CJS Faculty Join

Uchinanchu Taikai in Okinawa

Thundering taiko drums opened the 4th Worldwide Uchinanchu Taikai in Okinawa, Japan, on October 12, 2006. CJS and UH faculty members, Robert Huey and Gay Satsuma of CJS/UHM along with Kyoko Hijirida, Leon Serafin and Stewart Curry of EALL/UHM, Spencer Kimura of Law School/UHM, and Joyce Chinen of Sociology/UH-West Oahu attended the four-day event.

They participated in the symposium, “Okinawan Studies in Global Contexts, Collaborations between the University of Ryukyus and the University of Hawai‘i” on October 15, along with faculty members from the University of Ryukyus.

They also met with their colleagues at the University of Ryukyus to discuss ongoing joint projects, such as the student exchange program and an expanded publication of Mitsugu Sakihara’s Okinawan-English dictionary.

Prior to the Uchinanchu Taikai, the former Director of Okinawa Special Projects at the East-West Center and the Honorary Chair of the Worldwide Uchinanchu Business Association-International (WUB), Robert Nakasone was given the “Ryukyu Shimpo-sho” award for his contribution to the establishment of international economic exchanges among overseas Okinawan people.

Proposed Okinawan Studies Center

At the Symposium on the 15th, Dr. David Iha, recently retired Executive Administrator and Secretary of the UH Board of Regents, announced that the Board of Regents approved the University’s Biennium Budget (2007-09) that includes a budget request for an Okinawan Studies Center. The request has been submitted to the State Legislature. Pending legislative action and final BOR approval, the Center would be running as early as Fall 2007, initially as a sub-unit within the Center for Japanese Studies. This Center’s interests would include Okinawan area studies (language, culture, history, contemporary issues), as well as Okinawan diaspora in Hawaii and elsewhere.
Dr. Sharon Minichiello’s Retirement

The staff and faculty of CJS would like to express our appreciation and well wishes to Dr. Sharon Minichiello who is retiring this year from the University. During her over twenty years of service at UHM as a faculty member in the Department of History and as the Director of the Center (1994-2003), she taught undergraduate and graduate courses on Japanese history and Japanese studies, and served on dozens of master’s students’ and doctoral students’ committees. In recognition of her dedication to teaching and students, she received the Board of Regents’ Medal for Excellence in Teaching and the Ohana Award for Outstanding Service to Students. While the Director of CJS, she worked successfully on the National Resource Center East Asia grant (which includes Foreign Language Area Studies graduate fellowships) and established the Dr. Sen Soshitsu International Way of Tea Center. Although we will miss her warm collegiality and stalwart support at the University, we are happy that she will now have the time to relax and enjoy herself.

Faculty News

PUBLICATIONS
Dr. Haruko Cook (Associate Professor, EALL)

Dr. Sumner La Croix (Professor, Economics and Population Studies) with Magnus Blomstrom, eds., Institutional Change in Japan (London and New York: Routledge, 2006)

Dr. Lonny Carlile (Associate Professor, Asian Studies/CJS)
“The Japanese Labor Movement and Institutional Reform” in Institutional Change in Japan (see above).

AWARDS
Dr. Theresa Greaney (Associate Professor, Economics) was awarded the College of Social Sciences’ Excellence in Teaching Award in September 2006.

PRESENTATIONS
Dr. Haruko Cook (Associate Professor, EALL) presented her papers, “Socializing the Language Ideology of Linguistic Politeness in Japanese” at the joint American Association for Applied Linguistics and Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics (Montreal, Canada) in June, and “Speech-Style Shifts and Interactional Styles of Japanese Host Families” at the 5th Pacific Second Language Research Forum (Brisbane, Australia) in July.

Dr. Theresa Greaney (Associate Professor, Economics) presented her paper, “Measuring Network Effects on Trade: A Reexamination” at Syracuse University and at the Midwest International Trade Meetings at Purdue University in October.

Professor Mark Levin (Associate Professor, Law) presented his analysis of Japan’s recent tobacco control policy developments at the July 2006 World Conference on Tobacco OR Health in Washington D.C. Locally, Professor Levin has been active as a community speaker explaining why the November implementation of Hawaii’s new Healthy Air and Workplaces Law is unlikely to harm the state’s inbound Japanese tourism economy.

OTHERS
Dr. Haruko Cook (Associate Professor, EALL) was
invited by Temple University Japan to give a lecture and teach a weekend course in their Distinguished Lecturer Series. The title of the lecture was “Language in context: L2 learners’ acquisition of speech style.” The lecture and weekend course were given in Tokyo in May and Osaka in June. She was also invited to give a lecture by Showa Women’s University, Tokyo, in May. The title of the talk was “Women’s language? Men’s language?: Rethinking of Japanese sentence-final expressions.”

The latest issue of the Asia Pacific Law and Policy Journal (www.hawaii.edu/aplpj) at William L. Richardson School of Law included a tribute to Japanese lawyer Dr. Kaoru Kashiwagi, jointly authored by Professor Mark Levin (Associate Professor, Law) and Daryl Takeno. In May 2005, Dr. Kashiwagi was the first-ever recipient of an honorary degree from the Law School in recognition of his remarkable career and longstanding and valuable ties with Hawaii’s legal community.

Financial support from many individuals and organizations made it possible to process and manage these rich resources. Please discover how his papers and books came to the UHM Library, learn about his life and work, see digital images of his manuscripts, letters and photos, and read what his friends and admirers have to say about Mr. Statler by visiting the Oliver H. Statler web site: http://www.hawaii.edu/asiaref/japan/special/statler/index.htm
Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Orientation

Over twenty graduate students attended the orientation session for the 2007-2008 Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship on September 7 in the Tokioka Room (Moore 319). The session was led by Mr. Earl Okawa (President of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii) from the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation (CPASF). JASH administers the scholarship.

The Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship is open to graduate students in Japan who plan to study at UHM as well as American students at UHM who plan to study in Japan. The CPASF was established at the Japan-America Society of Hawaii to commemorate the wedding of then Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko, the current Emperor and Empress of Japan, and to promote better understanding between the United States and Japan. Over one hundred scholarships have been awarded since the 1970s.

The scholarship provides a living stipend of $15,000 and a tuition stipend of $5,000 annually for one or two years. The application deadline for the 2007-2008 Scholarship has already passed, and the finalists will be announced before the end of this year.

GRADUATION

Joseph Cheavens graduated with a PhD in History in August. His dissertation is titled, “Kkangp’ae and Yakuza: Organized Crime in Colonial Korea,” (Chair. Dr. Sharon Minichiello).

Sarah McClimon graduated with a MA in Music with an emphasis in ethnomusicology in August. Her thesis is titled, “The Relationship of Poetry and Music in Kyoto-style Tegotomono: A Melopoetic Study of Japanese Edo-Period Song.” She has begun her PhD program in ethnomusicology with plans to continue the study of traditional Japanese music at UHM.

PRESENTATIONS

Ashby Butnor (PhD, Philosophy; Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Ithaca College) will present her paper, “Moral Perception and Action in Zen Buddhist Philoso-
If you would like the Center to give demonstrations at local schools, or to host schools at the UHM campus, please contact Dr. Robert Huey or Dr. Gay Satsuma at the Center for Japanese Studies, University of Hawai‘i at 808-956-2665 or wayoftea@hawaii.edu.

Kazuto Ishida (PhD, EALL) presented his paper, “‘Testing the Water’ with the desu/masu and Plain Forms” at the 2006 PANSIG Conference at Tokai University (Shizuoka, Japan) in May.

Toru Yamada (PhD, Anthropology) presented his paper, “Contesting the Sacred in the Discourse of Cultural Heritage” at the 19th Annual Conference of the Japan Studies Association of Canada (Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada) in October.

Jane Yamashiro (PhD, Sociology) presented her paper “From Saburos and Juros to Jake Shimabukuro: The Changing Image of Hawai‘i Japanese Americans in Japan” at the 9th annual autumn conference of Anthropology of Japan in Japan (AJJ) at Meiji Gakuin University (Tokyo, Japan) in October.

On October 12th and 13th, CJS Director Bob Huey attended, as an invited observer, a two-day workshop sponsored by Urasenke, bringing together scholars and artists from China, Korea and Japan. On the first day, the 3rd East Asian Tea Culture Symposium was held at the Tokyo National Museum, co-sponsored by the Tokyo University of Fine Arts. The topic was “Tea Culture and the Arts,” with presentations on pottery, calligraphy, and ceremonial gongs. On the 13th, a day-long panel discussion was held on the topic of “Culture and Peace in East Asia,” at the United Nations University in Shibuya.

Urasenke has announced that the 4th in this series of China/Korea/Japan workshops, expanded in scope to include Hawai‘i and the Pacific, will be held at UH next October, to honor the University of Hawai‘i Centennial.
Nippon Culture Day

Regardless of the pouring rain throughout the day UH students enjoyed Nippon Culture Day on November 2. Organized mainly by Japanese language instructors in EALL, Nippon Culture Day featured a variety of workshops and entertainment at the Center for Korean Studies and Jakuan Tea House to stimulate students’ interests in Japanese culture and traditions.

Attendees joined workshops focusing on Japanese flower arrangement, calligraphy, Japanese rice ball-making, and others on the first floor of CKS. Ms. Grace Ray, Ms. Misako Steverson and Ms. Chie Fukuda demonstrated how to make musubi; students then tried their own hand at it. Dr. Stewart Curry provided his impressive collection of Japanese film cameras such as Nikon and Minolta, attracting camera otaku. Hakubundo offered a discount on their merchandise while students looked into Japanese fashion magazines there. A number of students also enjoyed a bowl of tea in Jaku’an tea house. Students’ performance of Okinawan song and dance, led by Ms. Kyoko Hijirida, concluded the day.

November 3 is “Culture Day” in Japan, so taking into account the time difference, Nippon Culture Day was held on the same day as Japan’s Culture Day this year. According to Ms. Susan Hirate, Nippon Culture Day coordinator, about 140 students attended the various activities. CJS co-sponsored the event.

Recent Events

Students enjoyed making rice balls

In Memoriam

Professor Minoru Shinoda

We are sad to report the passing of Dr. Minoru Shinoda on October 12, 2006 at the age of ninety-one. Dr. Shinoda was a Professor of History at the University of Hawai‘i and served as a vice-chancellor at the East-West Center from 1966 to 1970. He received his bachelor’s degree from UH in 1937 and his doctorate from Columbia in 1957. He started teaching at UH in 1957 and continued until his retirement in 1984. Dr. Shinoda was one of the pioneering American scholars of pre-modern Japanese history, authoring the work, The Founding of the Kamakura Shogunate, 1180-1185 (New York: Columbia University Press, 1960).

A generous man, he continued to serve on graduate students’ committees even in retirement. In 1997, he was awarded the Imperial Decoration, Order of the Rising Sun with Gold Rays and Rosette from the Japanese government. He will be remembered by those who knew him as a devoted scholar and educator. We will miss him at the University.

The Minoru Shinoda Memorial Fund has been established at the University of Hawai‘i Foundation. Donations can be made on-line (https://www.uhf.hawaii.edu/give/giving-home.aspx) or mailed to UHM (P.O. Box 11270, Honolulu, HI 96828). Please note “Minoru Shinoda Memorial Fund” on the check.
Ms. **Christal Whelan** (Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Boston University) gave a talk titled, “God Light Association (GLA) in Japan: Globalization, Glossolalia, and Re-imaging the Soul” on September 14. Her talk focused on one of the new religious groups in postwar Japan, God Light Association (GLA). Founded by Takahashi Shinji in 1969, GLA gained popularity in the early 1970s chiefly through its signature practice of glossolalia or “speaking in tongues.” Ms. Whelan discussed that GLA was a response to the internationalization of Japan.

Dr. **Bruce Batten** (Professor, Center for International Education, Obirin University, Tokyo) wrapped up his stint as Visiting Scholar at CJS with a talk titled, “Hakata: Gateway to Japan,” on September 21. Dr. Batten is the author of *Gateway to Japan: Hakata in War and Peace, 500-1300* (University of Hawaii Press, 2006). His talk also focused on the area of Hakata Bay in Fukuoka, northern Kyushu as the country’s gateway to the outside world. He introduces a number of recent archaeological findings in Hakata and the historical significance of the region.

Dr. **Yoshiko Dykstra** (Numata Chair in Buddhist Studies) illustrated the life of Kasuga no Tsubone, a “successful career woman” in the early Tokugawa Period in her talk, “Shogun’s Woman: Lady Kasuga,” on November 9. Lady Kasuga, or Ofuku (her given name), was employed by Ieyasu, the first Tokugawa shogun, as the wet nurse of his grandson, Takechiyo. As Takechiyo became the third Shogun Iemitsu, Ofuku was promoted to the position of Kasuga no Tsubone and controlled the Ōoku, Great Interior (or the shogun’s harem) of Edo Castle. Dr. Dykstra discussed how a woman succeeded in the political world of the early Tokugawa era.

Dr. **Gina Barnes** (Professorial Research Associate, Japan Research Centre & Department of Art and Archaeology, SOAS, University of London) presented her views on the impact of China’s myth, the Queen Mother of the West, on the Miwa Polity during early Kofun Japan (AD 3-6 Century) on November 16. In her talk, titled “The Queen Mother Cult and Miwa Rulers of Early Kofun Japan,” Dr. Barnes discussed why a small polity in Miwa in present-day Nara Prefecture, became politically powerful. The reason, as Dr. Barnes argued, revolves around a mysterious female ruler of Yamataikoku, Himiko, and excavated articles such as bronze mirrors found throughout western Japan. Engraved figures on bronze mirrors suggest the impact of the Queen Mother of the West in China on the state formation in Kofun Japan. Her talk was co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and CJS.

If you are in Tokyo on the first Monday of any month, please join the monthly meetings of the UH community. The gatherings, held in a variety of restaurants in Shibuya, are informal, usually over dinner and drinks, and provide an opportunity to meet with other students and faculty conducting research and studying in Japan. The 2007 dinner schedule is as follows: January 8 (2nd Monday due to the New Year Holiday), February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 8, November 5, and December 3. For more information, contact Mr. **Brian Masshardt** (PhD student, Political Science) at bjmasshardt@mac.com.
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APPLICATION DEADLINES

CJS Graduate Student Travel Grant
February 1, 2007
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Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant
There is no application deadline for the GSO Travel Grant. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Contact GSO at 956-8776 or visit www.hawaii.edu/gso/docs.html for more information.

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