



Scholar at Work: A UAA Researcher's Work on Japan

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- ◆ Ph.D. in History, University of Kansas, 2001

East Asian History specializing in Japan

- ◆ Professor of East Asian History since 2001

- ◆ Chair, Department of History

- ◆ Areas of responsibility

Teaching Courses

Service to University and Profession

Scholarly Research

Japan Related Courses

- ◆ HIST A121-A122 East Asian Civilization I, II
- ◆ HIST A320 Rise, Fall and Reinvention of the Samurai
- ◆ HIST A322 Modern Japan
- ◆ HIST A325 Northeast Asia in the 21st Century
- ◆ HIST A390 Themes in World History: Urbanity!
- ◆ HIST A402 The Second World War
- ◆ HIST A477 The Senior Seminar

Japan Related Service

- ◆ Japan Studies Association Summer Workshop, 2014.
- ◆ Workshop Coordinator “Teaching Postwar Japan,” Anchorage School District Summer Academy, 2012, 2013.
- ◆ “Recovering the Lost Decades: The Heisei Period as History,” Asian Studies Development Program, “Workshop on Contemporary Japan,” Kansas City, Kansas, 2010.
- ◆ "Images of what never was to suggest what might be; Japanese popular culture and Japaneseness." University of Washington, “Images as Tools: A Seminar on Teaching About Japan.” Association of Asian Studies Northeast Asia Council, 2009.
- ◆ National Consortium for Teaching about Asia sponsored by the Freeman Foundation. 30-hour seminars to educate local K-12 teachers to promote the infusion of East Asia into the curriculum. 2004-2009.

Japan Related Research

- ◆ “Images of What Never Was to Suggest What Might Be: Japanese popular culture and Japaneseness,” in *The Dynamics of Cultural Counterpoint in Asian Studies*, edited by David Jones and Michele Marion. (Albany: SUNY Press, 2014). Available from Amazon.com.
- ◆ Analysis of four anime series from the end of the Lost Decade.

Japan Since 1945

- ◆ Association for Asian Studies Key Issues in Asian Studies
- ◆ “Concisely rendered, engagingly written, and thoughtful in its judgments, this short book is a most valuable interpretation of Japan’s remarkable history since the end of World War Two.” Andrew Gordon, Harvard University
- ◆ www.asian-studies.org/publications/KIAS.htm

Japan's Siberian Intervention

- ◆ “The standard work on the subject.”

Journal of Japanese Studies

- ◆ “makes a comparison with other Asian wars of recent days...irresistible.”

Ian Nish, *Japan Forum*

- ◆ *Japan's Siberian Intervention, 1918-1922: “A Great Disobedience Against the People”* (New York: Lexington Books, 2011)

Available through Amazon.com

Presentations and Public Forums

- ◆ Conference papers for the Association for Asian Studies, Asian Studies Development Program, Japan Studies Association, Social Sciences History Association, Oxford and Cambridge.
- ◆ Public Presentations for the UAA Bookstore, Alaska World Affairs Council, Harvard Club of Anchorage, Japan America Society of Alaska.

Heisei History

- ◆ “The Lost Decade as History: Too Soon or Not Soon Enough.” Japan Studies Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, January 8, 2010.
- ◆ “Whatever Happened to Japan: The Economic Superpower That Never Was,” Johnson County Community College special lecture series, September 21, 2009.

The Crisis in Japanese Professional Baseball

- ◆ Presentation for JASA, November 2004.
- ◆ “The Crisis in Japanese Professional Baseball of 2004: What Happened and What did it Mean?” Asian Studies Development Program 20th National Conference, March, 2014.
- ◆ Two months of research in Japan, summer of 2014.

Why Baseball?

- ◆ Announced merger of Kintetsu Buffaloes and Orix Blue Wave called into question basic business model for Japanese pro ball.
- ◆ An existential crisis accompanied by a discourse of decline.
- ◆ Generated a fascinating cast of characters including owners, would be owners, players and fans.
- ◆ A prism to analyze Japan as it was emerging from the Lost Decade.

Current Publications

- ◆ “Images of What Never Was to Suggest What Might Be: Japanese popular culture and Japaneseness,” in *The Dynamics of Cultural Counterpoint in Asian Studies*, edited by David Jones and Michele Marion. (Albany: SUNY Press, 2014). Available from Amazon.com
- ◆ *Japan Since 1945* (Key Issues in Asian Studies, No. 15. Resources for Teaching About Asia). Ann Arbor: Association for Asian Studies 2014. Available from Association for Asian Studies
- ◆ *Japan’s Siberian Intervention, 1918-1922: “A Great Disobedience Against the People”* (New York: Lexington Books, 2011). Available from Amazon.com