The Twentieth Annual Graduate Student and Scholar Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies

Friday, March 31, 2017

Beck Room, University Library First Floor, Seton Hall University

MC: Michael Stone, Asian Studies Program

8:45-9:15 a.m. Registration
9:15-9:20 a.m. Welcome

9:20-10:40 a.m. Panel 1: Loyalties, People, and Government of Japan
Panel Chair and Discussant: Shigeru Osuka, Japanese Program

Natalie Dunaway
Loyalists, Heaven and Government: Yamagata Daini (1725-1767) and Rai Sanyo (1781-1832)

Yuying Ren
The Meiji Emperor and the First Sino-Japanese War

Daniel Connor
Exploring The Iwakura Mission and Chinese Educational Mission of the 19th century

10:50-11:50 Panel 2: Media and Communication in Modern Japan
Panel Chair and Discussant: Michael Stone, Asian Studies

Gerald DeMattia
Finding Love: How Japanese Film Can Reshape Japan’s Image of the Working Woman

Matthew Barros
Osamu Tezuka: The Man, the Myth, the Legend

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

1:30-2:30 p.m. Keynote speech
Nick Kapur, History Department, Rutgers University-Camden
The 1960 US-Japan Security Treaty Uprising and Landscape of Expression in Postwar Japan

2:35-3:35 p.m. Panel 3: Politics and International Relations of Current Japan
Panel Chair and Discussant: Anne Giblin-Gedacht, History Department

Raul Herrera
Yasukuni Shrine in Today's Japan: Its History, Society, and International Relations

Sunedara Davis
A Theoretical Analysis of Shinzo Abe’s Political Interests in the Philippines

3:35-3:40 p.m. Closing Remarks

Keynote Speaker
Nick Kapur is an Assistant Professor of History at Rutgers University-Camden. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University and an M.A. from Stanford University. His research focuses on modern and contemporary Japan and US-Japan relations. His current book project, entitled “The 1960 US-Japan Security Treaty Crisis and the Origins of Contemporary Japan,” explores the impact of the massive 1960 protests in Japan on US-Japan relations, Japanese society and culture, and the Cold War. From 2012 to 2014, he served as Project Manager for Harvard University's "Digital Archive of Japan's 2011 Disasters" (jdarchive.org). In addition, he has recently published on environmental relations between the US, China, and Japan since 1970.