The 15th Annual Graduate Student/School Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies

Friday, March 30, 2012
Beck Room, University Library
Seton Hall University

MC: Prof. Gary Andrasko, Asian Studies

9:00-9:30 Registration (Refreshment)

9:30-9:35 Welcome
Shigeru Osuka, Director of Japanese Program

9:35-9:40 Prayer for Intercession: Victims of the Pacific Coast Tohoku Earthquake

9:45-10:45 Panel Session I: Comparative Perspective on Japanese History
Chair and Commentator: Prof. Gary Andrasko
Buddhist and Christian Eschatology: Shown through the works of Genshin’s Ojoyoshu and Dante’s Inferno by Andrenette Sullivan

Comparing the Spanish Armada Invasion of England and the Second Mongol Invasion of Japan by Dana Kappel

10:50-11:50 Keynote Address
Think Global, Fear Local: Reflections on Power and Politics in Contemporary Japan
Dr. David Leheny, Henry Wendt III ’55 Professor of East Asian Studies, Princeton University

12 noon-1:20 Luncheon
Faculty Club, University Center 2nd Floor

1:30-2:30 Panel Session 2: Current Issues on Japanese Society
Chair and Commentator: Prof. Yui Suzuki
Embracing Immigration: Contemporary Japanese College Students’ Perceptions of Foreign Labor in Japan by Kristin Wingate

Criticisms of the How Japan is Dealing with a Growing Human Trafficking Problem by Paul Capobianco

2:35-3:35 Panel Session 3: Historical Analysis on Japanese Society
Chair and Commentator: Prof. Shigeru Osuka
An Analysis of the Controversy about Taika Reform and the Establishment of Feudal Society by Xin Xu

The Removal of the Cross: Christian Persecution at the End of the Sengoku Period and Its Motivations by Michael Dutko

3:50-3:55 Closing Remarks
MC: Prof. Gary Andrasko