The Twenty-first Annual Graduate Student and Scholar-Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies

Friday, April 13, 2018

Jubilee Hall 118
Seton Hall University

MC: Michael Stone, Asian Studies Program

9:30-9:40 a.m. Welcome

9:40-10:30 a.m. Panel 1: Contemporary Japanese Anime and Games in Global Society
Chair & Discussant: Dr. Shigeru Osuka, Japanese Program
Matthew K Barros (via Skype from Japan)
Japanese Culture in Anime and Manga, and Their Growth in the U.S

Gerald A Demattia
Now You're Playing With Culture: Tradition, Urbanization, and Pokémon

10:40-11:55 Panel 2: Encounter with Intellectual Japanese History and Religions
Chair & Discussant: Dr. Jeffry Rice, Asian Studies
Rodney Chin
The Persecution of Christianity in Tokugawa Japan

Xiang Wei
Perspective in the Ruler of Legitimacy of the Late-Ming Dynasty and Tokugawa Period: Historical Evaluation
Thorough Poems with Qian Qianyi (1582–1664) and Rai Sanyo (1780-1832)

Leemu Madison
Nichirenism and Tanaka Chigaku (1861-1939)

12 noon-1:20 p.m. Luncheon at Faculty Club, University Center

1:30-2:20 p.m. Keynote speech
Yasuhiro Makimura, Associate Professor of History, Iona College
Placing Japanese History within Global History

2:30-3:45 p.m. Panel 3: Current Japanese Society and Youth Culture
Chair & Discussant: Prof. Michael Stone, Asian Studies Program
Hyejin Jeong
Japan Economic Assistance to China during Deng Xiaoping Era (1978 - 1997)

Jiani Dai
The Rising of SNH48 and the Adoption of Japanese Idol Culture to Chinese Feature

Raul Herrera
Hikikomori: Reflection on Contemporary Japanese Society

3:45-3:50 p.m. Closing Remarks

Keynote Speaker: Yasuhiro Makimura born in Kitakyushu, Japan in 1971. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University, M.Litt. from Cambridge University, and B.A. from Harvard University. He has received Yokohama Association for International Communication and Exchanges Fellowship, Japan Foundation Fellowship, Heyman Center Fellowship, and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship. He is currently an associate professor of history teaching Japanese history, East Asian history, Global history, and Economic history at Iona College. Recently, he has published an award-winning book, “Yokohama and the Silk Trade: How Eastern Japan Became the Primary Economic Region of Japan, 1843-1893” (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2017).