

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

3:35-3:45 Closing Remarks

MC: Prof. Gary Andrasko