

**Twelfth Annual Graduate Student/School Teacher  
Symposium on Japanese Studies  
Friday, April 3, 2009**

*Eclipse and Transformation:  
Rebuilding Global Society with a New Paradigm*

**Beck Rooms, Walsh Library (Morning Sessions)  
Seton Hall University**

**Master of Ceremonies**  
Lawrence Driscoll, Seton Hall University Alumnus

**8:15 a.m.-8:55 a.m. Registration and Refreshments**

**9:00 a.m.-9:55 a.m. Panel 1: Vision of Peace from the Past Experience**

Chair and Discussant: Yui Suzuki, Diplomacy & International Relations, Seton Hall University

1. *Yamagata Aritomo (1838-1922) and Prussian Influences on the Japanese Military*, Kristina Mayberry, History Department, Seton Hall University

2. *The Paradox of the Japanese: German Alliance in World War II*, Gary Andrasko, Asian Studies Department, Seton Hall University

**10:00-10:55 a.m. Panel 2: Current Japanese Society and Culture**

Chair and Discussant: Catherine Fisco, Cranford High School

1. *The Elderly Majority and their Impact on Japan*, Daniel Chykirda, Asian Studies Department, Seton Hall University

2. *Images, Roles and Themes in Japanese Anime*, Michael Mitchell, New Providence High School

**11:00 -11:30 a.m. Keynote Speech**

*Japan's Declining Population: Its Causes and Japan's Future*, Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations/Asian Studies, Nandor Forgach, Seton Hall University

**11:35 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Awards Ceremony**

Akira Sugiyama, Director of Japan Information Center, Consulate General of Japan (NY)

Wendy Sue Williams, Director of Language Resource Center, Seton Hall University

Shigeru Osuka, Director of the Japanese Program, Seton Hall University

Hiroko Ogino, Faculty of Japanese Program, Seton Hall University

Presentation of Excellence in Teaching Japanese Awards: Michael Cibenko, Pope John XXIII High School, and Yoko Sugimura, New Brunswick High School

Presentation of New Jersey High School Japanese Language Studies Awards

Presentation of Seton Hall University Japanese Language Studies Awards

**12:15- 1:30 p.m. Luncheon at Faculty Lounge, University Center 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**\*Room Change to Duffy Hall Room 60 (Graduate Lounge)**

**1:30-2:55 p.m. Panel 3: Japanese Reactions to Non-Native**

Chair and Discussant: Shigeru Osuka, Asian Studies, Seton Hall University

1. *Opposition of the West during Sixteenth Century Japan: How the Anti-Foreignism in Japan Influenced the Ban of Christianity*, Nina Ericson, Asian Studies, Seton Hall University

2. *Thanks for Occupying: Okinawan's Attitudes Towards U.S. Military Presence*, Karima Gahagan, Asian Studies, Seton Hall University

3. *Schooling and Koreans in Japan*, Kira Thompson, Asian Studies, Seton Hall University

4. *The Link Between Artistic Patronage and the Distinguishing Characteristics of Japanese and Chinese Art*, Cynthia Fellows, Asian Studies, Seton Hall University

**3:00 p.m. Closing Remarks**

**The Following paper will be included in the proceedings**

1. *Soka Gakkai and Komeito: The Politicization of a New Religion*, Shryll Whittaker, Diplomacy and International Relations/Asian Studies, Seton Hall University

2. *Tsuda Umeko (1864-1929) Proponent of Higher Education for Women: Success was Undermined by Gender and Class Distinctions*, Yanisha Brown, Diplomacy and International Relations/Asian Studies, Seton Hall University

3. *The Jito and Shugo During the Early Years of the Kamakura Bakufu*, Daniel Upbin, Asian Studies, Seton Hall University