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1 East Asian Studies Lecture Series

The Institute of Japanese Studies and The East Asian Studies Center presents a series of lectures focusing on Japanese history and culture. The first lecture is entitled "History of Japanese Documentary Film" with Dr. Markus Nornes of the University of Michigan. The lecture will take place Thursday, February 14, 2008 from 1:30-3:30, 100 Ramseyer Hall.

Other planned lectures include: March 28, 2008, The Development of Mystery Fiction in Japan; April 18, 2008, The Development of Historical Fiction in Japan; May 16, 2008, The History of Shojo Manga (Girl Comics) in Japan. More details regarding times and locations for these lectures will be added to the website soon (japan.osu.edu).

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2. Taste of OSU – World Carnival, January 25, 2008 from 5pm to Midnight

The Office of International Affairs, along with more than 30 Ohio State student organizations and the Campus Dining Services chefs, are coming together to prepare an evening of international food, desserts and cultural performances for the campus community at Taste of OSU and World Carnival, which is set for Friday, January 25 from 5 p.m. to midnight at the Recreational and Physical Activities Center (RPAC). The event is free and open to all OSU students, faculty, staff, alumni, family and friends. Food tickets cost \$1 and the funds are donated to each of the participating student organizations. The majority of the student organizations will prepare foods with an international flavor that are characteristic of their home countries. Go to <http://oia.osu.edu/tasteofosu/> for all the details.

3. Calls to Remembrance, January 29 at Otterbein College and January 30 at OSU.

Please join us for our "Calls to Remembrance". Two cultural commemorations of the World War II internment of Japanese Americans through the lives and writings of Toyo Suyemoto and Lawson Inada.

On January 29 at Otterbein College, Philomathean Room in Towers Hall, 4 p.m., Tuesday January 29
On January 30 at Ohio State University, Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center (153 W. 12th Ave.)
11:30 (reception), 12-1:30 (program), Wednesday January 30

Toyo Suyemoto (1916-2003), internee and writer, has been described by Lawson Inada as the Japanese American "poet laureate." She had long-term ties to central Ohio and worked for over 20 years at Ohio State University.

Lawson Inada, also an internee and the current poet laureate of Oregon, is a pioneering Asian American author who combines his love of jazz with poetry.

See [FLYER](#) for all the details or contact Prof. J. Wu wu.287@osu.edu or Prof. Jim Gorman JGorman@otterbein.edu

4. 9th Annual JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest. **Deadline is January 30, 2008.**

Wild about the Japanese Language or just enjoy a good challenge? The Japanese Language Speech Contest is the place for you to be! Meet others who are learning Japanese and who are interested in Japan! Win great prizes! Categories for both high school and college students. See [FLYER](#) for all the details and an application.

5. Japanimania – January 19, 2008 at Northwest Library.

Head to the library for [Japanimania!](#) Break out your kimono and join us as we celebrate Japanese culture through crafts, candy and more! Lots of activities are planned including making candy sushi, origami, and more. Program runs from 4:00 – 6:00pm. Space is limited so register today! Call 807-2656 to register.

6. Introducing Trends in Mexico Auto-manufacturing/supply Industry.

Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati, with Jetro, is offering a seminar, 'Introducing Trends in Mexico Auto-manufacturing/supply Industry'. Mr. Minemura, representative from Jetro Mexico Center, will be explaining what's happening in the industry and current trade regulatory, such as NAFTA, Japan-Mexico EPA, etc. If your company is interested in investing/doing business in Mexico auto-manufacturing/supply industry, please join the seminar. (No Japanese interpretation provided). Go to the following link (http://www.jasgc.org/images/Mexico_Sem.pdf) for additional information in Japanese. Also, **please forward this information to any you know who may be interested in attending this worthwhile event.**

Place: Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
441 Vince Street, Carew Tower Suite 300
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Speaker: Mr. Minemura, representative from Jetro Mexico Center

For registration and questions: Japan America society of Greater Cincinnati at 513-579-3150

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7. Sumi brush painting workshop

Sumi brush painting will be taught at the Upper Arlington Senior Center on Wednesdays from 7pm – 9pm starting January 30 to March 5, 2008. Sumi is a form of painting in which black ink is applied with a brush to absorbent white paper. The brushwork is straightforward as only four basic brush strokes and simple techniques are used. By varying the pressure on the brush and the intensity of the ink, a monochromatic tonality is achieved that expresses emotion as well as captures forms. Students gain greater control of the brush and come to appreciate the beauty of sumi and its simplicity. Weekly lessons include practice for basic brush strokes, handling of white space and practice painting of flowers and animals. A supply list is mailed one week prior to the first class. The cost is \$70 for residents of UA and \$77 for non-residents. Call Lifelong Learning to register at 614-583-5333.

8. Bonsai Styling Session.

Join your fellow bonsai enthusiast at Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad Street Columbus Ohio, on Wednesday February 6, 2008 from 6:30-8 pm. Bring your own bonsai tree and tools, or purchase a tree and tool set at class, and practice your wiring skills and pruning techniques with the help of FPC bonsai specialist, Dan Binder. Understand more about bonsai growing needs and pot selection, and learn to identify pests before they become a problem. Examples of advanced bonsai specimens provide inspiration and help you envision a direction for your tree. The cost is \$40.00 and more information can be found by calling 614-645-8733, 1-800-214-tree or at www.fpconservatory.org.

9. Art on a String exhibit at Capital University Schumacher Gallery, March 3, 2008 – April 11, 2008.

Kites were invented and popularized in Asia more than 3,000 years ago. Although many designs remain traditional, Asian kites feature a variety of imaginative shapes and are associated with festivals, holidays, and special events. **Opening Reception: Friday, March 7, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
(Please Note: The gallery is closed March 20 - 24 for Easter.) M-Sat 1pm-5pm

10. Saitama Internship Program, **Deadline: February. 14. See details at [LINK](#)**

Term: late June—August (5 weeks)

- ◆ Undergraduate or Graduate from an Ohio College or University
- ◆ Must hold U.S. passport and be native speaker of English
- ◆ Studied or currently studying Japanese (third year or above)
- ◆ Interest in Japanese business and culture
- ◆ Coordinated through The Ohio State University

Details at: <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/saitama.pdf>

11. OSU-Ichimiya Group Internship Program, **Deadline: February. 1. See details at [LINK](#)**

Term: 6 months to a year

- ◆ OSU undergraduate/graduate student in a degree program
- ◆ US citizens and native speakers of English
- ◆ Studied or currently studying Japanese (second year level or above)
- ◆ Ability to adapt to living and office conditions that are different from those in the US
- ◆ Interest in Japan and Japanese culture and willing to deepen one's knowledge of Japan
- ◆ Coordinated through The Ohio State University (DEALL)

Details at: <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/NissenInternship08-9.doc>

12. Nambu Foundation 2008 Summer Internship Program in Japan **Deadline: January 31, 2008. See details at [LINK](#)**

- ◆ Approximately 10 internships offered each year at various Japanese corporations to American graduate and undergraduate students
- ◆ Interns will receive 160,000 yen per month as allowance plus accommodations in a company dormitory. Commuting expenses also provided.

Round-trip economy airfare between the U.S. and Japan up to \$1,000 also reimbursed.

- ◆ Candidates must be highly proficient in the Japanese language and must be currently enrolled as a graduate or undergraduate student..

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The 2008 program will begin in early June and end in mid-August. Details at:
<http://www.nambufound.com>

13. Keizai Koho Fellowships – **Deadline: February 15, 2008. See details at [LINK](#)**

- ◆ Open to: High school classroom teachers of Economics, Social Studies, and History. Supervisors, specialist, and school administrators at the district and state levels. Faculty associated with 4 year colleges who are directly concerned with the training of K-12 teachers.
 - ◆ 10 day program allowing teachers to learn about contemporary Japanese society and enhance their classroom teaching of global perspectives.
- More information available at: <http://www.us-japan.org>

14. ATA Student Translation Award – **Deadline: April 18, 2008. See details at [LINK](#)**

- ◆ Grant-in-aid award given for a literary or sci-tech translation (only into English) or translation-related project by undergraduate or graduate students
 - ◆ Students who attend university in the U.S. and have not published translation work are eligible
- More information at: http://www.atanet.org/membership/honorsandawards_student.php or email: ata@atanet.org

15. Harvard University Program on U.S. – Japan Relations. **Deadline is February 1, 2008**

Applications are being accepted for an Advanced Research Fellowship at Harvard University. The. Please go to [application](#) for additional information and an application.

16. The Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Prize for the Translation of Japanese Literature. **Deadline is February 28, 2008.**

The Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture at Columbia University annually awards \$6000 in Japan – U.S. Friendship Commission Prizes for the Translation of Japanese Literature. A prize is given for the best translation of a modern or classical work, or the prize is divided between equally distinguished translations. Please go [Donald Keene](#) for more details and an application form.

17. The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (Shorenstein APARC) fellowship. **Deadline for receipt of all material is March 1, 2008.**

Shakuhachi lessons a The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (Shorenstein APARC) in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University announces the establishment of a postdoctoral fellowship in Northeast Asian History for the 2008–09 academic year. Made possible through the generosity of the Northeast Asian History Foundation, the fellowship will be awarded to a scholar for research and writing on a historical subject that has an impact on modern and contemporary Northeast Asia. Follow [LINK](#) to find out all the details.

18. The Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program. **Deadline is April 1, 2008**

During this two-year program, Fellows spend a year working in Japanese government or industry offices, proceeded by a year in Japanese language and area studies training in Washington, D.C. Fellows may bring their families to Japan. Please go to [Mike Mansfield Fellowship](#) for additional information.

19. New Program, Family Support Program, started at Asian American Community Services (AACCS)

Asian American Community Services (AACCS) is excited to announce our new program call Family Support Program (FSP). This program helps Asian immigrant families who have experienced any types of violence. FSP assists Asian people in understanding and appropriately utilizing the American social system such as legal/court system, medical system, system of child protective services, and the educational system. For more detailed information, please visit our website at <http://aacsohio.org/Servicesen/YouthFamily/FamilySupportProgram>. We are also looking for volunteers who directly work with the people who are suffering the violence. For more information, please visit <http://aacsohio.org/Servicesen/YouthFamily/FamilySupportProgram>.

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20. Shakuhachi lessons at Chinese Martial Arts Institute in Columbus.

Michael Chikuzen Gould will teach Shakuhachi lessons on Saturdays and / or Sundays. Follow link for more details. [Shakuhachi lessons](#)

21. Volunteers needed to share Japanese culture! Meeting January 23, 2008

Are you looking to share your knowledge of Japanese culture with others? If so, this is the opportunity for you! We are currently looking for volunteers with knowledge of Japanese culture such as tea ceremonies, Japanese dance and drumming to name a few. JASCO receives many requests for individuals with these talents. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Nori Ito at (614) 292-4002 or by email at jasco@osu.edu.

22. ConsuLink Newsletter now available from the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit!

The Consulate General of Japan is now offering the ConsuLink Newsletter! Check it out at www.cgjdetroit.org.

23. The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Midwest Newsletter.

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) has released a newsletter highlighting changing economic fundamentals in Japan. The latest installment can be viewed at [JETRO](#).

24. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews.

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at [CCWA](#).