



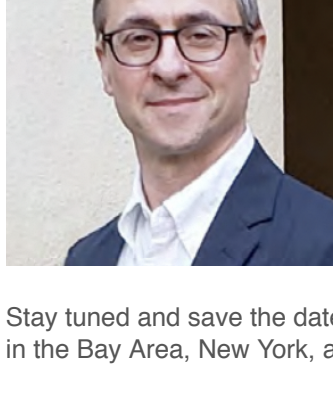
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## Class of 2019 Graduation Party



Summer 2019

# IUC NEWSLETTER



Dear IUC Alumni and Friends,

暑中お見舞い申し上げます。Summer greetings from the IUC Program Office in sunny Stanford! Throughout the first half of 2019, I was excited to meet and hear from dozens of you around the globe, including those in NY, the Bay Area, LA, and Tokyo. Your help to strengthen the amazing IUC alumni community and support new IUC students is truly invaluable. Please read below about our new partnership with FreeWill to learn about new ways you can contribute.

The most electrifying time of the year was the three days we spent in Yokohama in June getting to know our outgoing class of 2019 and welcoming them as alumni. But the action doesn't stop there: right now, the Summer Program is in full-swing, and we are preparing to welcome the new students (Class of 2020!) who start soon in September.

Stay tuned and save the dates listed below this fall as we continue our drive to strengthen our network with more alumni gatherings in the Bay Area, New York, and Tokyo!

And please join our new [Alumni-only Facebook Group](#)—a great source to share and catch up on alumni news and opportunities!

Best wishes for the summer,

Giles Richter (IUC '92)  
Managing Director

## SUPPORTING FUTURE STUDENTS

### IUC PARTNERS WITH FREEWILL

The IUC is kicking off a new effort to make it easier for you to support future students! The IUC has partnered with FreeWill, which is now giving our alumni access to a free way to write or start your will, and to easily make contributions using Charitable IRA Rollovers.

#### IUC Gift via your Will

For people looking to set up a will, it takes just 25 minutes or less to answer some questions about how you want to take care of the people and causes you care about (without needing to provide private information such as bank account or Social Security numbers). You'll have a free, legal will that you can print and sign. If you have a more complex estate, this is a great way to get started before visiting an attorney. >> [get started now](#)

#### IUC Gift via IRA

If you are one of the people who needs to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA before this December 31, then check out this smarter way to give to IUC. Using FreeWill's online forms system, you can make a contribution, also known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), directly from your IRA to the IUC that is 100% tax free, whether or not you itemize deductions on your tax return. This allows you to fulfill your annual RMD without increasing your taxable income level. >> [learn more/get started now](#)

## CENTER NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2019!

The IUC Alumni community grew by fifty-five on June 7, graduation day for the class of 2019. Class members all finished the program just days before, when they delivered final presentations in Japanese and took questions at a special three-day event at Minato Mirai in Yokohama in front of an audience of peers, IUC supporters, and others. Special guests included Mr. Toshizo Watanabe, who attended presentations and greeted the first class of graduates under the new Toshizo Watanabe Fellows Program. As always, the presentations covered diverse topics, ranging across business, economics, law, technology, the environment, history, literature, and culture, with fresh perspectives on the past, present, and future. >> [summary of presentations](#)

### SUMMER STUDENTS

The IUC is also open during the summer! This year, forty-five students are participating in our intensive seven-week **Summer Program**, which runs from June 20 to August 7. In addition to their classroom studies, the students also go on weekly excursions around Yokohama, Tokyo, Kamakura, and more! Four students also just completed the 2019 **Summer Intensive Kanbun Program** with Otake-sensei, which took place from June 21 to July 11. Three of the four students were returning alumni from the 2018 and 2019 ten-month programs. This summer we also have nine students enrolled in the **P-Course**, which consists of custom-designed tutorials in advanced Japanese offered year round for scholars and professionals. Of the nine P-Course students, seven were returning alumni. For those of you seeking a refresher course, we offer a discounted rate for IUC graduates!

### IUC PERSONNEL CHANGES

The start of a new academic year in Japan also brought change to our IUC campus.

In April, Bruce Batten made the transition from part-time to full-time in his capacity as IUC Resident Director. Bruce originally joined the Center while he was on the faculty at J. F. Oberlin University in Machida, serving as IUC Acting Director and then Director from 1991 through 1995. In 2016 he returned to the Center as Resident Director on a part-time basis while continuing to balance his many responsibilities at JFOU. The IUC would like to extend its thanks to Chancellor Toyoshi Satow and others at J. F. Oberlin University for their support of the IUC over the years.



And in March, we had to say good-bye to a couple faces at the IUC that some of you may have gotten to know very well. After many years of full-time service, our much-loved Kiyomi Kushida joined the faculty of Jissen Women's University. Thankfully, Kushida-sensei is continuing to teach part-time at the IUC. Our instructors' assistant for the past year, Miharu Hadano, graduated from Yokohama National University in March and went to the United States in July to serve as an Assistant Teacher on the Japanese Language Education Assistant Program (J-LEAP). Congratulations to the both of you; we wish you the very best!

Also in March, our team of full-time teachers welcomed Akiyo Senda. Senda-sensei previously served as a part-time instructor before an extended stay in France. For her impressions about the IUC, please see her [self-introduction](#).

## EVENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE!

**BAY AREA**, October 13, 2019 (Sunday): Please mark your calendars now for a family-friendly afternoon of percussion, food, and great company! The IUC will be hosting an event at Stanford University's Encina Hall from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm featuring the amazing [San Jose Taiko](#) group. The event will be open to IUC alumni, family, and friends.



**NEW YORK**, October 17, 2019 (Thursday): Alumni in the region are invited to join Giles Richter and Indra Levy for a casual evening gathering to be held in midtown New York City from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Arrangements are underway to confirm a venue, but please note down the date now in your calendar!

**TOKYO**, November 15, 2019 (Friday): Our next IUC Lecture Series event co-sponsored with the Nippon Foundation will feature IUC alumna [Susan Napier](#) (IUC '76), the Goldthwaite Professor of Rhetoric and Japanese Studies at Tufts University and author of the recently published *Miyazakiworld*. This event will be held at the International House of Japan.

*If you have any questions regarding our upcoming events, please contact us at [iucjapan@stanford.edu](mailto:iucjapan@stanford.edu).*

### RECENT IUC EVENTS

**DENVER**, March 23, 2019: IUC alumni gathered with Giles Richter and Executive Director Indra Levy to raise a glass and catch up at the Stanford Reunion reception held at the Asian Studies Association Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado. This year, we collected about 90 IUC alumni presenting on panels at the AAS, so the conference was a great chance to reconnect with old friends, colleagues, and mentors, including Anthony Chambers ('67), Ann Sherif ('78), Louise Young ('84), Mark Ravina ('84), Aaron Gerow (summer '89), Davinder Bhowmik ('90), Patricia Maclachlan ('92), Carolyn Stevens ('91), Melek Ortbasli ('95), Petrice Flowers ('99), Hoyt Long ('01), and many others.

**TOKYO**, April 18, 2019: IUC Leadership Board Member [Seth Sulkin](#) (IUC '91) organized a small get-together in April for a group of about twenty IUC alumni at the Tokyo-American Club to celebrate the beginning of a new era for the IUC, marked by the start of new Managing Director Giles Richter ('92) at Stanford and Bruce Batten's transition to full-time Resident Director in Yokohama. Seth gave the opening remarks, and special closing remarks were given by David Sneider ('78). Alumni attended from every decade of the IUC's history, from Henry Smith ('63) through Alexandra Melillo ('16). Bruce spoke about his plans for the Center, and Giles engaged with the group in a lively exchange of ideas about how to strengthen the IUC alumni network, support recent graduates in their careers, and raise money for new students. It was a great evening that resulted in an enthusiastic call for more such gatherings in the future. >> [list of attendees](#)

**TOKYO**, May 21, 2019: Seth R. Sulkin (IUC '91), President and CEO of Pacifica Capital K.K. and member of the IUC Leadership Board, gave a talk in Japanese at the International House of Japan on the impact of culture and history on the real estate market in Japan. Seth drew on his more than three decades of experience in the industry to argue, humorously but persuasively, that the real estate business in Japan has some surprising un-capitalistic characteristics. About 180 people attended the lecture, which was co-sponsored by the IUC, the I-House, and the Nippon Foundation. Afterwards, Seth generously hosted a reception for attendees on behalf of the IUC. Many thanks to one of our strongest supporters! >> [watch the video](#)

**TOKYO**: Finally, a big thank you to our IUC Tokyo Alumni Committee for regularly organizing together for our alumni and students residing in the Tokyo area. Our last Happy Hour was held on June 28 and brought together approximately 16 students and alumni.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### ALUMNI RECOGNITION

#### Yamagata Bando Prize

Haruo Shirane ('75), Shincho Professor of Japanese Literature and Chair of *East and Asian Languages and Cultures* at Columbia University, was awarded the 26th Yamagata Bando Prize for his book *Japan and the Culture of the Four Seasons*. The prize recognized Prof. Shirane's role in deepening the understanding of Japanese culture in a global context.

#### Koizumi Prize

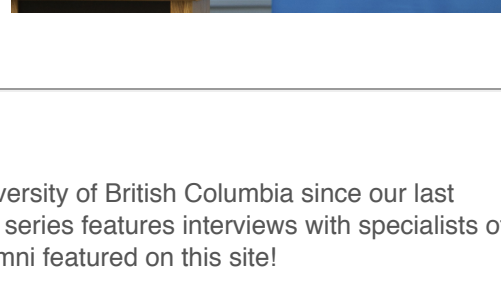
David W. Hughes (IUC '70), formerly Lecturer in Ethnomusicology at the Department of Music at SOAS University of London for over two decades and currently a Research Associate at the SOAS Japan Research Centre, was awarded the Koizumi Fumio Prize for Ethnomusicology for 2018. The award, named for Japan's first great ethnomusicologist, acknowledges Prof. Hughes's "long-term contribution to ethnomusicology in research and education, with emphasis on Japanese folk music in theory and practice." In Autumn 2017, Prof. Hughes was also honored with The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette.

#### Nakasone Yasuhiro Award

Barak Kushner (IUC '95), Professor of East Asian History at the University of Cambridge, received the 15th Nakasone Yasuhiro Award in June for his research on a wide range of subjects surrounding Japanese and East Asian history and culture including such subjects as comparing how the war and postwar have been perceived both within Japan and in East Asia, examining Japanese food culture (especially of ramen) and how it links modern Japanese history to the Chinese continent, and the evolution of imperial Japanese propaganda.

### CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM IN JAPAN CONFERENCE

On March 13, [Nobu Ishizuka](#) ('83), Executive Director of the Columbia Law School Center for Japanese Legal Studies (CJLS), hosted a conference in New York titled "Constitutional Reform in Japan: Prospects, Process, and Implications." The event featured an impressive line-up of experts who provided an in-depth exploration of Article 9, including the domestic political landscape; comparative legal perspectives, and implications of change from political, strategic and social viewpoints. Also in attendance were IUC alumni Carl Taesch ('67), John K. Wheeler ('69), Giles Richter ('92), and Prof. Robin Kietlinski ('04), author of *Japanese Women in Sport: Beyond Baseball and Sumo*. The next day, Carl and Giles also attended a special event hosted by Nobu Ishizuka at which Japan's Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable Shinsuke J. Sugiyama, addressed a large audience about the state of the US-Japan Alliance. >> [more information + audio recordings](#)



### MEIJI AT 150 PODCASTS

Additional alumni interviews have been added to the *Meiji at 150* website, hosted by University of British Columbia since our last newsletter. Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration, this podcast series features interviews with specialists of Japanese history, literature, art, and culture. We're so excited to see so many of our alumni featured on this site!

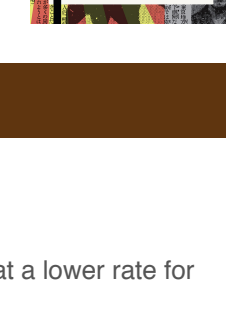
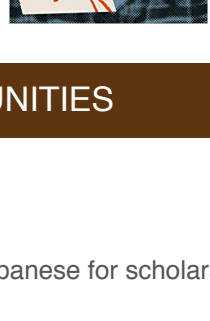
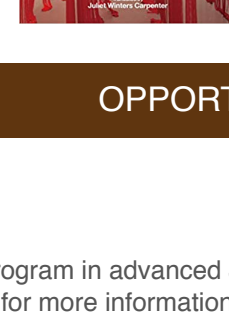
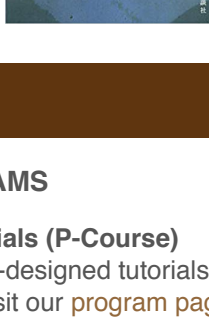
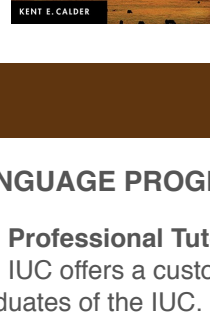
**Ep. 86** Dr. Mark Ravina (IUC '84)  
**Ep. 96** Dr. Jolyon Thomas (IUC '06)

**Ep. 101** Dr. Kirsten Ziomek (IUC '07)  
**Ep. 102** Dr. Dan Orbach (IUC '12)

**Ep. 107** Dr. Ian Miller (IUC '98)

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

So many of our alumni have published recently that we couldn't feature them all on our newsletter. If you do not see your book listed on our full list of recent publications, please let us know so that we can add it to the list. >> [publication list \(2018-19\)](#)



## OPPORTUNITIES

### LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

#### IUC Professional Tutorials (P-Course)

The IUC offers a custom-designed tutorial program in advanced Japanese for scholars and professionals at a rate for graduates of the IUC. Visit our [program page](#) for more information.

#### Scholarships for IUC Alumni Enrolling at Middlebury Institute for International Studies

IUC alumni enrolling in degree programs at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies are eligible for a \$12,000 scholarship! For details, contact Jill Stoffers, Senior Director of Enrollment Management at MIIS by email at [jill.stoffers@miis.edu](mailto:jill.stoffers@miis.edu) or by phone at (831) 647-6571.

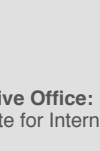
### NETWORKING

#### IUC Alumni Facebook Group

We are excited to announce that we now have an official IUC Alumni Facebook Group Page with a moderated member list for graduates of our 10-month and summer programs. The purpose of this closed group is to provide a community/platform for our alumni to share news, job opportunities, publications...etc. with one another. We hope you will all consider joining and inviting your fellow IUC friends to the group.

#### NichiBei Connect

The Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission recently launched [NichiBei Connect](http://www.nichibeiconnect.com), a web-based platform that serves as a resource for the next generation of U.S.-Japan leaders. The website houses updated, searchable information about U.S.-Japan-related jobs, internships, scholarships and fellowships. Users register as opportunity seekers or as contributors.



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