

Welcome to Japan Week 2022

Time of Crisis, Time for Solidarity & Peace

Japan Week 2022 aims to give students and communities the opportunity to obtain a better understanding of Japanese culture by demonstrating the University's ongoing commitment to building bridges between different cultures and bringing people together of different customs, religions and ethnic backgrounds. Japan Week 2022 seeks to continue to promote diversity, unity, and hopes that participants will become leaders in a flourishing dialogue between Japan and the United States to work towards building a more peaceful global community. The goal of Japan Week 2022 is to support an inclusive environment for students and community members of all backgrounds.

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JAPAN WEEK 2022

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April 4 (Monday)

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Beck Room

Udon Workshop: Understanding Japanese Noodles



In Japan, there are Udon noodles made from wheat flour that everyone likes to eat. In this workshop, four types of noodles (Somen, Hiyamugi, Udon, and Kishimen) are introduced. All participants have a chance to taste Udon noodles. Hosted by Anne Giblin-Gedacht, History Department/Asian studies program.

April 5 (Tuesday)

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Beck Room

Teaching English in Japan

SHU Students/Faculty Share What They Learned

Teaching English in Japan is in high demand. At Japanese elementary school, learning English itself began in 2011 for 5th and 6th graders, but from 2020 it was officially compulsory for 3rd and 4th graders as foreign language activities, and 5th and 6th graders as foreign language. In this workshop, four current/former SHU students and faculty share their experiences in Japan. Hosted by Mary McAleer Balkun, Professor of English & Director of Faculty Development

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Beck Room

Book Talk: Masaru:

The First Japanese Christian (Published in 2021)



In 1549, Christianity arrived in Japan, and it soon took root in that distant land in Kyushu regions. After graduating from the University of Montana in 1996, Michael Cibenko spent four years living in Kumamoto Pref. as an ALT in the JET Program. During that time, he was inspired by the small but devout Catholic community there. His novel, *Masaru*, is based upon the events of the Shimabara Rebellion, an uprising of persecuted Christians in the 17th century.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Beck Room

Constitutional Crisis

The Opportunities and Limits of Church Reform

What does it mean to say that the Church is in a "constitutional crisis"? Christopher R Altieri will outline a proper treatment of the Church as a political society, hence as a power structure, or at least inescapably and intrinsically possessed of a power structure. Taking a historically informed approach, Altieri will demonstrate that we need to undertake the project of Church reform with eyes open to the hierarchical constitution of the Church, so as not to run afoul of it. Sponsored by Ines Angeli Murzaku, Director of the Catholic Studies Program

April 6 (Wednesday)

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Beck Room

Hidden Christian Sites

in the Nagasaki Region of Japan



Churches and Christian Sites in Nagasaki were recognized on January 30, 2018, as a World Heritage Site. The sites reflect the era of prohibition of the Christian faith, as well as the revitalization of Christian communities after the official

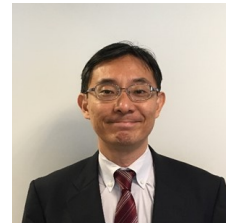
lifting of prohibition in 1873. The sites bear unique testimony to a cultural tradition nurtured by hidden Christians in the Nagasaki region who secretly transmitted their faith during the period of prohibition from 1612. Sponsored by the Office of World Heritage Site, Nagasaki Prefectural Government, Japan

April 7 (Thursday)

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Beck Room

Diplomacy Talk

Japan's Legislature and the Executive Branch



Deputy Consul General Kenju Murakami, Director of Japan Information Center, Consulate General of Japan in New York, talks on the US-Japan relations and Japan's legislature. Graduated from the University of Tokyo (BA in Law), U of Michigan (LLM, and MA in Political Science), Murakami served as the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Division, and the Director for Operations, Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters at the Cabinet Office.

April 8 (Friday)

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Beck Room

Japanese Language Study

Award Ceremony



The Japanese Program is pleased to honor its motivated and hardworking Japanese language learners. In the 2021-2022, 78 students are studying Japanese language and culture that entails demanding curriculum and one of the internationally well-known programs. The students will be expected to be future ambassadors in the respective community and foster a peacefully global community. Hope to continue to study Japanese as a lifelong learning. Congratulations on awardees! Awards will be presented by Georita M. Frierson, the Dean of College of Arts and Sciences. Hosted by the Japanese Program.

All events are open to the public free of charge.

(The program is subject to change)

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