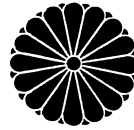


Scholar Update

Featuring our current and past scholars



Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation

Imperial Visit by Prince and Princess Akishino

Summer 2018 Edition



CPASF Chair Allen Uyeda greeting Prince Akishino with CPASF President Reyna Kaneko and Consul General Koichi Ito looking on.

Chairman's Message

I would like to thank CPASF Alumni **Carl Becker (1974-1975)** for meeting with current CPASF scholar **Jennifer Yoo (2017-2018)** and making some introductions for her in Kyoto to help with her research.

Incoming Japan CPASF scholar **Masaki Eguchi** received his MA in Education from Waseda University, and starting this fall, will be focusing his studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa on Applied Linguistics-Language Acquisition and Foreign Language Teaching. He presented at several international conferences and workshops over the past year.

Sakiko Yasuda (2013-2015) will continue with UNICEF as a WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) Officer but has moved from Bangkok to Honiara in the Solomon Islands. Challenges include only 43% of schools with access to a water supply and 66% with access to toilets.

Yukie Lloyd-Sato (2011-2013) was in Laos earlier this year and is back in Cameroon researching malaria prevention.

Takuya Saeki (2015-2017) has taken a permanent teaching position at Waseda High School in Tokyo.

Laura Specker Sullivan(2012-2014) is now an assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy at the College of Charleston. During the past year she was a research fellow at Harvard Medical School's Center for Bioethics.

If you have updates about what CPASF scholars are doing and/or any ideas that might help scholars finishing their studies, please let us know.

Allen B. Uyeda

On June 5, 2018, 11 Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation scholars/alumni and 12 Trustees were honored to have a private audience with Prince and

Princess Akishino. Many who attended the private audience commented that the Prince and Princess



The Prince and Princess exchange pleasantries with Japan scholar Yoshiro Sakamoto.

Princess Akishino, the younger son of Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko.

The Prince and Princess were in Honolulu to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the *Gannenmono* - the arrival of the first immigrants to Hawaii from Japan.



Gay Satsuma, CPASF alumna, conversing with the Prince and Princess.

exuded the same grace and elegance as Their Majesties as they spoke one-on-one with each of the guests.

Mahalo to all who attended this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Thank you also to the Royal Hawaiian Hotel for their warm hospitality.

Special CPASF Reception

The CPASF was pleased to host a special Reception after the audience with Prince and Princess Akishino at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel Regency II Ballroom.

There we enjoyed an assortment of deli meats, international cheeses, and fresh veggies supplemented by a platter of

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Special CPASF Reception

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fresh fruit courtesy of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and soft drinks and a platter of sweets provided by the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu.

It was a rare opportunity to have so many CPASF scholars, alumni, and Trustees in one room and we marked the occasion with a memorable group photo. It was wonderful to see everyone mingling together meeting each other for the first time or reestablishing old acquaintances.

Updated Bios

We took the opportunity to ask our alumni to update their bios during our preparations to meet Prince and Princess Akishino. Please read below to learn what these former (and one current) outstanding scholars have accomplished academically and/or professionally.

Chizuko Allen (1979-1980): After Chizuko Allen's undergraduate study in International Relations at Tokyo University, she earned an MA degree and a PhD degree in East Asian History from the University of Hawaii—Manoa, with a focus on Japan-Korea relations. Dr. Allen has been teaching courses and administering student scholarships at the University of Hawaii—School of Pacific and Asian Studies since 1995.



Sharon Fukayama (2010-2011): Sharon Fukayama received her PhD in Education from the University of Hawaii—Manoa. She holds an MA degree in Education from Chaminade University and a BA degree in Environmental Information from Keio University. Currently, she teaches in both private and public schools in Hawaii.



Erika Miyazaki Hori (2004-2006): Erika Miyazaki Hori received her PhD in American Studies at Nagoya University. She holds an MA degree



Pictured (L-R) **1st Row:** Sonya Johnson; Eric Matsumoto; Erika Miyazaki Hori; Gay Satsuma; Madoka Nagado; Naomi Hirano-Omizo; and Sharon Fukayama. **2nd Row:** Christine Yano, Chizuko Allen, Reyna Kaneko, Allen Uyeda, Yoshiro Sakamoto and Don Oberheu. **3rd Row:** Bob Huey; Ryozo Sakai; Allen Zecha; Glenn Miyataki; and Joichi Saito. **4th Row:** Bob Harrison; Stafford Kiguchi; and Daniel Dinell.

and a BA degree in American Studies and a BA degree in American Literature from Nagoya University. Her publications include "Racial Politics of Kanyaku Imin in Late 19th Century Hawaii and Japan" (Annual Review of Migration Studies 23, 2017: 37-56). She is currently a visiting researcher/scholar at the University of Texas.

Sonya Johnson (1986-1987): As a CPASF scholar, Sonya Johnson studied intensive Japanese at Keio University, Mita Campus. She went on to Stanford University after the University of Hawaii PhD program and was a Fulbright fellow there. She returned to Keio as a Fulbright fellow for her dissertation research. She went on to become a literary translator, translating novels by Hayashi Mariko, Mori Yoko, and Yamada Eimi (Amy Yamada) into English.



Eric Matsumoto (1984-1985): Eric Matsumoto received a BA degree in History and Liberal Sciences (Japanese Language and



Culture) from the University of Hawaii – Hilo and an MA degree in Shin Buddhist Studies from Ryukoku University. He is actively involved with Hawaii Buddhist Council, Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai Hawaii and The Interfaith Alliance of Hawaii. He is currently the 16th Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii since 2011.

Madoka Nagado (2010-2012): Madoka Nagado received her PhD degree in English at the University of Hawaii-Manoa in May 2018. She holds an MA in Nineteenth-Century Studies from the University of Hull, England and a BA degree in English Studies from the Kobe City University of Foreign Studies.



Don Oberheu (1994-1996): Don Oberheu received a BA degree in Japanese, an MA degree in Political Science, and an MA degree in Education—Learning Design & Technology from the University of Hawaii—Manoa. He received his JD degree from the Willamette University College of Law. He is currently a Digital Photography, (continued page 3)



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Digital Art, and Digital Media Ethics Lecturer at Leeward Community College.

Naomi Hirano-Omizo (1975-1976): Naomi Hirano-Omizo received a BA in Linguistics & Education from the University of Hawaii—Hilo and a PD in Education from the University of Hawaii—Manoa. She has co-authored “Adventures in Japanese”, Volumes 1-4; “Further Adventures in Japanese”; “Strive for Five” ; “Dekiru! An AP Preparation Course” (Textbooks) and is currently a Japanese language instructor at Punahou School.



Yoshiro Sakamoto (2017-2019): Yoshiro Sakamoto received an MA degree from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies and is a PhD Candidate in Literature and Cultural Studies at the same university. His dissertation research is regarding the life and literature of Mr. Stefan Baciu, a prominent poet and literary promoter of post-war literature in Hawaii. During his stay at UH-Manoa as a visiting researcher, he will focus on the significance of the poet’s literary



works and activity in the 20th century.

Gay Satsuma (1993-1994): Gay Satsuma received her PhD in Japanese History from the University of Hawaii—Manoa. She is currently Associate Director at the Center for Japanese Studies—University of Hawaii—Manoa and serves as Coordinator for the Title VI National Resource Center-East Asia grant and is an advisor on oversees study programs in Japan.



Christine Yano (1991-1992): Christine Yano received her PhD in Anthropology from the University of Hawaii—Manoa. She is a current Trustee on the CPASF Board. Publications include “Tears of Longing, Crowning the Nice Girl,” “Airborne Dreams: Nisei Stewardesses and Pan American World Airways,” and “Pink Globalization: Hello Kitty’s Trek Across the Pacific.” She also served as Curator for the Japanese American National Museum exhibit on “Hello! Exploring the Super Cute World of Hello Kitty.”



2018 Travel Award Recipient Named

The CPASF Travel Award Committee has selected it’s first 2018 recipient. Incoming scholar **Robert Oda (2018-2019)** received \$1,000 to travel to Montreal, Canada from June 1-4, 2018.



Robert writes, I presented an oral presentation at the International Anal Neoplasia Society Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

My research has focused on the identification of markers of cancer in homosexual couples where one individual is HIV positive and the other is not infected. In HIV-infected individuals, the risk of human papillomavirus and anal cancer is much higher. However, there is a gap as to what role HIV plays specifically in the progression of anal cancers. This research aims to show that cancerous profiles in HIV+ individuals will be distinct from cancer profiles in those who are not infected due to some HIV effect.

We have analyzed biopsy samples from five couples using Raman spectroscopy and have shown that there are distinct Raman profiles between cancer and non-cancer tissue samples. We have also seen that couples with the same cancer profile, there is a distinguishable difference between the individuals due to some HIV effect. We hope to do further work on identifying what these differences are and hopefully will be able to develop better detection methods for cancer in the future using Raman spectroscopy.

2019 CPASF Travel Award



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.

REMAINING FUNDS: For 2018, \$1,000 in Travel Award funds have been distributed leaving a balance of up to \$1,000 for the calendar year.

APPLY: Please contact Marsha Yokomichi, CPASF Vice President at myokomichi@jashawaii.org or ph. (808) 524-4450 for more information or to request an application. **Deadline to apply: 12/1/18.**



Robert speaking at the conference. Photo by Dr. Bruce Shiramizu.

100th Birthday of Stefan Baciu



Yoshiro Sakamoto (2017-2019) writes, I am currently advancing the writing of my doctoral thesis mainly concentrating on the description of the collaboration and friendship between the poet Stefan Baciu and Jean Charlot, a prestigious muralist, whose son I was able to interview in depth several weeks ago.

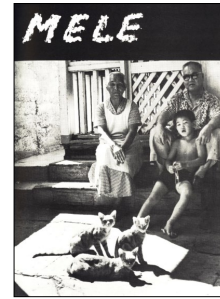
The analysis and elaboration of this important part in Baciu's work and life will be one of the main focuses in my doctoral thesis. At the same time, I am preparing for the 100th anniversary



Stefan Baciu,
1918-1993

of the poet's birth on October 29. In the context of this once-in-a-century celebration, I am writing an essay and some poems about his life and poetry which will be dedicated as a homage to the poet's fascinating literary legacy.

In addition, I am currently planning for the publication of a magazine in honor of Stefan Baciu's literary activity, attempting a collaboration with writers, poets and artists from his home country Romania, sites of residence—Switzerland and Hawai'i, as well as Japan. I am attempting this project as a revival of Baciu's unique literary magazine *MELE* which was published from 1965 to 1993, spreading around many corners of the world over the oceans from Honolulu. I am so excited and very honored to be able to



celebrate this very special day in Honolulu, the last city of the exile poet's vast itinerancy.

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Final Update Letter as a CPASF Scholar

Alexander Krieg (2016-2008), writes, this is my last update letter as a Crown Prince Akihito Scholar. My scholarship period ends on 4/30/2018, and although I am very sad to step down from serving in this capacity, I am excited to forge a new relationship with the organization as a CPASF alumni.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation and the sponsors within CPASF for making my dream a reality. The past two years have been truly educational and transformative, both as a professional and as a person, and have provided the perfect capstone to my journey through higher education. The two years of funding allowed me to focus on doing the research, building the skills, and making the connections that allowed me the chance to become a professional and an academic in Japan.

I doubled my number of publications, presented at several international conferences both in the U.S. and in Japan, and honed my skills as a psychologist working in a multicultural setting through my volunteer work. I made connections both

within academia as well as with business people and clinicians within the Kanto region and had a number of great experiences learning the customs and practices of "professional Japan" that I did not have the chance to learn as a student studying abroad a number of years ago.



Outside of my professional activities, my family grew as we welcomed my son, Aiden, to Yokohama one-year ago. As it so happens, his first birthday is the last day of my CPASF funding period. It

looks like we will be celebrating a couple of big milestones that day. The two years in Japan allowed my wife to get her MA in Education that she had been hoping for, and helped us establish a solid community of friends. All of these important and wonderful things would not have been possible without your support. From the Krieg family, I would like to convey my thanks to each of you for providing such an incredible opportunity.

Many people are wondering what is up next for me. I will be graduating December 15, 2018 from UH Manoa. My family and my wife's family will come to Hawaii to attend the ceremony and say goodbye to the islands for a while. After that, I will be accepting a position as a short-term post-doctoral fellow at Hitotsubashi University's School of International Corporate Strategy for six months.

I also started a consulting firm in Tokyo. My company is Emosta Inc. (<http://emosta.com/>) and we offer psychological consulting services using an AI (artificial intelligence) algorithm and software that I developed recently. Our motto is "refining human insight with AI technology." We have had some very interesting projects already, and have worked with workshop facilitators, sales associates, online therapists, and HR personnel to answer a variety of questions.

Again, thank you for all of your help and support. Though this is my last letter as a scholar, I hope to still write periodically as an alumni. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me via email (xkrieg@gmail.com) with any questions, comments, thoughts, or feedback.