

JSAA Newsletter January 2008

Happy 2008 (Heisei 20 nen)! Hope the Year of the Rat will bring exciting opportunities for the members.

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Conferences:

1. The 8th International Symposium on Japanese Studies and Japanese Language Education 2008, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, November 8-9, 2008

The theme of the symposium is ³Multiculturalism and Japanese Language Education/ Japanese Studies in Asia and Oceania² and its aim is to enhance the mutual understandings between Asian and Oceanian people of the different cultural backgrounds.

Topics of paper/forum/poster presentation include
Japan-Asia relations/ Japanese culture/society/history/literature,
Multiculturalism and Japan
Japanese standards/ teacher education/ language learning/acquisition/
pedagogy
Japanese linguistics/ socio-linguistics/ pragmatics, etc.

As well as impressive line-up of international main speakers, the Symposium will also include numerous paper, workshops and colloquium presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. We would particularly like to invite you to respond to the Symposium Call-for-papers. The deadline for the call-for-paper is March 31, 2008.

More information and forms are available on JSAA website.

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2. CATJ 20 May 31-June 1, 2008, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The 20th Annual Conference of the Central Association of Teachers of Japanese (CATJ 20) will take place at University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 31-June 1, 2008. The central theme of this conference is ³Toward Advanced Japanese Language Proficiency.²

Call for Papers

Presentations of research-based studies on Japanese language pedagogy, Japanese linguistics, second language acquisition, as well as reports on innovative teaching will be welcome. Proposals that underscore the connection to the central theme of the conference, ³Toward Advanced Language Proficiency,² will be given priority. The time allocated for each paper will be 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes for question/answer sessions and

equipment change. Proposals should be sent as an email attachment (MSWord or PDF file) to <catj20@mailplus.wisc.edu> by February 15, 2008. The submission form and further information can be found at <<http://imp.lss.wisc.edu/catj2008>>. Send inquiries to <catj20@mailplus.wisc.edu> or the conference organizer, Junko Mori <jmori@wisc.edu>.

3. Japan Studies Association of Canada 2008 Annual Conference, Waterloo, Ontario 3-5 October 2008

The Japan Studies Association of Canada is the largest organization in the country devoted to academic research and teaching related to Japan. The annual meeting attracts between 70 and 120 scholars and graduate students. The organizers of the 2008 conference welcome proposals from Canadian, Japanese and international academics working in any field of Japan Studies. Inquiries and Paper Proposals can be submitted to: Dr. Ken Coates, President of the Japan Studies Association of Canada and Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Waterloo

Proposal Deadline: 31 May 2008 Contact Information:: kcoates@uwaterloo.ca <<mailto:kcoates@uwaterloo.ca>>

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Positions

4. Lecturer in Japanese Studies: Contemporary Visual Cultures, The University of Manchester (REF: HUM/80003)

Applications are invited for a permanent Lectureship in Japanese Studies, for which initial funding has been generously provided by the GB Sasakawa Foundation. Informal inquiries can be made to Ian Reader (ian.reader@manchester.ac.uk <<mailto:ian.reader@manchester.ac.uk>>) Application forms and further particulars are available from www.manchester.ac.uk/jobs <<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/jobs>> or from Directorate of Human Resources, Humanities HR Lime Grove, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL. Tel: ++44 (0)161 275 8838; Fax: ++44 (0) 161 275 2064; Email: Humanities-hr@manchester.ac.uk <<mailto:Humanities-hr@manchester.ac.uk>>

Closing date: 22 February 2008. Please quote reference number.

5. Chair of Japanese Studies, The University of Sydney
Chair of Japanese Studies
School of Languages and Cultures
Faculty of Arts

The University of Sydney is Australia's first university, with an outstanding reputation for research and academic excellence. The School of Languages and Cultures in the Faculty of Arts is committed to furthering the University's internationalisation program in research and teaching. The School is seeking to appoint a Professor of Japanese Studies from January 2009, who will provide academic leadership to ensure the continuation and further development of a vibrant and productive department. For further information regarding the position, please contact Professor Jeffrey Riegel,

Head of the School of Languages and Cultures, Email:

jeffrey.riegel@usyd.edu.au

Closing date: 29 February 2008. URL <http://bull.ucc.usyd.edu.au/personnel/>

6. Lecturer in Contemporary Japanese Visual Media, The University of East Anglia

The University of East Anglia (UEA) and the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures (SISJAC) wish to appoint a full-time indefinite Lecturer in Contemporary Japanese Visual Media from 1 September 2008.

Closing date: 28 February 2008; Interview date: 23-24 April 2008

Further particulars and an application form can be obtained from the University's web page at: <http://www.uea.ac.uk/hr/jobs/>

<<http://www.uea.ac.uk/hr/jobs/>> or by email at: hr@uea.ac.uk

<<mailto:hr@uea.ac.uk>> or by calling the answerphone on 01603 593493 or by mail to the Human Resources Division, University of East Anglia, Norwich NR4 7TJ.

Others

7. Submission of a letter to Department of Education and Training regarding HSC background/heritage stream

JSAA Executive committee has endorsed a letter to NSW Department of Education and Training, proposing an introduction of a new stream in HSC Japanese for background/heritage speakers in NSW. As a national organisation for Japanese studies and Japanese language education, JSAA fully supports this proposal which leads to promotion of Japanese language study and nurturing the potential of background/heritage speakers of Japanese to become valuable bilingual speakers who make significant contributions in Japan-Australia relationships in various industries. The committee has also agreed that this proposal will be extended to a national level in the near future. The letter submitted to NSW education ministry can be found on JSAA website.

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