



# JASC Journal

## Fall 2012

## 64<sup>th</sup> JASC Recap

### Conference Lays Foundation for U.S.-Japan Friendship

The 64th Japan-America Student Conference has come to a close, marking an end to another chapter in JASC's storied history. Students approached the conference with a focus on the future of U.S.-Japan relations in a time both nations face great challenges. By directly addressing both nations' most pressing challenges through meaningful discussions and shared experience the delegates built mutual understanding and formed deep friendships. No doubt the close connections formed will help foster a strong relationship between Japan and the United States into the future.

#### Dallas, TX

The conference began with American Orientation at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. During the



three-day orientation delegates prepared for the arrival of their Japanese counterparts by holding preliminary roundtable meetings and conference training sessions. The highlight of the orientation was a Texas-style barbeque with guests from the hosting Southern Methodist University and alumni of JASC.

The Japanese delegates arrived in Texas on the evening of July 28th where they were greeted by their American counterparts. The following morning, the opening ceremony marked the official beginning of the conference.



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*At the Dallas Immigration Court, Judge Michael Baird speaks about the immigration system in the United States.*

Speakers for the event included the Honorable John M. Stich of the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth, Mr. Mark Berry, the chair of the Dallas-Sendai Committee and Dr. Hiroki Takeuchi of Southern Methodist University. The program was followed by a reception with guests from the university, alumni and friends.

The Dallas sight provided a forum for a variety of topics and cultural experiences. Highlights included a trip to the Dallas Immigration Court, where delegates saw court proceedings and were addressed by Judge Michael Baird; a tour of the Sixth Floor Museum, which chronicles the life and legacy of President Kennedy; and lectures by Prof. William A. McWhorter of the Texas Historical Commission and Dr. Eric Bing of the George W. Bush Institute.

## **Madison, WI**

The Madison site offered delegates a look at local politics and economics in the state of Wisconsin. Agriculture was a major theme with delegates visiting the Dane County Farmer's Market, touring the University of Wisconsin's on-campus ice cream making facility and touring R.G. Miller & Sons Farm just outside Madison. Wisconsin's own Organic Valley Cooperative hosted the farm tour and provided a lunch where delegates were able to enjoy local organic food and ask questions directly to farmers about organic farming practices and sustainability. Delegates also took a day trip to Milwaukee where they were generously hosted by Kikkoman and Harley Davidson for tours of the companies' manufacturing facilities and lectures on global business.

Local politics took center stage at the forum on state and local government held on campus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Edgewood College delegate

and Madison native Patrick Meuer opened the forum by sharing his experience as a political organizer. Then the former mayor of Madison, Dave Cieslewicz, and reporters Mike Ivey, Ruth Coniff and Brian Moon formed a panel that discussed the role of state and local politics in the American political system. Much of the forum focused on the protests at the Wisconsin capital and recall effort against Governor Scott Walker. Although delegates were not able to meet Governor Walker, the site closed with a reception at the Governor's Residence.

## **Berkeley and San Francisco, CA**

The Berkeley site shifted the focus of the conference to the future of U.S.-Japan relations. In order to form a foundation and define context for their discussion about the future, delegates first looked to history. The August anniversaries of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki gave delegates a chance to have discussions on the lasting effects of these events and their relevance to modern times. Thanks to an invitation from UC-Berkeley's Center for Japanese Studies delegates were also able to attend a screening of the film, "Pictures from a Hiroshima Schoolyard". The film's director Bryan Reichardt was on hand at the screening to answer delegate's questions. After the Q & A, Mr. Takashi Tanemori, a survivor of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima spoke about his experience and life in the U.S. JASC delegates engaged in an emotional discussion with him, making the event especially powerful and meaningful.

After weighing the history of U.S.-Japan relations, delegates refocused on the future by interacting with high school students from the Tohoku Region who were participating in the Softbank Operation Tomodachi Summer Leadership Camp in Berkeley, CA. JASC delegates were able to see the high school students' final projects



*Roundtable discussions between JASCers and Softbank Operation Tomodachi Summer Leadership Camp Students*





and ask questions about their work at the students' graduation ceremony. The two groups of students also met for small group discussions at St. John's Presbyterian Church near UC-Berkeley. Although the time of the meeting was brief, friendships were formed and the students were able to find common ground with their interest in U.S.-Japan relations and youth leadership. Several Operation Tomodachi students expressed their interest in applying to JASC in the future so they can continue to have discussions like they experienced during the meeting and start putting their ideas for the future into practice.

After their time at UC-Berkeley came to a close, the delegates moved to San Francisco for a two-day stay. Here delegates were able to explore the city together and enjoy Japanese culture by visiting Japan Town. The site closed with a reception at Japanese Consul General Hiroshi Inomata's residence in Pacific Heights. Guests to the reception included the Consul General and his wife, local Japanese scholars and business leaders and JASC alumni. Among the guests were two of JASC's prominent alumni Mr. Glen Fukushima (JASC 22 & 23, former CEO of airbus Japan) and Mrs. Sakie Fukushima (JASC 23, Japanese business leader and global strategy expert) and board member Kristy Holch (JASC 38).



*Risako Matsuura (University of Tokyo), member of the Business and Ethics Roundtable, speaks at the Final Forum.*

From there focus shifted to the Final Forum. After hours of preparation, delegates made their presentations to the public on August 17th. About twenty guests, mostly alumni, were in attendance to watch the forum, but over 75,000 watched the live streaming video of the presentations on Nico Nico Japan. Nico Nico Inc. generously broadcast the forum free of charge to JASC and made it visible by promoting it on the front page of the popular Japanese Social Networking site. After each Roundtable gave the presentation of their findings from the conference, Dr. Donald Hellmann gave a keynote speech on the future of U.S.-Japan relations. In the evening delegates attended an alumni reception in celebration of their completion of the Roundtable portion of the program. Delegates were able to meet alumni from as far back as the 1970's conferences all the way up to alumni from last year's conference that ventured to the area for a reunion.

With the completion of another chapter of JASC history, another begins as the 64th JASCers enter the alumni community and the 65th Executive Committee is already well into their planning of the next conference.



*JASCers and guests at the San Francisco Consular Residence*

## Seattle, WA

In Seattle delegates again looked back at history, this time the history of Asian Americans. They toured the Wing Luke Museum which provided an overview of the Asian American experience from the first Asian American to the present. Later in the same day, Ms. Mako Nakagawa, a survivor of two internment camps during the Second World War spoke about her experience and the legacy of racial discrimination against Japanese people during the Second World War. The day provided Japanese delegates with a personal description of historical events they may not have been aware of prior to JASC.

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*Ayaka Odagaki (Shiga University of Medical Sciences) and her fellow Japadeles are welcomed by Amedeles forming a tunnel.*



*American Delegates and guests after the American Orientation Barbeque*



*Autumn Ding (Bryn Mawr College) and Cruz Arroyo (Haverford College) show off their gift from Kikkoman*



*Isaac Choi (Ohio State University) and Koki Asahara (University of Tokyo) speak with Operation Tomodachi students.*



*JASCers on the farm*

## Hundreds of JASC Photos Now Online!

ISC staff and interns have been working to recover pictures dating back to the beginning of the conference and post them on the JASC Flickr Page.

If you have photos from your conference email [jasc@iscdc.org](mailto:jasc@iscdc.org) for instructions on how to submit them.

[Click Here to visit the JASC Flickr Page](#)



# Thank You!

## A Special Thanks to the following individuals and organizations who made the 64th JASC Possible

Dr. Bill Tsutsui, his assistant Ms. Cindy Havens and Mr. Michael Clarke	For their support in bringing JASC to Southern Methodist University
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Nico Nico Inc.	For generously broadcasting the Final Forum on their site free of charge
The Nimick Forbesway Foundation	For awarding a grant that made the 64th JASC possible
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And all other alumni and friends who donated time or money to make the 64th meeting of JASC a success, thank you!	

## Introducing the 65th JASC American Executive Committee



Listed as they appear in picture from left to right, back row to front

Name	University	Year	Major
Ms. Katherine Jordan	Wellesley College	2nd	French & Japanese
Mr. Santiago Cruz	Cornell University	3rd	Government
Mr. So Nakayama	Macalester College	2nd	International and Asian Studies
Mr. Patrick Meuer	Edgewood College	4th	History
Ms. Madison Mears	University of Wisconsin-Madison	2nd	Pre-Business & Japanese
Mr. Paul Yarabe**	Harvard University	4th	Molecular & Cellular Biology
Ms. Nobuko Masuno*	University of California, Berkeley	3rd	Psychology
Mr. Cruz Arroyo	Haverford College	2nd	English

\*\* Denotes Chair

\* Denotes Vice Chair







# JAScer Notes

**Paul Horak** JASC 62 (2010) continued conducting health economics research at Harvard and through the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), under David Cutler over the summer. He also spent time at Mass General (MGH) and Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH). He's looking forward to graduating from Duke this upcoming May and then starting Medical School in the not too distant future.

**Henry Luu** JASC 62 (2010) has recently been hopping around visiting different cities on weekends, now that he is working for an airline and has flight benefits as part of the job. He regularly visits Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, and Washington DC. His more adventurous destinations include London for the Olympic Games and a spontaneous weekend trip to Aruba with coworkers. Last month, Henry has also visited Seattle alongside various JASC alumni to support JASC 64 at their final site. Having lived and worked in New York City for the past 9 months, he regularly enjoys escapades in the city with fellow JASCers in the area, including **David Myers** JASC 61 & 62, **Rebecca Paulucci** JASC 63, **Lisa Du** JASC 62, and **Diane Lee** JASC 61 and 62.

**Naoki John Yoshida** JASC 61 & 62 (2009 & 2010) recently moved to NYC post-graduation to begin work and discovered more JASCers than he thought! Recently he had brunch with Japadeles **Hiromichi Matsuda** JASC 58 & 59 (2006 & 2007), **Yuichi Yokoyama** JASC 60 (2008) and **Masata Morishima** JASC 60. He would love to organize an NYC / East Coast meet up of JASCers that are around!

**Kelly Hill** JASC 58 (2006) recently finished up a Master's program in Religion and Conflict Transformation at Boston University. She recently moved to Nashville, TN, and is looking for job opportunities in the Greater Nashville area. She would love to re-connect with JASCers from the 58th JASC and connect with

any JASCers in the Nashville area. She's looking forward to being in touch! (contact info: [Kellydhill@gmail.com](mailto:Kellydhill@gmail.com))

**Jennifer and Jason Knudson** JASC 58 (2006) would like to announce the birth of their daughter Vienna Isabelle. She was born on Valentine's Day of 2012 in Philadelphia. She weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. and was 19 inches tall. She is a very healthy and happy baby. This summer Jennifer had the opportunity to meet **Eri Mikubo** JASC 58 (2006), who visited the family at their home in Collingswood, NJ. They hope Vienna has the opportunity to meet more JASCers soon.

**Sonya Kuki** JASC 57 (2005) has returned to school at Columbia University in New York City, getting her Master in International Affairs at the School of International and Public Affairs. She'll be studying International Security Policy and International Conflict Resolution. She recently reunited with **Yuko Hirose** JASC 58 and **Yuka Kurasawa** JASC 57, and had a great mini-reunion. If any JASCers are visiting NYC, let her know!

**Brian Ruh** JASC 53 (2001) finished his Ph.D in Communication and Culture from Indiana University in May 2012. His dissertation focused on the globalization of Japanese animation, specifically with regard to its history and reception in the United States. Brian had previously written the book *Stray Dog of Anime: The Films of Mamoru Oshii* and contributed to chapters in books like *Cinema Anime: Critical Engagements with Japanese Animation*, *East Asian Cinemas: Exploring Transnational Connections on Film*, and *The Japanification of Children's Popular Culture: From Godzilla to Spirited Away*. He is currently looking for further academic opportunities while working at the University of Texas as a Senior Software Developer/Analyst. He lives in Austin with his wife Sarah and his daughters Charlotte and Abigail.

**Sophia Kan** as well as **Allison Kramer** and **Lourdes Gutierrez**, all of JASC 53 (2001), were able to meet the 64th JASC group in Seattle. Sophia is also going back to school, to start a PhD program in Economics at the University of Goet-

tingen in Germany. Please email her if you are in the area: [sophmeister@gmail.com](mailto:sophmeister@gmail.com).



In June, **Yayoi Shionoiri** JASC 52 (2000) hosted an informational fundraising event in New York about Seikeikai, a grassroots organization undertaking reconstructive efforts in Kessenuma, Miyagi post-3/11 (<https://www.facebook.com/TheKessenumaMisangaBraceletProject>). Seikeikai has been selling beautiful bracelets woven by the Kessenuma survivors, and they are now being sold in the US through <http://www.etsy.com/shop/KessenumaBracelets>. If you're interested in learning more, please don't hesitate to reach out via [yayoi.shionoiri@gmail.com](mailto:yayoi.shionoiri@gmail.com)

**Mitzi Hnizdil Carlin** JASC 44 & 45 (1992 & 1993) recently changed career paths to join the effort to eradicate obesity in America. She is now a Health Coach with Take Shape For Life, a weight loss and lifestyle mentoring program. Mitzi, Curtis, and family still move around every few years with the Marine Corps, and they currently live west of Seattle at Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor.

**Stanford Lin** JASC 43 (1991) assumed a new role as Vice President of Financial Services at Walmart China, leading Walmart's portfolio of financial, convenience and lifestyle products. He will continue to be based out of Walmart China's home office in Shenzhen, and welcomes any JASC visitors who may be passing through Southern China.



**Sherry Weaver Smith** JASC 41 (1989) has recently written *Land Shapes* (published by Richer Resources Publications), a collection of haiku poems reflecting meditations in nature and her travels



in Japan and the Philippines. Artist Sylvia Van Strijthem has illustrated the collection with Chinese brush paintings. In addition to writing poetry, Sherry is Grants Manager for Science Buddies, an educational nonprofit in California. The book is available for [purchase online](#).

In August, **Madeleine Adkins** JASC 40 & 41 (1988 & 1989) was excited to move back to the San Francisco Bay Area after 7 1/2 years of living in other places, and she hopes to connect with Bay Area JASCers soon! She can be found at [madeleine.adkins@gmail.com](mailto:madeleine.adkins@gmail.com) and on Facebook and Google+.

**Kurt Tong** JASC 36 & 37 (1984 & 1985) hosted two dozen JASCers from the 36th and 37th conferences at the Tong-Marumoto house in Tokyo on August 26th for a lively reunion. Everyone was impressed with how no one had changed and everyone looks forward to the next opportunity to meet again!



**Lynn Botelho** JASC 36 (1984) is an University Professor and Professor of History at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is currently on research, living in London where she is Fellow of the Birkbeck Pain Project and will be a Fulbright Scholar at King's College London in 2013. She also holds the Ruth Landes Memorial Fellowship. She is working on her book, *THE AGEING BODY: THE PARADOXES OF GROWING OLD IN EARLY MODERN ENGLAND*.

**Jay Wilkinson** JASC 24 (1972) has joined the Board of Directors of Ragamala Dance in Minneapolis. Their next big production is inspired by their previous work in Japan with Taiko drummers and their visit to Sanjusangendo Temple in Kyoto. Read about the production at [ragamala.net](http://ragamala.net). They would like to bring the production to Japan. If you know of possible sponsors, please email Jay about who to contact ([balthazarw@yahoo.com](mailto:balthazarw@yahoo.com)).



*Special Guest his Excellency Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki exchanges cards with ISC Chairman and JASC 31 (1979) alumnus Stephen C. Moss as board member Bill Breer looks on.*

## Supporters Gather in Washington

### D.C. Fundraiser brings together supporters of JASC and KASC

On June 15th alumni, friends and supporters of ISC gathered at board member Bill Breer's residence in Washington, D.C. to show their support for this summer's KASC and JASC. Japanese and Korean food and traditional musical performances set the mood for the event which drew around 40 guests. Among the guests were the Honorable Ambassador Ichiro Fujisake and his wife Yoriko, several members of the ISC Board of Directors, and representatives from corporate and foundational sponsors.

More pictures and information from the event are available at [iscdc.org](http://iscdc.org).

**Larry Ingraham** JASC 26 (1974) welcomes all JASC alumni and friends to his Tokyo business presentation on a U.S. bio-nutrient company and its breakthrough wellness technology that is entering the Japanese market. Learn what a "Nrf2 Synergizer" is, and the health benefits and business opportunities connected with it.

**Date:** Thursday, October 11, 2012

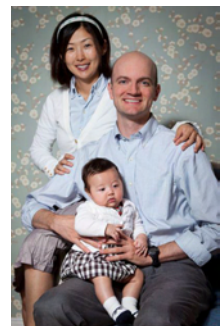
**Place:** "Crescent" Room on 5th FL of Tokyo New Otani Hotel's Garden Court Building

**Time:** 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Individual business meetings with Larry in Tokyo are also welcomed from October 10-16.

**Please RSVP to Larry's e-mail address:** [lingr49221@gmail.com](mailto:lingr49221@gmail.com)

**Spencer Oscarson**, previous JASC Program Manager, and his wife Sho had their first child in June. Each day brings new experiences and new heights of joy to their little family. Spencer has now been with Deloitte Tohmatsu for six months as a consultant and is having a great time. He has run into several JASC alumni already and plans to host a business event for JASC 65 in Tokyo at Deloitte next summer.



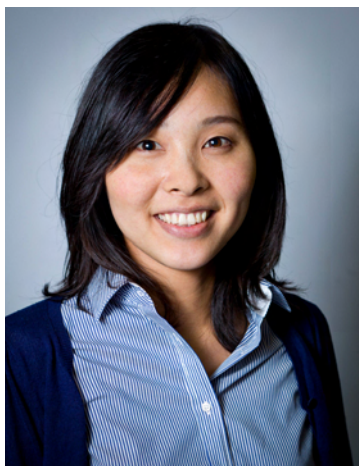
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# A Year Well Spent

## Mariko Onishi Reflects on her Time as an Intern with ISC



*Mariko Onishi,  
ISC Intern*

**T**ime flies by so fast, it's been 10 months since I started interning with ISC. I used to work at a trading company in Japan, but I decided to pursue a different career path. I decided to come to the U.S. to gain work experience in the international education field with the intention of expanding my opportunities for my future career. But this internship was more than that.

I still remember the day I heard about ISC. I was so surprised the programs were so unique. Especially roundtables, those topics are sometimes sensational, sensitive, and make me feel not comfortable bringing them up, even between good friends. But JASC and KASC provide a safe platform for students to discuss those issues by creating a strong friendship through many interactive events. I also had an experience of study abroad in China for a year but I didn't reach this level since it took a long time to have trust between friends and didn't have much chance to talk about those issues. JASC and KASC condensed the most important parts of study

abroad programs into a month-long conference. I really liked this concept and wanted to be a part of improving these programs.

Since ISC is a small organization, as an intern, I had a lot of responsibilities. Among all of the tasks, the hardest one for me was "calling". I had to call hundreds of professors and organizations whom we had sent the program's promotional material and ask them to spread the word to their students. At first I felt so scared and embarrassed to call strangers in English and the lists seemed endless to me. But my motivation to finish the phone calls was to want more students to know that there are such unique programs like KASC and JASC which may change their life. I was also able to be involved in creating publications, marketing and fundraising projects through this internship.

In this summer, fortunately, I had a chance to meet delegates from JASC and KASC. The delegates were very energetic, open minded and eager to learn about each other. I felt that the world will be changed when their generation becomes leaders of their countries in the near future. I still remember at the conference, one Korean student said she decided to participate in KASC because of my encouragement. She had a fruitful experience from KASC and appreciated what I had said. Perhaps it was one of the phone calls I struggled to make that allowed her to hear about KASC. I was so happy that my work influenced a student even a little bit.

I will finish my internship with ISC next month and I hope I can find a job related to International Education. I really appreciate ISC giving me this great opportunity. I will miss ISC, and JASCers and KASCers!

## ISC Welcomes New Executive Director

**B**orn in Cincinnati, Ohio, Yuuki Shinomiya grew up in Japan until he received the Grew-Bancroft Scholarship to attend Oberlin College in Ohio. Following Oberlin, he moved to Washington DC, to pursue professional opportunities aimed at deepening international relations and partnership, particularly through public policy, trade promotion, and cultural exchange. Most recently, Yuuki served as attorney advisor with MetLife's international business, helping support the company's strategic positioning in all relevant political, regulatory, and legislative areas. Prior to that, he served in the Office of Congressman Gregory Meeks (NY-6). Yuuki is a member of the New York State Bar and the New Jersey Bar. He is also an avid yoga practitioner and a triathlete.



*Yuuki Shinomiya,  
Executive Director ISC*





## Office Notes

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