

The 18th Annual Graduate Student Symposium on Japanese Studies

April 10, 2015

**Fahy Hall 129 (Dean's Conference Room)
Seton Hall University**

MC: Prof. Gary Andrasko

8:30-9:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshment

9:00-9:05 a.m. Welcome, Dr. Shigeru Osuka, Director of Japanese Program

9:10-10:00 a.m. Panel 1 Japanese Warfare on New Weapons

Chair and Discussant: Professor Gary Andrasko

Man, Machine, Moment: The Influence of Gunpowder on Japanese Warfare in 1560-1600,
Vaughn Rogers

Ishii Shiro (1892– 1959) and his involvement in Unit 731, Sunedara Davis

10:10-11:00 a.m. Panel 2 Faith in Japanese Buddhism and Christianity

Chair and Discussant: Professor Shigeru Osuka

Buddhist and Christian Ideas of Hell, Dan Sullivan

Anti-Christian Edicts in Edo Period (1603-1867), Juan Luis Ramos-Mendez

11:10-12:10 p.m. Keynote Speech

Beyond The Playing Field: The Olympic Games and Japanese International Relations

Professor Robin Kietlinski, LaGuardia Community College, NY

Dr. Kietlinski received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 2008. Her research focuses on East Asia, specifically modern Japanese history. In 2011, she published her book titled “Japanese Women and Sport: Beyond Baseball and Sumo” which examines the history of Japanese women's participation in sport, and questions the pervasive image of the submissive Japanese woman. Dr. Kietlinski taught history at Fordham University and Baruch College before starting at LaGuardia in 2012. Dr. Kietlinski teaches courses in modern Japanese, modern Chinese, East Asian, and global history.

12:10-1:30 p.m. Lunch (University Center)

1:30-2:20 p.m. Panel 3 Examining Early Samurai Code of Ethics

Chair and Discussant: Professor Michael Stone

Hojo Yasutoki (1183 - 1242) and the Joie Shikimoku, Mario Maximous

Hojo Soun (1432 - 1519): Life and the Twenty-One Articles, Gabriel Thompson

2:30-3:20 p.m. Panel 4 International Relations in Medieval Japan

Chair and Discussant: Professor Gary Andrasko

Could Japan have Repelled the Mongol Invasions of 1274 and 1281 Without the “Divine Winds?”
Michael A. Stone

Ashikaga Yoshimitsu (1358 - 1408) and Kango Trade between Japan and Ming China, Yuzhen Li

3:30-3:40 p.m. Closing Remarks & Photo Session