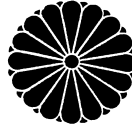


Scholar Update

Featuring our current and past scholars



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2017 Imperial Audience

December 2017 Edition



(L-R): Mr. Krieg, Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Allen Uyeda (CPASF Chair), and Mr. Yoshio Nakamura (CPASF Japan Committee) during the Imperial Audience with Their Majesties.

Yoshiro Sakamoto (2017-2019) and **Alexander Krieg** (2016-2018) had an experience of a lifetime when they met with Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko on July 14, 2017. Both thoroughly enjoyed conversing with Their Majesties and were honored by the keen interest Their Majesties

showed in their research topics.

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Former CPASF Scholar Ben Schragger Featured in CJS Seminar

Doctoral-candidate **Benjamin Schragger** (2015-2017) was the featured speaker at a Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) seminar-series featuring CPASF Alumni on September 13, 2017. His lecture entitled, "Broiler Chickens & Jidori Traditions: Everyday Practices of Eating Chicken Meat in Japan" presented findings from his research which revealed a polarization for chicken meat in Japan. Ben writes, "Anxiety inducing avian influenza and imported chicken meat are on the one side contrasted by new trustworthy certifications of premium chicken meat on the other. In addition to researching these changes in production, a series of focus groups with Japanese consumers helped to connect this



broader polarization with everyday practice." Ben is currently in Okinawa but plans to return to Hawaii in January 2018 and graduate in May 2019. Ben's lecture was

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Chairman's Message

Happy Holidays!

As we reach the end of 2017, I want to share some of the highlights of what the CPASF accomplished this year and express my appreciation to all those who gave so generously of their time and energy to make these important initiatives happen. The CPASF Board of Trustees continues to work to strengthen the scholar-alumni community and ensure the sustainability of this prestigious Scholarship program which, to date, has benefited **148 scholars**.

NEW: CPASF TRAVEL AWARDS

Thanks to Ed Hawkins' initiative, and Ed's and Christine Yano's generosity, **CPASF now grants travel awards** to qualifying CPASF scholars still working on their degree. This idea, which was also a dream of two recent scholars, Yukie Lloyd and Sakiko Yasuda, is part of the effort to extend the CPASF relationship beyond the basic academic curriculum support.

So far, four \$500 awards have been given to Ben Schragger, Junichi Yagi, Yukie Lloyd and Michelle Daigle. We are working on the possibility of setting up specifically designated funds, the income from which would enable the Travel Award to be awarded in perpetuity. We are grateful to Drs. Christine Yano and Glenn Miyataki for chairing the Alumni Relations and Scholar Recruitment Committee which has responsibility for screening and selecting the scholars for the travel awards.

I would also like to thank Stan Sawai for volunteering for the Nominating and Governance Committee and Stan and Larry Kumabe for helping update the Bylaws; the Officers, Howard Karr, Denis Isono and Larry Kumabe for their leadership; and Chairman Emeritus Howard Hamamoto for

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always looking for opportunities beneficial to the CPASF.

UPDATED: www.cpasfoundation.org

During the past year, we have worked to improve the CPASF website www.cpasfoundation.org. The website infrastructure was revamped to make it easier to change and insert material, to include a new search function, and to add links to the work of CPASF alumni that we have.

Thank you to all who provided news about your work. We greatly appreciate updates from you including upcoming research projects, recent publications and new job assignments. Please send your information with your contact information to cpasfoundation@google.com.

We are also pleased that heading into 2018,

the CPASF is in a stronger financial position due to expense reductions, strong investment returns and generous donations from Trustees and alumni. The CPASF should be in position to continue in perpetuity as a celebration of Emperor Akihito’s and Empress Michiko’s wedding.

Financially, our goals are to operate conservatively while building CPASF’s resources to enable the Foundation to support the number of scholars it had in previous years and to maintain CPASF’s public foundation classification. With the momentum gained this year, I look forward to working with all of you in making 2018 the year we take CPASF to the next level.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful New Year.

Allen B. Uyeda

Additional Recipients Named for 2017 CPASF Travel Award



Mahalo to **Dr. Christine Yano**, CPASF Trustee and CPASF alumna, who pledged \$1,000 for five-years to help fund the CPASF Travel Award from 2017 to 2021. Dr. Yano’s contribution has been added to the funds started by Mr. Ed Hawkins’ initial pledge for the award from 2017 to 2026 at \$1,000 a year. This means, we have \$2,000 available per year to grant to current and former CPASF scholars who attend academic conferences while still a student at UH Manoa.

With these additional funds from Dr. Yano, the CPASF Travel Award Committee is pleased to announce two more recipients for the 2017 travel award. In addition to **Benjamin Schragger** (2015-2017) and **Junichi Yagi** (2016-2018) who each received \$500 awards earlier this year, **Michelle Daigle** (2011-2013) and **Yukie Lloyd** (2011-2013) will also be receiving \$500 each for travel associated with academic conferences they have attended or will be attending.



Michelle

Michelle traveled to Washington, D.C. to present her paper, *Kanja rashikunai: The Minamata Disease Social Movement and the Vulgarly of Laughter* on December 2, 2017. Yukie will be traveling to Dakar, Senegal in April 2018 to present two posters from her PhD dissertation. She will also be hosting a workshop/session on *Improvements and Novel Techniques in Malaria Diagnostics*.



Yukie

The CPASF and the Travel Award Committee is happy to be able to offer these travel-grants to current and former CPASF scholars to support their continued academic and professional development. The committee is now accepting applications for the 2018 program year. **Deadline to apply is December 1, 2018.** Please contact the CPASF office at myokomichi@jshawaii.org for an application form or for more information.

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Ben Schragger Lecture

the third in the CJS series and followed talks by **Christopher Smith** (2012-2014) in October 2017 and **Michelle Daigle** (2011-2013) in February 2016. Up next will be a lecture by **James Jack** (2008-2010) who will be presenting his talk in March 2018.



The CPASF would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Center for Japanese Studies, Dr. Lonny Carlile, and Dr. Gay Satsuma for their continued support of the CPASF, our scholars, and alumni.

2018 CPASF TRAVEL AWARD GUIDELINES

OBJECTIVE: Encourage CPASF scholars in ongoing UH Manoa degree programs to gain professional preparation through participation in academic conferences.

ELIGIBILITY: Current or past CPASF recipient who is still in a UH Manoa graduate program. Funding of up to \$1,000 for students who have been accepted as an active participant in an academic conference. Active participation includes presenting a paper or part of a roundtable, poster presentation. This award is available ONCE during a student’s UH career. Application can be made AFTER the conference was held within the academic year.

CRITERIA: Status of conference relevant to student’s field. Role in the conference. E.g. if the student is not only a paper presenter, but also organized the panel, then that applicant receives preference.

2017 Applicant Recruitment for CPASF U.S. Scholarship Program

The 2017 CPASF Screening Interview Committee is happy to report that they interviewed nine applicants in the first-round of scholarship interviews on November 17, 2017. Of the nine, six were selected to continue on to the Final Interviews on

December 14, 2017. The Committee was encouraged to see so many scholars applying for our CPASF scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year. Applicants from the following fields of study were represented in the Screening Interviews: History; Japanese Language & Linguistics; Molecular Biosciences & Bioengineering; Music; Natural Resources;

Nursing; and two applicants in Education. Mahalo to our four committee members who volunteered their time to sit on the 2017 Screening Committee. Special thanks to Ms. Malia Peters of the UH Foundation and Dr. Gay Satsuma from the Center for Japanese Studies for their continued efforts to help us recruit quality applicants for our scholarship program.



Committee Chair, Mr. Stafford Kiguchi (middle), Executive VP at Bank of Hawaii, presiding over discussions regarding one of the applicants. Also pictured: CPASF President Ms. Reyna Kaneko, CPASF Trustee Mr. Joichi Saito, Center for Japanese Studies Director Dr. Lonny Carlile, and UH Manoa Hamilton Librarian Dr. Hisami Springer.

Hot Off the Press: New Scholar Named!

Robert Oda, a PhD scholar in Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering at the University of Hawaii has been selected as the 2018-2019 CPASF American scholar. Robert will be doing research on cancerous cells at the University of Tokyo.

Scholar Updates



Dr. Jo Ann Akamine (1975-1976) recently retired after working at Iolani School as a Japanese language instructor for the last 40 years. The Iolani School newsletter *Iolani Imua* – May 2017 describes her as having been the backbone of all things Japanese contributing to Japan-related clubs and offering support beyond the classroom. She even traveled to Japan as part of Iolani’s winning team in the 2011 Japan-America Society of Hawaii Japan Wizards Competition. Congratulations to Dr. Akamine on her retirement and significant contribution to Japanese language studies at Iolani School. Photo source: *Iolani Imua* newsletter – May 2017.

and Philosophy Club. Dr. Ombrello will also be helping to expand international education and exchange programs on campus. He comes to Kauai Community College from Kansai University where he was a specially appointed Associate Professor in the International Affairs Division.



will be working full-time at Waseda University Senior High School.



Dr. Laura Specker Sullivan (2013-2015) started a new job at the Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts in July 2017. Dr. Sullivan will likely remain at that post until July

2018 when she will be moving to Charleston, South Carolina to take a position as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the College of Charleston.



Dr. Mark Ombrello (2007-2009) recently relocated to Kauai with his family to take a position as a new History Instructor at Kauai Community College. He will be teaching East-Asian and World History and working with students to establish a History

Takuya Saeki (2015-2017) is currently teaching part-time at both Keio Shiki Senior High School and Tokai University. Takuya says he is learning something new in every class that he teaches. From April 2018, he

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