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Japan is in much better shape this year than it has been for a long time. Its economy is growing at a healthy rate, deflation appears to have ended, employment opportunities are expanding, and firms have become more profitable. Still, Japan has a long way to go before it is economically vibrant. The biggest problem is its high national debt—officially over 160% of GNP and unofficially (including a lot of hidden debt) at probably some 200% of GNP. This is unprecedented for an advanced industrialized nation and, as interest rates rise, the cost of financing this debt will become a huge proportion of Japan's national budget. Japan's population also started to decline this year. Together with the aging of its population, this demographic trend will only exacerbate the pain of heavy national debt, requiring the government to raise the consumption tax significantly in the future.

Relations with China remained contentious as Koizumi continued to insist on visiting Yasukuni Shrine. Koizumi's actions also angered South Korea, and he had not met with top leaders of China or South Korea for several years. The big news is the election of Shinzo Abe as Prime Minister in September 2006. A couple of weeks after taking over the position, Abe visited top Chinese and South Korean leaders, emphasizing that repairing the rift between Japan and these two nations is a top priority. North Korea's test of a nuclear bomb while Abe was in Beijing gave even greater urgency to boosting ties. While most are confident that Abe will continue to receive strong public support, we will see what happens to the LDP in the summer 2007 Upper House election. There is also concern that there could be a major backlash against him if he raises the consumption tax.

In news at the University of Washington (see page 3), the Japan Studies Program was honored to have Toyoo Gyohten as speaker for the Tateuchi Lecture Series last April, and we thank Mr. and Mrs. Tateuchi and the Tateuchi Foundation for their support. Another major highlight of our year was an event honoring Griffith and Patricia Way and the creation of an endowed lecture series in their names.

Our faculty has been very productive this year (see page 2), with new books published by Paul Atkins, Robert Pekkanen, Kenneth Pyle, and myself. The faculty are often invited to speak at other universities and in 2006 also coordinated special programs for students studying Japanese architecture and art history. We are pleased that the Department of History has begun the search process for an assistant professor in premodern Japanese history.

The Japan Colloquia series started the 2006-7 academic year with a variety of speakers, and more events are planned for Winter and Spring Quarters. These are listed on page 4, and details will be posted to the Japan Studies website as they become available: <http://depts.washington.edu/japan/events.shtml>. And the weekly series of Japanese films on the UW campus continues this year; information on subscribing to the mailing list for announcements of upcoming films is available at: <http://mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/uweiga>.

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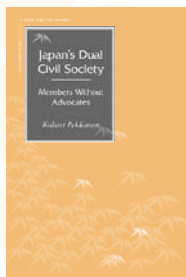
**MARIE ANCHORDOGUY** gave talks about her recent book, *Reprogramming Japan: The High Tech Crisis under Communitarian Capitalism* (Cornell University Press, 2005) at the University of Washington in March and at Yale University in September. Her chapter entitled “Japan’s Technology Policies and Their Limitations” appeared in Kellee Tsai and Saadia Pekkanen, eds., *Late Liberalizers? Japan and China in the World Political Economy* (Routledge, 2005).

**PAUL S. ATKINS** is author of *Revealed Identity: The Noh Plays of Komparu Zenchiku*, published by the University of Michigan in 2006. This is the first comprehensive study of the Noh plays of Komparu Zenchiku, an actor, playwright, and theoretician of Noh drama in fifteenth-century Japan. Professor Atkins has also recently published three articles in Japanese on related subjects. During spring and summer 2006, he was a visiting research fellow at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture in Nagoya.



**CYNTHIA J. BOGEL** has received a research fellowship grant from the Japan Foundation for 2007 that will make it possible for her to do nine months of research in Japan, where she will be affiliated with Kyoto University. Her research will focus on Buddhist art imported to Japan from China and Korea before the tenth century.

**KEN TADASHI OSHIMA** presented six lectures in 2006 in Japan, Canada, and the United States on topics ranging from the work of Yamada Mamoru to the Reader’s Digest Building in postwar Japan. He also published three articles: “Characters of Concrete,” in *Crafting a Modern World* (Princeton Architectural Press); “The Max/Mini Kōban,” in *Domus*; and “Christopher Dresser and the Evolution of His ‘Art Botanical’ Depiction of Nature,” in *Decorative Arts Society Journal*.



**ROBERT PEKKANEN** has just published his book on *Japan’s Dual Civil Society: Members Without Advocates* (Stanford University Press). He is also coauthor of a 2006 article in *The American Political Science Review* titled “Electoral Incentives in Mixed-Member Systems.” He has given talks and presentations this year in Tokyo, Osaka, Florence, Fukuoka, Chicago, and

San Francisco. In addition, he is the recipient of a 2006-7 Abe Fellowship and a travel grant from the Freeman Foundation.

**KENNETH B. PYLE** is the author of a new book titled *Japan Rising: The Resurgence of Japanese Power and Purpose*, to be published by PublicAffairs Books in April 2007. In this book, Pyle identifies the common threads that bind the divergent strategies of modern Japan, helping readers to understand how Japan arrived at this moment—and what to expect in the future. Professor Pyle stepped down this year from the Editorial Board of *The Journal of Japanese Studies*. He is one of the cofounders of this semiannual publication, established in 1974 and published from the University of Washington.

**ERIKO ROWE** will offer a class on Readings on the Social Sciences in Japanese during Winter Quarter 2007. She taught this course last winter, and student response was enthusiastic. The readings class is designed for undergraduate and graduate students with advanced Japanese-language skills. Ms. Rowe tailors the reading assignments to the research interests of the students who enroll and draws on news reports, books, business documents, government publications, and Internet sources—all written in Japanese. She holds a BA in literature and creative writing from Waseda University and an MA in journalism from New York University; she has previously taught at Cornell University and is a freelance producer for NHK. Support for this class comes from the East Asia Center, the Global Business Center, and the Japan Studies Program.

**HEATH WHITE**, MAIS candidate in Japan Studies, served as an intern in the Press Attache section of the US Embassy in Tokyo during summer 2006. He did research for publications, worked on speeches, helped organize and coordinate press conferences and other events, attended weekly political and economic briefings for the ambassador, and shadowed special U.S. guests to Tokyo and recorded and transcribed their statements to the press. Mr. White’s research interests primarily deal with the U.S.-Japan security alliance, ballistic missile defense, and East Asian security issues, so the summer’s events—including the North Korean launch of several missiles, the prime ministerial election, and the final controversial visit to Yasukuni Shrine by former Prime Minister Koizumi, as well as revelation of Prime Minister Abe’s visit to the shrine earlier in 2006—made for a very exciting and educational experience at the Embassy.

**KEIKO YOKOTA-CARTER**, Japan Studies Librarian in the East Asia Library, offered her class on Information Literacy for Japan Resources during Autumn Quarter. This series of workshops introduces students to basic library research strategies and tools using Japanese-language resources for issues related to Japan Studies. The class provides invaluable research skills to Japan Studies students by teaching them how to access the wealth of information available in electronic formats.

**THE GRIFFITH AND PATRICIA WAY LECTURE SERIES** was established in summer 2006 through the generosity of friends and family of this Seattle couple. The annual public lecture series will bring to the University of Washington distinguished scholars to speak on subjects of interest to the Ways, including but not limited to Japanese history, art, and law. The Ways have been strong supporters of Japan Studies at the University and in the larger community, and the Program is pleased to establish this endowed lecture series in their honor. The first Griffith and Patricia Way Lecture will be held in 2007; more information will be available on the Program's website as the date approaches.



**TOYOO GYOHTEN** was the featured speaker for the 2006 Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Lecture at the University of Washington on April 3, 2006. Mr. Gyohten spoke on "The Changing Dynamics of U.S.-Japan Relations: Stability during Turbulent Global Economic Change." He is the president of the Institute for

International Monetary Affairs and a senior adviser to the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.

**THE EAST ASIA RESOURCE CENTER** offers programs to help teachers throughout the Northwest increase their knowledge about Japan. The most intensive program in 2006 was the Washington-Hyogo Teacher Institute. Fifteen Japanese teachers were hosted by Washington educators for a week in spring and then seventeen Americans spent three weeks in Japan during the summer. Their tour included homestays and school visits with host teachers, an education symposium on Awaji Island, and a discussion of contemporary issues with UW Professor Robert Pekkanen. Teachers even made traditional Japanese kites in a Kyoto workshop filmed by the Drachen Foundation to be used in training other teachers and students.

Other highlights of the year included 30-hour seminars about East Asia offered to teachers in Washington, Oregon, and Alaska. The 2006-7 seminars will take place in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana, and possibly Idaho, all part of the UW cofounded National Consortium for Teaching about Asia. Shorter programs take place year-round; they are announced at <http://depts.washington.edu/earc/>. The UW is deeply grateful for Freeman Foundation support of these activities.

**CRAFT AND CONSTRUCTION IN CONTEMPORARY JAPAN**, a lecture series organized by Professor Ken Tadashi Oshima, was held at the UW's Henry Art Gallery in Spring 2006. The series highlighted new currents in contemporary architectural and building practices

in Japan linked to both the Asian continent and the Pacific Northwest. Spanning the geographic and cultural diversity within Japan, the featured architects were Kyoto-based Waro Kishi, Tokyo-based Tezuka Architects and Atelier Bow-Wow, and Sendai-based Hitoshi Abe. The architects also met with UW students for Professor Oshima's related seminar about their formation as architects and complexities of realizing their conceptual ideas in actual practice, both in Japan and in other countries.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE** will welcome Professor Kawamura Minato from Hosei University to spend Spring Quarter 2007 in residence at the University of Washington and to jointly teach a graduate seminar with Professor Davinder Bhowmik. Professor Kawamura is a specialist in colonial literature; his publications include *Kankoku, Chōsen, Zainichi o yomu* (Inpakuto Shuppankai, 2003).

**THE EAST ASIA LIBRARY** welcomes Dr. Zhijia Shen as its new director. The Japanese Studies Librarian, Keiko Yokota-Carter, will work closely with Dr. Shen in ongoing efforts to keep the UW's Japan library collection at the forefront of Japan Studies and Japanese-language research in the United States.

**THE UW EAST ASIA CENTER** has received a Department of Education Title VI grant, continuing a long tradition of federal support for East Asian Studies at the University of Washington. This highly competitive grant provides \$240,566 a year for four years. It also includes \$315,500 a year in fellowships for four years. This funding will enable the Center to continue to expand its Japan Studies program. More specifically, the funding will support the Readings on the Social Sciences in Japanese course, the creation of an intermediate-level program for the Business Japanese On-line program, an assistant professor position in premodern Japanese history, adding a Japanese component to the North Pacific Marine Business seminar, an annual summer Japanese literature workshop (starting in 2007-8), a Japanese pedagogy workshop (to be held in 2009-10), the building of Japan-related resources and publications at the East Asia Library, travel opportunities and course development awards for faculty, and numerous outreach programs throughout the year.

**A STUDY TOUR OF JAPAN'S ART AND ARCHITECTURE** in September 2006 was led by Professor Cynthia Bogel. With funding from a grant from the Blakemore Foundation, Professor Bogel and five UW graduate students in art history visited Kyoto and Nara on a field-work-study trip. The opportunity to see firsthand the temples, sculptures, and paintings they had long studied helped these students refine their thesis topics and gain new understanding of important works of Japanese art and architecture. The students were Anne Saliceti-Collins, Lenore Hietkamp, Melanie King, Renee Mertz, and Catherine Roche.

# JAPAN PROGRAM EVENTS

Listed below are events for Autumn Quarter 2006. For the latest on venues, times, and individual speakers for events in Winter and Spring Quarters 2007, please view our website at <http://depts.washington.edu/japan/events.shtml>. Admission is free unless otherwise indicated. Cosponsors for these events include the East Asia Center and the Asian Law Center.

## AUTUMN QUARTER EVENTS

October 5, 2006 Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm  
Thomson Hall 317

### CULTURE AS PHENOTYPE: THE BURAKU ISSUE AND THE "RACIAL" ECONOMY OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN JAPAN

John H. Davis, Jr., *Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Michigan State University*

October 13, 2006 Friday 3:30-5:00 pm  
Communications Building 226

### EXIT, VOICE, AND REFORM OF MALE BREAD-WINNER SOCIAL STRUCTURES: LOW FERTILITY EQUILIBRIUM IN JAPAN AND ITALY

Leonard J. Schoppa, Jr., *Professor of Politics, University of Virginia*

October 19, 2006 Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm  
Communications Building 226

### "JAPANESE ONLY": THE OTARU ONSENS CASE AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN JAPAN

Debito Arudou, *Associate Professor, Hokkaido Information University*

October 25, 2006 Wednesday 3:30-5:00 pm  
Thomson Hall 317

### WHAT DANGER LURKS FOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS THAT ENTER POLITICS? HAS THE BUDDHIST-BASED KÔMEITÔ SOLD ITS SOUL IN ORDER TO SHARE POWER WITH JAPAN'S RULING CONSERVATIVES?

Daniel Metraux, *Professor of Asian Studies, Mary Baldwin College*

November 6, 2006 Monday 4:30-6:00 pm  
Thomson Hall 317

### THE ANGUISH OF SURRENDER: JAPANESE POWS OF WORLD WAR II

Ulrich "Rick" Straus, *former officer of the U.S. State Department*

December 5, 2006 Tuesday 3:30-5:00 pm  
Thomson Hall 317

### MINISTERIAL SELECTION IN JAPAN: ELECTORAL REFORM AND PARTY GOALS

Benjamin P. Nyblade, *Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia*

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS

January 11, 2007 Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm  
Allen Auditorium

### OLD WINE IN A NEW BOTTLE: INSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JAPANESE LAW SCHOOL SYSTEM

Mayumi Saegusa, *Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia*

Kenneth B. Pyle, *Henry M. Jackson Professor of History and Asian Studies, University of Washington*

Sadafumi Kawato, *Toyota Visiting Professor, University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies; Professor of Political Science, Tohoku University*

### Griffith and Patricia Way Lecture

Richard J. Samuels, *Ford International Professor of Political Science and director of the Center for International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

Ellis S. Krauss, *Professor of Japanese Politics and Policymaking, University of California, San Diego*

Paul S. Atkins, *Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Languages and Literature, University of Washington*

Robert Pekkanen, *Assistant Professor, East Asian Studies, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington*

Ming Wan, *Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies, Professor of Government and Politics, Public and International Affairs Department, George Mason University*

# STUDENT NEWS

## SCHOLARSHIP, GRANT, AND AWARD RECIPIENTS

### PHD CANDIDATES

ROBERT HOPPENS, PhD Candidate History—Teaching Associate, Jackson School/Autumn 2006, Winter 2007; Tamaki Fellowship/Autumn 2006; Predoctoral Instructor, Jackson School/Spring 2007

KAORI IGARASHI, PhD Candidate Asian Languages and Literature—Japan Endowment Research Assistantship/2006-7

YUKO KAWATO, PhD Candidate Political Science, has been awarded a General and Mrs. Matthew B. Ridgway Military History Research Grant from the U.S. Army Military History Institute, a research grant from the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, and the Chester Fritz Grant for International Study and Exchange from the UW Graduate School for her research on U.S. military bases in Asia.

HIRO SASADA, PhD Candidate Political Science, published an article on "Youth and Nationalism in Japan" in the *SAIS Review* (Fall 2006), which examines factors contributing to the shift from traditional postwar pacifism to nationalism among Japanese youth.

### MA/MS CANDIDATES

MICHAEL FOLLAND, MAIS Candidate Japan Studies 2007—FLAS Scholarship/2006-7

BRIAN HUGHES, MAIS Candidate Japan Studies 2007—FLAS Scholarship/2006-7

BETHANY MARSH, MAIS Candidate Japan Studies 2008—Japan Endowment Research Assistantship/Spring 2007

KATHERINE MARTIN, MAIS Candidate Japan Studies 2007—Research Assistantship, Jackson School/2006-7

JENNIFER MASON, MAIS Candidate Japan Studies 2008—Tamaki Fellowship/2006-7

NICOLE REHORST, MAIS Candidate Japan Studies 2007—Japan Endowment Research Assistantship/Autumn 2006; Teaching Assistantship, Jackson School/Spring 2007

JON REINSCH, MAIS Candidate Japan Studies 2007—FLAS Scholarship/2006-7

RACHEL SHERMAN, MAIS Candidate Japan Studies 2008—Mellon Endowment Research Assistantship/2006-7

HEATH WHITE, MAIS Candidate Japan Studies 2007—Internship, U.S. Embassy, Tokyo, Summer 2006; Kitto Fellowship/2006-7; Japan Endowment Research Assistantship/Winter 2007; Teaching Assistantship, Jackson School/Spring 2007

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## ALUMNI UPDATE

**TIM CAMIN**, BA Japan 1994, has worked at a Japanese shipping company in Seattle for several years and recently completed his Masters of Education-TESOL at Seattle University. He is going to Japan with the JET Program to teach at Nagata High School #2 in Kobe.

**REMY FABER**, MAIS Japan Studies 2005, worked as program coordinator at the JETRO office in Seattle in 2005-6.

**THERESA MUDROCK**, MAIS Japan Studies 1987, MLIS 1990, is the History Librarian at the University of Washington Libraries. She supports the research and teaching needs of the Department of History, selects materials for Suzzallo Reference, and teaches a class on Research Strategies in History.

**JON NILSEN**, BA Asian Studies/Japan 2004, is teaching English in Japan through the GEOS program.

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**, MAIS Japan Studies 2006, is program coordinator for the Sasakawa Peace Foundation in Washington, DC, where he oversees the Asian Voices lecture series and the foundation's grant program.

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