



THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON
A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES

Monthly Newsletter

Message from JSB Staff

Dear Reader,

This February, Boston lost a vital member of its Japanese American Community. Hisao "Hank" Nakatsuka passed away at the age of 71 after a long battle with Lung Cancer. Mr. Nakatsuka was for many years the Chairman of the Japanese Association of Greater Boston, and he wished that all memorial tributes be made out to that organization. You can read his full obituary in the Boston Globe [here](#).

In the past few months, the Japan Society of Boston has sought to bring its mission into the digital realm by providing a sense of community in times where mutual understanding, especially on social media, is often pushed to the side in favor of division.

Communication, especially on social media, is essential to bridge building, and bridge building, especially in a divided world, is essential to the formation of community. If you haven't already, be sure to check out our digital spaces and help this community grow.



Tim Morrissey
Communications Associate at the Japan Society of Boston



Celebrating Hinamatsuri



Join Naoko, Operations Manager at the Japan Society of Boston as she sets up her display for the Hinamatsuri Celebration, held every March 3rd.

JSB Programming

Japanese Online Group Lessons
Come learn with the Japan Society of Boston

Registration Open
Classes begin April 4th

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Announcing: Spring Japanese Online Group Lessons

Registration for the Spring term of Japanese Language Courses is open! Classes begin on April 4th and run for 10 weeks, skipping Memorial Day.

[Register Here](#)



JAPAN SOCIETY
OF BOSTON

Join the JSB Language Room

A Japanese and English
Virtual Language Exchange

Friday, March 18, 2022 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM EDT

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Come practice your Japanese or your English at our next online language room. Registration closes at 12 pm on the day of the event.

[Register Here](#)

Ouchigohan

Learn to Make Chirashizushi

5 PM EDT on March 19, 2022



Saturday, March 19th, 2022 - 5:00 PM EDT

\$10 JSB/JASH/JASG Members / \$15 Non-members

(ingredient list will be provided a few days before the event)

Join us in this family friendly event hosted by The Japan Society of Boston, The Japan-America Society of Georgia and Japan-America Society of Houston as we cook along with Table for Two's innovative food program, Wa-Shokuiku: Learn. Cook. Eat Japanese!

[Register Here](#)

道 Dō

Budō: Part 1

March 29th, 2022 - 7:00 PM EST

The Japan Society of Boston is proud to present Budō, an event and video series focused on the Japanese Martial Arts of Kendo, Kyūdō, and Aikido.

Our first event tackles the philosophy behind the name. Join us as we listen to **Professor William Reed from the Yamanashi Gakuin University**



[Register Here](#)

GODZILLA

OVER THE YEARS - THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF GODZILLA MOVIES

BILL TSUTSUI AND ALEXANDER ZAHLTEN APRIL 28TH

April 28th, 2022 - 7:00 PM EDT

Join scholar and Godzilla Fanatic Bill Tsutsui, president and CEO of Ottawa University, in conversation with Japanese Film expert and Harvard Professor Alexander Zahlten as they explore the Cross Cultural histories of the Godzilla Franchise.

[Register Here](#)

JSB Member Programming

Between the Lines

A Monthly Discussion of **the Tale of Genji** for JSB members held on the third Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

Join us to discuss the Tale of Genji by Murasaki Shikibu. We will be discussing the first five chapters at the first session. This event will be held on the third Tuesday except for April (it will be held on April 12th) every month through September.

[Register Here](#)

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Kitchen

Banana Yoshimoto

A book club for JSB members

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

Do you love Japanese literature? The JSB Book Club will be meeting to discuss *Kitchen* by Banana Yoshimoto. The purpose of the JSB Book Club is to strengthen the Boston community of Japan enthusiasts by coming together to discuss Japanese literature.

[Register Here](#)



JSB Meets JET Alumni:

As part of our partnership with the United States Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association (USJETAA), we will be sharing excerpts of interviews with JET alums in our newsletter!

This month:

**Carolyn Posner in
Nagano Prefecture!**

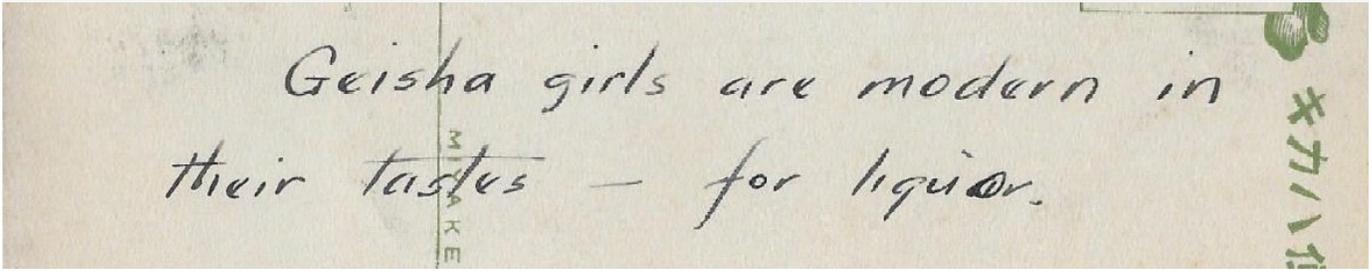
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From the Archive

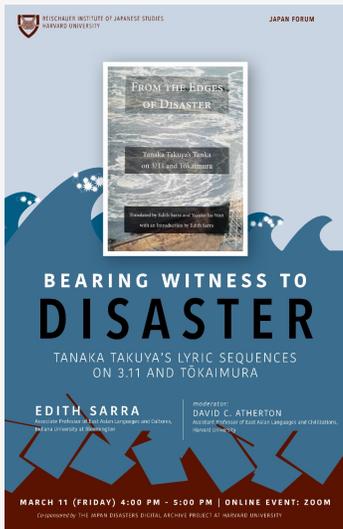


Every newsletter, the Japan Society of Boston will pull an image from our archive. This postcard was sent back to Boston from Japan in the year 1914

and depicts a group of Geisha sitting around drinking. The Back Simply reads, "Geisha Girls are modern in their tastes -- for Liquor."



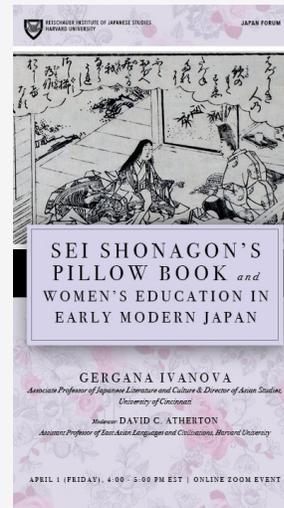
Other Japan Programming



MARCH 11 4:00 pm EST
Harvard Reischauer Institute

Bearing Witness to Disaster: Tanaka Takuya's Lyric Sequences on 3.11 and Tōkaimura

[Register Here](#)



APRIL 1 4:00 pm EDT
Harvard Reischauer Institute

Sei Shonagon's Pillow Book and Women's Education in Early Modern Japan

[Register Here](#)

BU College of Arts & Sciences

Summer Japanese Course 2022

The Japanese Program offers the following courses during Summer 2022. Here are courses that you may consider.

Summer I: May 24 ~ June 30

- LJ111 First-Semester Japanese
- LJ211 Third-Semester Japanese
- LJ283 Modern Japanese Culture in Cinema (in English Translation)
- LJ450 Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language

Summer II: July 5 ~ August 11

- LJ112 Second-Semester Japanese
- LJ212 Fourth-Semester Japanese

You can concentrate on studying Japanese during the summer, advance your Japanese study, and move on to the next level quickly. This summer we will offer L450 Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language. If you are interested in teaching Japanese in the future, or if you have a plan to teach any foreign language (such as in the JET program), this course will be of benefit. In this course you will learn the fundamental skills for teaching a foreign language.

Summer Term: <https://www.bu.edu/summer/> Contact: Satoru Ishikawa satoru@bu.edu



March 14th 5:00 - 6:00 AM EST
(7:00 - 8:00 PM Tokyo)
Harvard Business School

Japanese Summer Courses
Boston University Summer School

[Register Here](#)

Club of Japan
Sustainability Series

[Register Here](#)

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