, Japan and Canada. Through explanation and analysis of the cultural interaction and co-existence of multiple cultures and religions in western China, we provide readers with a modern view of China as a whole.

2018 CASCA (Canadian Anthropology Society) Annual Conference, May 16-20, 2018

Millie Creighton

Canadian academics have recently again been active building bridges with academics and universities in Cuba, and additionally bringing Canadian perspectives on Japan to Cuba through presentations and exchange. From May 16-20, 2018 CASCA (Canadian Anthropology Society-La Societe Canadienne D'anthropologie) successfully held its joint annual conference with the Cuban university Universidad de Oriente after many months of planning and activity to bring this about. The joint meetings were held in Santiago de Cuba, where the Universidad de Oriente, established in 1947, is located. Work by Canadian academics on Japan was a solid part of the joint conference. In particular, there was a full panel organized by JSAC member Dr. Millie Creighton (Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia) dealing with Japan in a global context and in terms of transnational flows and interactions with other world areas (a general theme of the conference), entitled:

'Space, Place and Identities Amidst Culture Context: Cosmopolitanism Involving Japan in Reference to Germany, Egypt, Nigeria and Globalization Flows.' Presenters included: Millie Creighton presenting on Japan and Africa connections, Francesca Pegorer (graduate student in the Department of Anthropology Ph.D. program at the University of British Columbia) comparing urban space and its 'edgelands' via urban gardens, communitas and concepts of 'the city' in Tokyo and Berlin, Basant Ahmed Sayed (graduate student in the Department of Anthropology MA program at the University of British Columbia who also presented at the 2015 JSAC meetings at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo) discussing transnational consumption of Japanese popular culture in Egypt, with Nichola Levell (University of British Columbia) serving as discussant. There were other presentations at the conference on or dealing with Japan, including one on post-disasters Fukushima, and a newly made film on Japanese religion shown at the film viewing session.



A panel of presentations on Japan was conducted in Santiago de Cuba on May 18, 2018 for the first joint Canadian Anthropological Society and Cuba academic conference involving the Universidad de Oriente established in Santiago de Cuba in 1947. Presenting on Japan, left to right are: Francesca Pegorer (Ph.D. student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia), Dr. Millie Creighton (a professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia, long-term JSAC member, and panel organizer), Basant Ahmed Sayed (MA student in the Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, and previous presenter at JSAC), and Dr. Nichola Levell (a professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia).

The conference was a ground-breaking endeavour for CASCA, which was holding its meetings outside Canada for only the second time since its inception. (It also adds to other JSAC members involvements in Cuba such as that of Norio Ota and involved in Japanese language programs in Cuba.) While we were in Cuba for the conference, the tragedy of an airplane crash in Cuba from Havana to one of the airports servicing our conference occurred on May 18, 2018 and our conference members were aware of how much this affected the country due to experiencing the national State of Mourning declared, and also by the awareness that many conference attendees had been scheduled on the same flight on the days preceding the crash. While we were grateful that none of the conference attendees were flying on that scheduled flight (everyone having seemingly arrived by the day before it), as an organization CASCA decided to convey condolences over the crash in which all but three people on board died. It is also hoped that the three survivors of the crash are able to continue towards eventual recovery.

Retirement Musings – Number 1: JSAC Conference Expenses, etc.

Brian Pendleton

I am calling this No. 1, although in retirement there may be, subject to personal inertia or circumstances less desirable, no No. 2 or beyond.

As JSAC members similarly retired can attest, one now has the luxury to read -- no, not student essays or exams -- but rather those never-gotten-to dusty journals on the shelf, travel accounts of places-still-to-visit in Japan, and even news clippings and trivia long ago collected and just now discovered stored in boxes long past their best-before date. Must take these to recycle one day.

And so to musing No.1 ... a box filed with JSAC conference memorabilia, program presentation schedules, maps of university buildings, binders, tote bags and pens (souvenirs of questionable interest or merit -- beyond the host institution, of course); and, to my surprise, receipts for all manner of items: JSAC memberships, hotels, taxis, food and drink, and air travel -- those which were 'claimable' all dutifully tabulated on the plethora of university expense reimbursement forms, the interpretation of which was known only to those who designed the forms in the first place (as we know, each institution chooses to design its own hell-on-paper, or more recently, in-fill, save, copy and upload-download). Attach receipts and wait four to five months. Must take these to recycle one day.

But this is not really the musing issue ... last October's AGM in Toronto is. Reflecting on the news that JSAC would no longer be able to fund a portion of travel expenses to the annual conference, a lively discussion ensued. And here, I make my point -- a view I believe not held by all JSAC members. I will continue to attend the annual conference, at my own expense, regardless if I receive funding or not (or "if my grant doesn't come through"). Never expected to be funded for all my professional activity, in fact, much of my travel and scholarly activity would not have happened without my personal contributions -- again, I accept that this view is not shared by all. And, I support the Executive in the effort to reiterate the need for funding assistance in Canada -- yes, we are a vast country and travel is a necessity, not a luxury, for a small but significant player in the Japan-Canada dialogue. So, please continue to make this point with our external partners.

But even in 2018, we are not hard-done-by, so to make an historical comparison, I dug out an almost twenty-year old conference file: *Mediating Japan – Transformation in the Production of Japanese Culture* – McGill University, Montreal, September 30 – October 2, 1999, ably hosted and coordinated by Professor Ikawa-Smith and others.

My interest was to compare the cost of the Montreal and Toronto conferences -- the economists among us may want to calculate my salary differential in the intervening two decades, but I know it increased several-fold. Among my tattered receipts from Montreal 1999:

Canadian Airlines (alas, no more): Vancouver – Montreal return, seats 7C and 9B (hot breakfast and dinner served on real plates, no charge for checked luggage, etc).
Price: almost the same as my Vancouver – Toronto flight last October.

When one also considers last October's Vancouver – Toronto price included GST/PST/HST, airport improvement fees (AIF), air travellers security charge (ATSC), advance seat selection charge, checked baggage charge, movie head set charge, cold and luke-warm food of unknown parentage charge, some beverage charges (credit card only, no cash, please), not to mention seat-width and leg-room suitable only for children ... but I rest my case. Travel today is a bargain compared to decades ago (except when trying to cash-in one's reward points and still pay the 'extra' fees and taxes!).

OK, I will admit that some of these were 'hidden' in the 1999 ticket price, and on domestic flights one rarely had a personal in-seat entertainment system, but many of today's mandatory or 'optional' charges did not exist then.

I acknowledge that earlier JSAC conferences sometimes included partial reimbursements for hotels, taxis, etc. but I have chosen to focus on airfares since these would appear to be of major concern to our members. Finally, as JSAC members have been a most collegial family for decades, I include here from Montreal 1999, in program presentation order, those who also attended last October: Holroyd, Tiessen, Coates, Ota, Goulding, Ursacki-Bryant, Pendleton, Waldichuk, Ikawa-Smith, and Kovalio (apologies to anyone I have missed, as I know some were on sabbatical back then).

And so, hope to see many JSAC 'family' members this fall in Edmonton – in retirement, I'm travelling on my own dime (adjusted for inflation). Now I'm off to recycle several boxes and destroy the evidence ...



Hokkaido winter birding
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