

# **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).