

Welcome to Japan Week 2018

Learn Japan, Taste Japan, Love Japan

Japan Week 2018 aims to give students and communities the opportunity to obtain a better understanding of Japanese culture and demonstrate the University's ongoing commitment to building bridges between cultures and bringing together people of different customs, religions and ethnic backgrounds. Japan Week seeks to continue to promote diversity and unity and hopes that participants will become leaders in a flourishing dialogue between Japan and the United States and will work towards building a more peaceful global community. The goal of Japan Week is to support an inclusive environment for students and community members of all backgrounds.

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April 9 (Monday)

1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. Ramen Tasting &

2-3:15 p.m. Lecture, Beck Room

Slurping Ramen: A Global History of a Japanese Icon



Ramen, a noodle soup popular in Japan, has become a trendy cuisine in America, especially among students. Its complicated Japanese past belies the American experience with the food either as a dorm-room staple or as a trendy addition to gastro-pub menus. Blue-collar workers and black market bootleggers, student radicals and imperial soldiers all played key roles in the history of this iconic dish. Originally imported from China, ramen has become synonymous with Japan, sold in specialized shops throughout the land, and enshrined in film and song. This talk will trace the history of ramen from working-man's fuel to transnational food craze. Hosted by Anne Giblin Gedacht, History Department.

April 10 (Tuesday)

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pirate Cove, UC

SHU Cosplay Contest



Dress-up and join the contest. Costumes will be judged based on the most authentic, most cute, and most creative. All participants will receive a prize. The event is hosted by SHU's Business Japanese class and the Asian Cultural Studies Association.

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. NU 113

Japan Week Movie Night

Ramen Samurai (2012-115 min.)

After suddenly quitting his job, Hikari decides to take over the ramen shop. The store had been thriving, but it was his dream to produce the best ramen in the country. Hosted by Department of LLC, Asian Studies Program and Language Resource Center.

April 11 (Wednesday)

12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Beck Room

Japanese Language &

Digital Storytelling Awards Ceremony



The Japanese Program is pleased to honor its motivated language learners as well as the creative efforts of the students who produced Digital Storytelling videos. Awards will be presented by Dr. Peter Shoemaker, Dean of A&S and Prof. Michael Stone, the Director of Language Resource Center. The award winning Digital Storytelling videos will be shown during the Multicultural Day celebration on Thursday, April 26. Hosted by the Language Resource Center and Japanese Program.

April 11 (Wednesday)

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Pirate Cove, UC

Kendama Play & Experience



Kendama is a famous traditional Japanese toy which has three cups and a spike that fits into the hole in the ball. Experience Kendama and learn its secret skills! This promises to be an unique experience. All participants will receive prizes. Hosted by the Asian Cultural Studies Association and Japanese language classes.

April 12 (Thursday)

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Beck Room

Kyoto, Karuta, and Japanese style parfait



Kyoto is a former capital of Japan. Kyoko Takamatsu, who served as a guide for foreigners visiting Kyoto will conduct a virtual tour of Kyoto's famous temples and cultural attractions. After the virtual tour, all participants will play Karuta, a traditional Japanese card game. Winners will get to keep the game cards. The event will culminate with an opportunity to make your own Japanese-style parfait. Come join us for these fun Japanese experiences! Hosted by Kyoko Takamatsu, Japanese Language Program.

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Beck Room

Karaoke Night

Join the Asian Cultural Studies Association for a night of Karaoke! Food and drinks will be provided, so stop by and sing your favorite songs! Sponsored by Asian Cultural Studies Association and the Japanese language classes.

April 13 (Friday)

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Jubilee Hall 118

The 21st Annual Graduate Student & Scholar-Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies



Eight graduate students will present academic research papers as part of three panels. Dr. Yasuhiro Makimura will deliver a keynote speech on "Placing Japanese History within Global History." He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University, M.Litt. from Cambridge University, and B.A. from Harvard University. He has received fellowship awards from the Yokohama Association for International Communication and Exchanges, Japan Foundation, Heyman Center, and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. He is currently an Associate Professor at Iona College where he teaches Japanese history, East Asian history, Global history, and Economic history. He recently published a book, *Yokohama and the Silk Trade: How Eastern Japan Became the Primary Economic Region of Japan, 1843-1893* (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2017).

All events are open to the public free of charge

(The program is subject to change)

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