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# Monthly Newsletter



## JSB Programming



## ELIZABETH REIAN BENNETT

SHAKUHACHI GRAND MASTER

SHAKUHACHI LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 6:00 PM

1 FINANCIAL CENTER, BOSTON, MA 02111



**Wednesday, September 21st, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT**  
**In-person at One Financial Center, Boston, MA**

Join us for an insightful discussion about the history and features of the shakuhachi with Elizabeth Reian Bennett, the first woman to be certified a Grand Master of the Shakuhachi.

The shakuhachi is a Japanese end-blown flute, made of bamboo, developed in Japan in the 16th century. Elizabeth Reian Bennett studied and performed with Living National Treasure Aoki Reibo, who is recognized as one of Japan's foremost shakuhachi instrumentalists.

[Register Here](#)

# KYŪDŌ

## BUDŌ PART 3

SEPT 29TH 7 PM EDT | ONLINE



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**Thursday, September 29th, 2022 - 7:00 PM EDT  
Online Program**

Join Byakko Kyudojo for an introduction to Kyudo, the centuries-old practice of Japanese archery. This is the third installment in our BUDŌ Series which features traditional Japanese martial arts.

The event will provide a window into the precise yet deceptively simple practice of Kyudo, including an introduction to common equipment and basic techniques such as the “Seven Coordinations.” Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the history of Kyudo and its everyday mental and physical benefits. We hope you will join us!

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# Join the JSB Language Room

A Japanese and English  
Virtual Language Exchange



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Sponsored by:



Temple  
University  
Japan Campus

**Friday, September 16th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT**

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**Online Program**

**This session is currently full but the waitlist is open.**

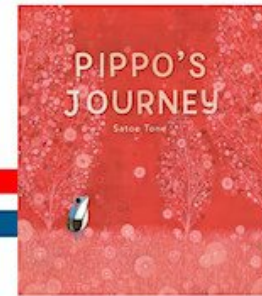
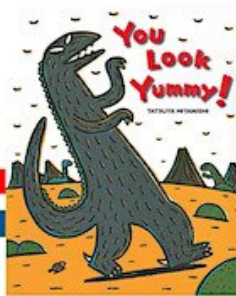
Practice your Japanese (or your English) at our next online Japanese / English language exchange. Our theme for this session is: **Favorite Songs**

Our monthly language room is sponsored by **Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ)**. TUJ is the oldest and largest foreign university in Japan. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.tuj.ac.jp/ug>

Get on the waitlist

## 絵本の時間 Japanese Storytime

Reading *You Look Yummy*, *Pippo's Journey*, and *Chirri & Chirra*



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10.2.22 || 10:30AM ET

**brookline  
booksmith**

**Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 - 10:30 AM EDT**

**In-person at Brookline Booksmith, 279 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA**

Live and in person at Brookline Booksmith, the Japan Society of Boston present a special dual-language storytime! They will be reading picture books in Japanese and English.

Register Here

# Shaking the Foundations of Meaning

The logic and illogic of Zen chant and thought

with Professor Steven Nuss

**October 17th, 6 PM**

Pucker Gallery



**Monday, October 17th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT**  
**Hybrid Program**

Join Professor Steven Nuss of Colby College on a journey through the musical and meditative practices of Rinzai Zen Buddhism. After an introduction to some basics of Zen meditation practice with its heavy emphasis on sutra chanting and its often non-linear approaches to language, Professor Nuss will encourage us to discuss and think through the logic/anti-logic of Zen's complicated uses of music and language.

The session will end with a session of seated meditation and chanting led by Professor Nuss and student practitioners from Colby College. Participants will have the chance to practice the discipline of Zen chanting and meditation as a group. All this chanting and discussion will help us formulate creative answers to a deceptively simple nest of questions – How do we use spoken language? What happens when music meets language? Why do many religious traditions insist that their texts be sung? What is lost? What is gained?

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**Programs for JSB Members**

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# Glen S. Fukushima

*"Chaos in D.C. vs Calm in Tokyo"*



September 23rd, 12:00 PM

1 Financial Center, Boston, MA 02111



**Friday, September 23rd, 2022 - 12:00 PM EDT**  
**In-person at One Financial Center, Boston, MA**

JSB Board member Glen S. Fukushima visited Japan this year in April/May and July/August after an absence of nearly two years. He was able to witness: President Biden's visit in May, Quad meeting in May, assassination of former Prime Minister Abe in July, LDP victory in the Upper House elections in July, controversy over the Unification Church, House Speaker Pelosi's visit to Tokyo in August after her trip to Taiwan, opposition to the State Funeral on September 27, etc. U.S. Ambassador Rahm Emanuel arranged a meeting at his Residence in which President Biden thanked Glen personally for his donation of \$1 million to the Fulbright Commission to promote U.S.-Japan academic, intellectual, and cultural exchange.

The stability, continuity, calm, and predictability in Japan was a stark contrast to the chaos, turmoil, polarization, and unpredictability in Washington, D.C. Japan is watching very closely the U.S. midterm elections of Nov. 8, 2022 and the presidential election of Nov. 5, 2024 to assess to what extent they can rely on the United States to stay engaged in Asia and to provide for Japan's security.

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## Between the Lines

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



**Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT**

Join us to discuss *The Tale of Genji* by Murasaki Shikibu. We will be discussing

chapters thirty one through thirty five.

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**BOOK CLUB**  
VILLAIN BY SHUICHI YOSHIDA



EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO HIDE...  
THE GUNNER (LAWYER) SEQUEL  
SHUICHI YOSHIDA  
**VILLAIN**

**Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT**

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

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**More Content from JSB**



**JSB MEETS JET ALUMNI**  
An interview series on alumni experiences in Japan



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### **JSB Meets JET Alumni:**

As part of our partnership with the [United States Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association](#) (USJETAA), the Japan Society of Boston features a new JET Alumni in our monthly blog!

**This month:**

**James Gannon**, interim Executive Director at USJETAA, shares his memories of Ehime prefecture in the 90s.



[Read the Blog](#)

### Introducing: Member Highlights

The Japan Society of Boston is pleased to introduce you to the wonderful members of our community through this new blog series.

Each month, we will feature a JSB Member and ask them to share with us their Japan Story.

**This Month:** Karen and Alex Gruzen



[Read the Blog](#)

## Other Japan Related Programming

**September 16th, 7:00 PM EDT:** [The Occupation of Photography in Occupied Okinawa | Japan Foundation](#)

**September 16th to October 16th:** [Kintsugi: Repaired, Restored, Reborn | Honeyjones Gallery](#)

**September 19th, 10:00 AM EDT:** [Zen Spirit: Work by Miraku Kamei XV & Hisaaki Kamei | Pucker Gallery](#)

September 22nd, 6:30 PM EDT: [From the Far East to Boston: Nichols Family Belongings from Asia | Nichols House Museum](#)

September 25th, 2:00 PM EDT: [Japanese Tea Ceremony | The Art Complex Museum](#)

September 29th, 5:00 PM EDT: [Great Decisions with Kevin Rudd | The Quad Alliance | World Boston](#)

October 12th, 1 PM EDT: [A Fish for a Sword? The Triumphant Return of Zōga Shōnin | Dublin Festival of History](#)

October 15th, 2:00 PM EDT: [The Timeless Allure of Washi - Free Talk with Nancy Jacobi | Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre](#)

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## From the Archive



Every month the Japan Society of Boston reaches into our archives to pull out a postcard that was sent back to us in the early years of our organization. This one was mailed to JSB in 1914 and depicts farmers at work.

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