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Admitted to practice law: New York State, 1984 (retired); Washington State, 1986 (inactive status)

EDUCATION

J.D: Yale Law School

Juris Doctor degree granted in May 1983. Supervised writing projects completed for Professor Geoffrey Hazard (Honors grade) and Visiting Professor Michael Posner. Student director, Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization Child Advocacy Clinic and Greenhaven Prison Project.

Other: Faculty of Law, The University of Tokyo

Japan Foundation research fellow concentrating on Japanese Administrative Law and Constitutional Law under the supervision of Professor Kazuyuki Takahashi and Professor Katsuya Uga. October 1993 – August 1994.

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies

Intensive Japanese language training, including specialized study of Japanese legal vocabulary and writing style in Yokohama, Japan. September 1992 – June 1993.

School of Law, The University of Washington

Master of Laws degree (Japanese Law Emphasis) granted in August 1990. Teaching Assistant for Professor John O. Haley in seminar course on comparative trade law and policy. Independent research supervised by Professor Daniel H. Foote.

School of Business Administration, The University of Michigan

Bachelor of Business Administration degree granted in May 1980 with high distinction; course emphasis in finance. Research Assistant for George Cameron, Professor of Business Law.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - ACADEMIC / FULL-TIME

William S. Richardson School of Law, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (.5)

Professor of Law specializing in Japanese law

Inaugural Director, Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program

Doctrinal responsibilities include teaching Law and Society in Japan, Advanced Readings in Japanese Law, Introduction to U.S. Law (for international LL.M. students), International Business Transactions, International Business Lawyering in Asia, Civil Procedure I, Legislation and Statutory Interpretation, and Sales (UCC Article 2) courses.

Assistant Professor, January 1997 – July 2002; Associate Professor, August 2002 – July 2011; Professor since August 2011; PALS Program Director since August 2014; .5 since August 2021.

College of Arts, Languages & Letters, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (.5)

Dr. Sen Sōshitsu XV Director, UHM Center for Japanese Studies (CJS)

Chair, UHM East Asia Council (EAC)

Rotating Chair, UHM School of Pacific and Asian Studies Council (SPAS)

CJS: Concurrent with tenure and .5 reduced duties at the Law School, directing a major grant and endowment funded area studies center to foster the study of Japan across academic disciplines throughout all units of the University. Lead responsibility for all aspects of executive, fiscal, and reporting duties as well as community outreach, media communications, advancement, and development endeavors. Lead responsibility for the UHM Sen International Way of Tea Center including oversight of the Jaku'an Tea House and liaison with the East-West Center for its ongoing care and administration.

EAC: Principal investigator for U.S. Dept. of Education Title VI National Resource Center – East Asia and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program.

Secured approximately US\$2.3 Million for 2022 – 2026 through a nationally competitive application process and then carried the lead executive, fiscal, and reporting responsibilities for all aspects of grant administration including FLAS scholarships in East Asian languages, programing in curriculum development, outreach activities, and library acquisitions until program elimination in August 2025.

SPAS: Lead Director for UHM SPAS interactions with UHM College of Arts, Languages, & Letters (CALL); 1 year rotating position extended by 1 semester to Dec. 2025 at the request of CALL Dean Peter Arnade.

Since August 2021; SPAS Council Chair August 2024 – December 2025.

Faculty of Law, Hokkaidō University, Sapporo, Japan

Associate Professor of Law (文部教官助教授) specializing in comparative law.

Responsibilities included An Introduction to American Law lecture course, Negotiations Theory seminar course, and research guidance concerning American law to graduate students. September 1994 – December 1996.



OTHER RESEARCH, ACADEMIC, AND TEACHING AFFILIATIONS

Hokkaidō University Law School, Sapporo, Japan

Visiting Scholar. February 2006, June – July 2007, June – July 2009, July – August 2011.

Advocacy Institute Workshop on International Tobacco Control, Helsinki, Finland

Facilitator. Co-facilitate language multi-national workshop on tobacco control advocacy capacity on team with international tobacco control leaders Michael Pertschuk, Yussuf Saloojee, Witold Zatonski, Yumiko Mochizuki, and Ross Hammond. August 2003.

Konan International Education Center, Konan University, Kobe, Japan

Associate Director. Principal on-site academic administrator of college study abroad program for University of Hawai'i and numerous other universities in consortium. Taught "Japanese Law and Society" and "Race, Culture, and Law in the United States and Japan" courses. July 2002 – December 2004 (while on academic leave from William S. Richardson School of Law).

College of Business Administration, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Instructor. "Japanese Law" course for the Japan-focused Master of Business Administration (JEMBA) program. May 2001.

World Health Organization, Tobacco Free Initiative

Principal Investigator. Advisor to WHO-TFI regarding global tobacco control issues. August 2000 – January 2001.

School of Law, The University of Mississippi 2000 Hawai'i Summer Session

Instructor. Co-instruct "The Organization and Regulation of Business in Japan" course for the Hawai'i Summer Session, located at the University of Hawai'i, with Columbia University Law School Professor Curtis J. Milhaupt. July 2000.

College of Business Administration, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Instructor. Co-instruct "Japanese Management and Law" course for the Japan-focused Master of Business Administration (JEMBA) program, with University of Hawai'i College of Business Administration Professor David McClain. May 1998.

School of Law, The University of Washington

Visiting Scholar. Research on miscellaneous topics and collaboration with Professors John O. Haley and Daniel H. Foote to develop teaching materials relating to Japanese law. June – August 1997.

Japan Intl. Cooperation Agency (JICA) Orientation Program Center, Sapporo, Japan

Seminar Instructor. Developed and taught "An Introduction to Japanese Law and Government" lecture program for JICA trainees arriving in Japan from developing nations. February 1995 – November 1996.

Center for International Studies, Obirin University, Tokyo, Japan

Part-time Instructor (非常勤講師). Developed and taught "An Introduction to Japanese Law" course for British and Canadian college undergraduate exchange students. September 1993 – February 1994.



OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Bogle & Gates, Seattle, Washington

Senior Associate (1990 - 1991) and Of Counsel (1992 - 1993) attorney in major Pacific Northwest law firm. Practice focused on general business, corporate, and international matters. Created and implemented firm's Japanese client development plan.

Lasher, Holzapfel, Sperry & Ebberson, Seattle, Washington

Associate Attorney in mid-sized Seattle law firm. Practice concentrated in general business, corporate, and real estate matters. 1987 – 1989.

United States District Court, Seattle, Washington

Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge John C. Coughenour. 1984 – 1986.

Masuda & Ejiri (presently Nishimura & Asahi), Tokyo, Japan

Foreign Legal Assistant in Japanese international law office. 1983 – 1984.



PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Book Chapters

- “Law and Gender in Japan”; “Legal Education in Japan”; “The System of the Legal Profession in Japan,” in Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Asian Law (forthcoming 2026, with Kyoko Ishida).
- “A Voice of Conscience and Reason: A Tribute to Justice Katsuya Uga Sensei,” Asian-Pacific Law & Policy, Journal Vol. 27, No. 1, (forthcoming December 2025), (with Chiako Fukushima).
- “良心と理性の声: —裁判官宇賀克也先生への賛辞 (A Voice of Conscience and Reason: A Tribute to Justice Katsuya Uga Sensei),” book chapter in 行政法の理論と実務 -- 宇賀克也先生古稀記念 現代行政法研究の精華 (The Essence of Modern Administrative Law Research: Commemorating Professor Katsuya Uga's 70th Birthday), Yuhikaku Publishing, Tokyo, Japan, August 2025, (in Japanese, with Chiako Fukushima).
- Chapter III, Article 13: Respect for Individuals and the Right to the Pursuit of Happiness; Chapter III, Article 25: Right to a Minimum Standard of Cultured Living (both with Toru Enoki); Introduction to Chapter VI - The Judiciary (Articles 76-82); Chapter VI, Article 76: The Judicial Power (both with Giorgio Columbo), in The Annotated Constitution of Japan, Routledge Press, December 2025 (republishing from June 2023, MHM Limited, Tokyo, Japan).
- “日本の女性法學研究者の存在と声 (Voices for Our Time : The Status Quo of Women Law Professors In Japan),” 106 龍大法学 (Ryūdai Hōgaku) 207 (2022) (in Japanese, with Makoto Messersmith).
- “Presence and Voice: The History and Status Quo of Women Law Professors in Japan,” Asian-Pacific Law & Policy, Journal Vol. 23, No. 2 (May 2022), (with Makoto Messersmith).
- “Considering Japanese Criminal Justice from an Original Position,” book chapter in Crime and Justice in Contemporary Japan, Springer Series on Asian Criminology and Criminal Justice Research, Cham, Switzerland, January 2018, 173-88 (updated from my earlier work, in SEKAI, no. 857).

- “Speaking Truth to Power: Professor Setsuo Miyazawa’s Impact on Overseas Understandings of the Japanese Judiciary,” book chapter in 現代日本の法過程：その構造と動態 (Legal Process in Contemporary Japan: Its Structure and Dynamics; Festschrift in Honor of Professor Setsuo Miyazawa’s 70th Birthday), Shinzansha Publishing, Tokyo, Japan, May 2017.
- “Puffing Precedents: The Role of Tobacco Control Litigation in Japan, 1980-2015,” *Asian Journal of WTO & Int’l Health Law and Policy*, Vol. 11, No. 1, 19-47 (2016).
- “アメリカ合衆国における連邦憲法と州憲法の関係のダイナミクス – 婚姻平等（同性婚）を例として (Relational Dynamics Between the U.S. Federal and State Constitutions as Evidenced by Marriage Equality Law),” *法律時報 (Hōritsu Jihō)*, Vol. 87, No.5, 91-97 (May 2015), (in Japanese, with Toru Enoki).
- “ヒッグス粒子から学ぶタバコ規制：日本における規範変遷の陰における秘めた領域を見つめて,” (Japanese translation of Tobacco Control Lessons from the Higgs Boson, listed below, *Iwakawa, N., trans.*), *Japanese Journal of Tobacco Control* (November 2015).
- “Circumstances that Would Prejudice Impartiality: The Meaning of Fairness in Japanese Jurisprudence,” *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review*, Vol. 36, No. 2, 475-516 (2013).
- “Tobacco Control Lessons from the Higgs Boson: Observing a Hidden Field Behind Changing Tobacco Control Norms in Japan,” *American Journal of Law & Medicine*, Vol. 39, 471-489 (2013).
- “Civil Justice and the Constitution: Limits on Instrumental Judicial Administration in Japan,” in *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal*, Vol. 20, No. 2, 265-318 (2011).
- “Lighting up the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: A Case Study of U.S. Tobacco Industry Political Influence Buying in Japan,” *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation*, Vol. 34, No. 2, 471-519 (2009).
- “裁判員の守秘義務：裁判員制度にかくされた陥穽,” in 季刊刑事弁護 (Quarterly Keiji Bengo) No. 60, 91-99 (Winter 2009) (Japanese translation of Japan’s New Citizen Judges: How Secrecy Imperils Judicial Reform, listed below, *Enomoto, M. trans.*).
- “Japan’s New Citizen Judges: How Secrecy Imperils Judicial Reform,” *The Asia-Pacific Journal*, Vol. 19-6-09 (May 9, 2009) (with Virginia Tice).
- “Continuities of Legal Consciousness: Professor John Haley’s Writings on Twelve Hundred Years of Japanese Legal History,” *Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies Festschrift Papers for John Owen Haley, Washington University Global Studies Law Review*, Vol. 8. No. 2 (Spring 2009).
- “法律学におけるタバコ規制の意義と可能性 (Thoughts and Possibilities regarding Tobacco Control for Japanese Legal Scholarship),” *名城法学 (Meijo University Law Review)*, Vol. 58, Nos.1-2, 93-116 (Nov. 2008) (in Japanese, *Igawa M. trans.*).
- “批判的人種理論と日本法一和人の人種的特権について (The Wajin’s Whiteness: Law and Race Privilege in Japan),” *法律時報 (Hōritsu Jihō)*, Vol. 80, No.2, 80-91 (February 2008) (in Japanese, *Ozaki, I. trans.*).
- “Japan’s New Law Schools: Elite, Cautious, Regional, and Idealistic,” *法社会学 (Japanese Journal of Law and Society)*, Vol. 139 (2005).
- “Tobacco Industrial Policy and Tobacco Control Policy in Japan,” *Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal*, Vol. 6, No. 1, Winter 2005 (U.S. publication of book chapter listed below).
- “日本におけるたばこ産業政策とたばこ規制政策 (Tobacco Industrial Policy and Tobacco Control Policy in Japan),” in *Tobacco Free*Japan: Recommendations for Tobacco Control Policy*, November 2004, (in English and Japanese, *Inks trans.*).

- “たばこ製品の広告規制と憲法的制約:Lorrillard Tobacco et al. v. Reilly (Constitutional Limits of Tobacco Product Advertising Regulation, Lorrillard Tobacco v. Reilly),” ジュリスト (Jurist), No. 1222, 187-90, May 1-15, 2002 (in Japanese, *Mise trans.*).
- “Essential Commodities and Racial Justice: Using Constitutional Protection of Japan’s Indigenous Ainu People to Inform Understandings of the U.S. and Japan,” New York University Journal of International Law and Politics, Vol. 33, 419-526 (2001).
- “The American *Kaizen* of Law Teaching,” Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal, Vol. 2, 6 (2001) (U.S. publication of article listed below).
- “法学教育におけるアメリカの「改善」 (The American *Kaizen* of Law Teaching),” 司法改革 (Japanese Journal of Judicial Reform), Vol. 17, 41 (2001) (in Japanese, *Maruta trans.*).
- “Legal Education for the Next Generation: Ideas from America,” Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal, Vol. 1, 1 (2000) (U.S. publication of book chapter listed below).
- “次世代のための法学教育:アメリカの観点から (Legal Education for the Next Generation: Ideas from America),” in 市民的秩序のゆくえ (The State of Affairs regarding our Public Social Order), Hasegawa Ko, ed. (Hokkaidō University Press, May 1999) (in Japanese, *Tsunemoto, T. trans.*).
- “Smoke Around the Rising Sun: An American Look at Tobacco Regulation in Japan,” Stanford Law and Policy Review, Vol. 8, 99 (1997).

Brief Works and Translations in Scholarly Journals

- Introductory Remarks, Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal, Vol. 25, No. 3, pp. 1-6 (2024) (with Keith Hand) (opening remarks for guest edited symposium issue).
- “JT に関して知るべき 5 つの重要課題 (Five Important Things to Know About Japan Tobacco Inc.),” summary presentation of November 2014 keynote lecture at 8th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Tobacco Control, Japanese Journal of Tobacco Control, Vol. 10, No. 1, pp. 13-18, Spring 2015 (in Japanese).
- “日米比較にみる日本司法における公正の意義,” (abridged translation of “Circumstances that Would Prejudice Impartiality: The Meaning of Fairness in Japanese Jurisprudence,”), (*Kobayashi, H., trans.*), アメリカ法 (Amerika Hō), Vol. 2014-1, pp. 144-49 (2015).
- “Inside the Supreme Court of Japan – From the Perspective of a Former Justice,” Miyakawa, Koji (*Levin, M. and Lachapelle, M., trans.*), Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal, Vol. 15, No. 2, 196-212 (2014).
- “Annotated Translation, Commentary on Important Legal Precedents for 2007: Trends in Constitutional Law Cases,” Teruki Tsunemoto, Asian-Pacific Policy Journal, Vol. 11, No. 1, Fall 2009 (with Jesse Smith).
- “News Analysis: Japan,” Tobacco Control, Vol. 17, No. 1, pp. 3-4 (January 2008) (report on emergence of smoke-free taxis in Japan), reprinted in *Kin'en Jyannaru*, No. 198, March 2008, p. 2 (in Japanese).
- Case Comment, Nishimatsu Construction Co. v. Song Jixiao et al.; Kō Hanako et al. v. Japan, American Journal of International Law, Vol. 102, January 2008.
- “Tribute to Dr. Kaoru Kashiwagi,” University of Hawai‘i Law Review, Vol. 28, 1 (2005) (with Daryl S. Takeno).
- “Kayano et al. v. Hokkaidō Expropriation Committee,” International Law Reports, Vol 127 (2005) (UK publication of the Nibutani Dam Decision).
- “A Comment on the Ainu Trust Assets Litigation in Japan,” in Symposium: The Indian Trust Doctrine After the 2002-2003 Supreme Court Term, University of Tulsa Law Review, Vol. 39 399 (2003) (with Teruki Tsunemoto).

- Book Review, Yuji Iwasawa, *International Law, Human Rights, and Japanese Law: The Impact of International Law on Japanese Law*, (Clarendon Press, 1998), 28 *Journal of Japanese Studies* 198 (2001).
- “News Analysis: Japan,” *Tobacco Control*, Vol. 10, No. 2, 204 (2001) (report on local tobacco regulatory changes in Japan).
- Book Review, J. Mark Ramseyer and Minoru Nakazato, *Japanese Law: An Economic Approach* (University of Chicago Press, 1999), *Journal of Japanese Studies*, Vol. 26, 510 (2000).
- “News Analysis: Japan,” *Tobacco Control*, Vol. 9, No. 2, 132 (2000), (report on tobacco vending machines in Japan).
- “Kayano et al. v. Hokkaidō Expropriation Committee (The Nibutani Dam Decision): Introductory Note and Annotated Translation,” *International Legal Materials*, Vol 38, 394 (1999),
- “Administrative Procedure Law of Japan: An Annotated Translation,” *Law in Japan*, Vol. 25, 141 (1995).
- “Seeking Venture Capital Financing for the Closely Held Business Enterprise,” *Washington State Bar News*, Vol. 43, No. 6 (June 1989).

Online Resources

- “Introducing the Hawai‘i State Bar Association International Law Section,” ThinkTech Hawai‘i Law Across the See, online broadcast interview with Stephen Dyer, Rex Fujichaku, and Na Lan, September 27, 2022, available at <https://youtu.be/sToss1W-I9c?si=thaYRGYYEEPWrrsC>.
- “Gender and Law Scholarship in the Law in Japan Field: A Bibliographic Compilation,” *Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal*, Vol. 21, No. 2 (2020); *Journal of Japanese Law / Zeitschrift für Japanisches Recht*, Vol. 25, No. 49 (2020) 167-186 (with Kallisa Hiraoka).
- “Japan’s Judicial System – What’s the Verdict?” ThinkTech Hawai‘i Law Across the See, online broadcast interview, December 4, 2017, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7ICNEAB2Ac>.
- “Japan’s Constitution in the 21st Century,” (with Professor Lawrence Repeta), online broadcast for ThinkTech Hawai‘i, February 5, 2014, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3ug8tIECB0>.
- “Truth or Consequences of the Justice System Reform Council: An English Language Bibliography from Japan's Millennial Legal Reforms,” *Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (2013), republished in *Journal of Japanese Law / Zeitschrift für Japanisches Recht*, Vol. 17, No. 35, 299-311 (2013) (with Adam Mackie).
- “Tobacco Law and Policy: Law Journal Articles Database,” www.tobaccolawreviews.org, principal site developer of online webliography. Version 1.0, online from June 2000. Version 2.0, fully redeveloped, online from June 2006 – April 2011.
- “Court Interpretation: A Bibliography of Materials on Court Interpretation at the William S. Richardson School of Law Library,” http://library.law.hawaii.edu/research_guides/ct_interpt/ (with Dawn Nagatani). Online from June 2000 – June 2008.

Mass Audience Publications

- “A think tank of JT, by JT and for JT,” editorial in *Tobacco Control*, BMJ Publishing, Vol. 27, issue e-1, (Fall 2018) (with Joanna Cohen, Koki Okamoto, and Manabu Sakuta).
- “無知のヴェール」から日本の刑事司法を考える (Considering Japanese Criminal Justice from an Original Position),” *世界 SEKAI*, no. 857, pp. 112-121 June 2014 (*Iwakawa, N. trans.*). <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1866366>.

- “Kin’*en* Jyanaru as a Treasure” in *Kin’*en* Jyanaru*, No. 209, April 2009, p. 7 (invited commemorative essay on the 20th anniversary of Japan’s leading tobacco control journal, published in Japanese).
- “30 years of Japan’s Tobacco Control activism in Japan,” *Kin’*en* Jyanaru*, No. 197, February 2008, p. 3 (invited commemorative essay on Japan’s tobacco control movement: past, present, and future, published in Japanese).
- “Current Legal Issues Affecting Native Hawaiians”, Ka He’e, Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law, The University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, Issue 4 – December 2007 (published in English and Japanese).
- “The Firefly Tribe of Japan,” The Garden Island, March 27, 2002 (op-ed on tobacco policy trends in Japan).
- “Campus Voices – Sale of tobacco a no-no,” Ka Leo, November 29, 2000 (op-ed on University of Hawai’i campus tobacco policy, with Dr. Elizabeth Tam).
- “The Tobacco Society Japan,” *Kin’*en* Jyanaru*, November 1996, p. 1 (essay on non-legal social and cultural factors concerning tobacco consumption in Japan, published in Japanese).
- “Guest Forum: Another Government-Sanctioned Tragedy,” The Japan Times, April 21, 1996 (Condensed research summary and opinion on tobacco policies in Japan).
- “Know Your Rights -- What to do when everything seems to be going wrong,” The Sapporo Journal, No. 9 (Winter 1995) (practical explanation of the rights of the accused in Japan).
- “Don't Just Stop the Meiwaku,” The Sapporo Journal, No. 8 Fall 1995 (also published as “Stop the Meiwaku Part II,” in the Roppongi Bar Association Newsletter, June 1995) (op-ed opinion essay on tobacco policies in Japan).
- “Bureaucratic Sumo Wrestling,” Asian Law Journal, Vol. 4, Issue 2, February 1995 (explanation and evaluation of Japan's Administrative Procedure Law).
- “Paper Tigers Can't Chew Red Tape,” The Asian Wall Street Journal, November 17, 1994 (op-ed commentary on Japan's Administrative Procedure Law).
- Letters to the Editor published in The New York Times (8/23/91, 3/16/98, 3/15/99), The Honolulu Advertiser, (7/18/04, 9/18/04, 4/30/06, 8/7/06), The Honolulu Star-Bulletin, (11/5/06, 2/22/07, 9/20/07, 1/16/08), Honolulu Weekly (8/29/00, 10/5/04, 8/9/06), Ka Leo (5/30/02, 3/8/05) and The Japan Times (numerous letters, 1992 – 1996, 2013, 2018).
- Quoted in American Cancer Society / UICC Tobacco Control Strategy Planning Guide: “The Advocates Guide to Enforcement Strategies,” American Cancer Society 2006 No. 0073.38, pp. 38 and 45.

Miscellaneous

- Symposium Guest Editor, Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal, Vol. 25, No. 3 (2024) (with Keith Hand), collaboration between the Center for East Asian Legal Studies at the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco and the William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies (PALS) Program presenting *inter alia* papers and comments from the 2023 Japanese Law Symposium: “*Shining a Light into the Halls of Government: Achievements and Challenges of the Open Government Movement in Japan*” held at UC Law SF on September 22, 2023.
- Interviewed and quoted in feature articles published internationally in The Wall Street Journal, The Christian Science Monitor, The Los Angeles Times, The National Law Journal, The Yomiuri Shimbun, The Japan Times, *Shukan Kinyobi*, *Kin’*en* Jyanaru*, Japan Close-up, The Australian, and broadcast on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and locally in Ka Leo and Honolulu radio KZOO.

- Co-translator (uncredited), “Trends in Japanese Constitutional Law Cases: Jurisuto Commentary on Important Judicial Decisions,” 2004, 2005, and 2006, *Asian-Pacific Policy Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 1, Fall 2006; Vol. 8, No. 2, Spring 2007; and Vol. 9, No. 2, Spring 2008.
- Collaborator, Toyota Foundation Grant No. D09-R-0081, *Trials Over Reluctant Concession: Lay Assessor (Saiban-in) Trials' Deterrent Effect of Crimes by U.S. Soldiers for Political Sovereignty and Judicial Governance in Okinawa Japan* (Professor Hiroshi Fukurai, The University of California Santa Cruz, P.I. (\$48,000)).
- Legislative testimony on smoke-free workplaces and related issues – Hawai‘i State Legislature (annually since 2006), Honolulu City Council (October 2001, March 2002), Guam Legislature (March 2005), Hawai‘i County Council (April 2008).
- Public Comment submitted to the Hawai‘i Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund Advisory Board re. “Tobacco Use Prevention and Control in Hawai‘i: A Five-Year Strategic Plan for the State,” November 28, 2005.
- Contributing Author, *Tobacco Free*Japan: Recommendations for Tobacco Control Policy*, November 2004 (Drs. Jonathan Samet, Yumiko Mochizuki-Kobayashi, and Naohito Yamaguchi, eds.).
- Translation: Official summary of the Tokyo District Court decision in Japan's first major tobacco products liability litigation. Circulated via GLOBALink and TobaccoLaw-talk online forums. November 2003.
- “Study of Japanese Tobacco Control Environment, TFI-S14/370/9,” Principal Investigator under research grant from World Health Organization Tobacco Free Initiative. Final Report submitted to WHO–TFI February 2001.
- Public Comment submitted to the Hawai‘i Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund Advisory Board re. “Tobacco Use Prevention and Control in Hawai‘i: A Five-Year Plan for the State and a One-year Plan for the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund,” January 22, 2001.
- “Law and the Legal Process in Japan, Materials for an Introductory Course on Japanese Law,” 1998 revision. Lead reviser (with University of Washington School of Law Professors Daniel H. Foote and John O. Haley).
- “Administrative Procedure Law of Japan,” official translation for Japan's Management and Coordination Agency, prepared under the supervision of University of Tokyo Professor Katsuya Uga, May 1994.
- “Banking Regulation in Japan and the United States: A Historical Comparison of Restrictions Upon Foreign Banks,” Masters degree thesis paper, University of Washington School of Law, Asian Law Program, December 1990.
- “The Ethical Decision Making Process of Lawyers,” Supervised analytic writing project, Yale Law School, December 1982.



TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Keynote Presentations

- “Supreme Court Demographics: A data dive into the personnel makeup of Japan’s Supreme Court,” Waseda University Institute of Comparative Law, co-sponsored by Waseda University Law School and Waseda University Faculty of Law, November 10, 2025 (in person and online).

- “Missing Voices that Matter: A History of Japanese Women Law Professorial Pioneers,” Simon Fraser University David Lam Center and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, Vancouver, BC, Canada, October 11, 2022. ([Available on YouTube](#)).
- “Situating Gender and Law in Japanese Legal Education: Preliminary exploration and comments,” Satsuma-Konishi Lecture, KU Leuven Department of Japanese Studies, Leuven, Belgium, October 3, 2019 (invited, but required postponement).
- “*E Pluribus Unum* / One From Many: Relational Dynamics Between the U.S. Federal and State Constitutions,” 9th Working Meeting of the Japanese Study Group on Constitutionality Determination Systems, Fukuoka, Japan, December 20, 2014 (in Japanese).
- “JT に関して知るべき 5 つの重要課題 (Five Important Things to Know About Japan Tobacco Inc.),” Japan Society for Tobacco Control, 8th Annual Meeting, Okinawa, Japan, November 15, 2014 (in Japanese).
- “How Does Big Tobacco Love Government Interference? Let Us Count the Ways,” Symposium 17: Protection of public health policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry / Liability, at Asia-Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT 2013), Ending the Tobacco Epidemic: Protecting and Keeping Healthy Lives, Chiba, Japan, August 18-21, 2013.
- “Getting there – enacting and implementing Hawai‘i’s Smoke Free Workplaces Law,” World No-Tobacco Day Recognition Ceremony, Japan Society for Tobacco Control, Tokyo, Japan, May 29, 2010 (in Japanese).
- “Being there – what has changed in Hawai‘i since 2006,” World No-Tobacco Day Recognition Symposium, Japanese Ministry of Health, Tokyo, Japan, May 30, 2010 (in Japanese).
- “Trends and Opportunities in Tobacco Control Policy Advocacy: US and Japan,” US-Japan Conference on Tobacco Control, Japan Society for Tobacco Control, Osaka, Japan, March 3, 2007 (in Japanese), summary proceedings published in *Kin’en Jyannaru*, No. 197, February 2008, p. 3-4.
- “The Role of Clinical Education in Fostering Regional Elements of Legal Education: Hopes for San’in Law School,” Deepening Regional Roots for Law Schools through 3 Years of Community Legal Counseling, San’in Law School, Matsue, Japan, March 2, 2007 (in Japanese).

Invited Conference Presentations and Papers

- “Supreme Court Demographics: A data dive into the personnel makeup of Japan’s Supreme Court,” East Asian Law and Society Collaborative Research Network, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting 2025, San Francisco, California, May 28-31, 2026 (scheduled).
- “Integrating Comparative Law sessions into the General Doctrinal Curriculum of Law Schools,” Section on Comparative Law Pedagogy Panel, co-sponsored by Section on East Asian Law and Society, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting 2025, San Francisco, California, January 8, 2025.
- “Building Women’s Leadership Capacity in Japan through Legal Education,” JWLI 2023 Hawai‘i Summit: Transforming Crisis into Opportunity, Japanese Womens Leadership Initiative, co-sponsored by East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 22, 2024 (in Japanese).
- “The Future of Japanese Studies,” Japan Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, January 5, 2024.
- “Rule of law, democracy and human rights: Implications of geopolitical tensions concerning Japan,” in *Asia and the Changing Global Legal Order*, Section on East Asian Law and

- Society, co-sponsored by Comparative Law, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting 2023, San Diego, California, January 6, 2023.
- “Presence and Voice: The History and Status Quo of Women Law Professors in Japan,” Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting 2021, May 27, 2021 (online).
- “日本の法学教育におけるジェンダーと法の状況 (The Current Circumstances of Gender and Law in Japanese Legal Education),” Japan Society of Gender and Law, December 13, 2020 (online presentation, with Makoto Kurokawa, in Japanese).
- “Situating Gender and Law in Japanese Legal Education: Preliminary exploration and comments,” East Asian Law and Society Collaborative Research Network, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting 2020, May 28, 2020 (online presentation).
- “Situating Gender and Law in Japanese Legal Education: Preliminary exploration and comments,” Asian Law & Society Association 4th Annual Meeting, Expanding Asia: Changing Law and Social Justice, Asian Judiciary and Legal Education 1: Gender in the Legal Process and Profession, Osaka, Japan, December 12 – 15, 2019.
- “Situating Gender and Law in Japanese Legal Education: Preliminary exploration and comments,” inaugural ANJeL-in-Europe Conference on Japanese Law, Collegio Ghisleri, University of Pavia, Italy, September 23, 2019.
- “Gender and Law Scholarship in the Law in Japan Field: Comments for Harvard Law School East Asian Studies Conference,” Harvard Law School East Asian Studies Conference on New Perspectives in Japanese Law, September 28, 2018.
Paper available online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3044898>.
- “Gender and Law Scholarship in the Law in Japan Field,” Comparative Criminal Justice and Public Law Workshop,” William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and Hawai‘i State Bar Association International Law Section with Seijo University Department of Law, Tokyo, Japan, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, September 3, 2018.
- “Puffing Precedents: The Impact of the WHO FCTC on Tobacco Product Liability in Japan,” Seoul National University Hub Research Center of Public Administration & Policy, 2017 Hawai‘i Academic Conference, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, February 2, 2017.
- “Puffing Precedents: The Role of Tobacco Control Litigation in Japan, 1980-2015,” 2015 International Conference on Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), Asian Center for WTO & Int’l Health Law and Policy, National Taiwan University, College of Law and the Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taipei, Taiwan, October 26 – 27, 2015.
- “Crossing Signals: Implications of Mistranslations in Japanese Constitutional and Civil Law for Academic Scholarship, Teaching Pedagogy, and Transnational Law Practice,” East Asian Law and Society Collaborative Research Network, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting 2015, Seattle, Washington, May 28 – 31, 2015.
Paper available online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2607775>.
- “Tobacco Control Lessons from the Higgs Boson: Tentatively Observing A Hidden Field Behind Changing Tobacco Control Norms in Japan,” for Ending the Tobacco Epidemic in Asia-Oceania: Filling the Gap by Academic Societies, at Japanese Cancer Society 73rd Annual Meeting, Pacifico Yokohama, Yokokama, Japan, September 27, 2014.
- “Tobacco Control Lessons from the Higgs Boson: Tentatively Observing A Hidden Field Behind Changing Tobacco Control Norms in Japan,” lead presentation for Tobacco Control and Social Change, symposium session addressing my publications on Japanese

- tobacco control policy, at Japanese Association of Law & Society 2014 Annual Meeting, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan, May 9 – 11, 2014 (in Japanese).
- “Tobacco Control Lessons from the Higgs Boson: Tentatively Observing A Hidden Field Behind Changing Tobacco Control Norms in Japan,” at The Future of Global Tobacco Control: Current Constitutional and Treaty-Based Challenges, Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts, January 25, 2013.
- “Circumstances that Would Prejudice Impartiality: The Meaning of Fairness as Expressed in Japanese Jurisprudence,” at Successes, Failures, and Remaining Issues of the Justice System Reform in Japan: An Inaugural Symposium of the East Asian Law Program at the UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California, September 7, 2012.
- “The Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the Emergence of Graphic Tobacco Package Labels as Global Communications Norm,” International Seminar on Policy & Communication, Seoul National University and University of Hawai‘i College of Arts and Humanities, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, December 29, 2011.
- “Circumstances that Would Prejudice Impartiality: The Meaning of Fairness as Expressed in Japanese Jurisprudence,” at the East Asian Law and Society Conference, Dialects and Dialectics: East Asian Dialogues in Law and Society, Yonsei Law School, Seoul, Korea, September 30 – October 1, 2011.
- “Civil Justice and the Constitution: Limits on Instrumental Judicial Administration in Japan,” at the East Asian Law and Society Collaborative Research Network, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting 2011, San Francisco, California, June 1 – 5, 2011.
- “What We Just Don’t Know: A Case Study on the Limits of U.S. Anti-Corruption Law,” at the Tenth East-West Philosophers’ Conference, Value and Values: Economics and Justice in an Age of Global Interdependence, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, May 16 – 24, 2011.
- “Fairness and Due Process in Japanese Civil Litigation,” at the University of Hawai‘i and University of Sydney Inaugural Joint Symposium on Asian Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 15 – 16, 2011.
- “Civil Procedural Justice in Japan,” at the 2011 Joint Conference of the Association for Asian Studies & International Convention of Asia Scholars, 70 Years of Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 31 – April 3, 2011.
- “Comparative Law’s Transformative Power,” at the 2010 Society of American Law Teachers in partnership with the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty Teaching Conference, Teaching in a Transformative Era: The Law School of the Future”, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, December 10 – 11, 2010.
- “Whither Japanese Legal Education,” Inaugural East Asian Law and Society Conference, East Asian Law and Society Collaborative Research Network, Hong Kong, February 5 – 6, 2010.
- “Ten Things U.S. and Japanese Lawyers Should Know About Each Other,” Hawai‘i State Bar Association International Law Section and Dai-Ni Tokyo Bar Association Joint Symposium, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 4, 2009.
- “Continuities of Legal Consciousness: Professor John Haley’s Writings on Twelve Hundred Years of Japanese Legal History,” Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies Festschrift Conference for John Owen Haley, Washington University Law School, St. Louis, May 9 – 10, 2008.
- “Integrating Social Change Ideas Throughout a UCC Art. 2 Course,” at the 2008 Society of American Law Teachers and Boalt Hall Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice Conference “Teaching for Social Change,” Berkeley, March 14 – 15, 2008.

- “The Disparate Impacts of Family Law on Japan’s Racial and Ethnic Minorities,” with Ichiro Ozaki, at the 2008 Sho Sato Conference on Family Law in Japan, The University of California Boalt Hall Law School, Berkeley, March 6 – 8, 2008.
- “Barriers and Breakthroughs – The Case of Japan” in Political and Cultural Barriers to Policy Development panel session, 13th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health, Washington, DC, USA, July 2006.
- “Views of Japanese Law from Abroad,” in The Transparency of Japanese Law, Tokyo, Japan, February 2006. (proceedings published in 外から日本法どうみえているか、「日本法の透明化」シンポジウム概要, Jurist, No. 1312, June 1, 2006, p. 30) (in Japanese).
- “Issues in Clinical Education in American Law Schools” (米国ロースクールにおける臨床教育の課題) at “The Reality and Issues of Clinical Legal Education,” (臨床系教育の現代と課題) Kumamoto University Graduate School of Law, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto, Japan, February 20, 2006, (in Japanese).
- “Clinical Education: Thoughts for Japan’s Reform Program” at “Clinical Legal Education at Law Schools –Learning from the William S. Richardson School of Law,” The University of the Ryukyus Graduate School of Law, Naha, Okinawa, Japan, February 16, 2006, (in Japanese).
- “Manifestations of Cultural “Creole” in U.S. and Japanese Law,” Japanese Law Research Workshop, The University of Washington Asian Law Center, Seattle, Washington, October 21 – 23, 2005.
- “Manifestations of Cultural “Creole” in U.S. and Japanese Law,” at “Creole of Cultures and the Structuration of Law,” CCLS project symposium, Hokkaidō University Faculty of Law, February 2 – 3, 2005. (Paper in conference materials).
- “The Wajin’s Whiteness: Law and Race Privilege in Japan,” Japanese Legal Studies Conference, Cornell University Law School, New York, New York, May 15, 2004.
- “The Meaning of Clinical Legal Education,” at “Symposium: The Teaching of Fundamental Practical Training Goals in Law Schools,” Kyoto University Faculty of Law, February 1, 2003 (in Japanese).
- “Tobacco as a Global Issue,” at “Seeing Through the Smoke,” 2001 Hawai‘i Statewide Tobacco Control Conference, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 17, 2001.
- “Japanese Law Online: A Symposium,” Kyoto Comparative Law Center, Nagoya and Kyoto, Japan, March 9 – 10, 1999 (Legal Education for the Next Generation: Ideas from America” paper distributed in symposium materials).
- “The Next Generation of Japan’s Legal Professionals,” at “Legal Perspectives on Japan at the End of the Twentieth Century: Looking Back, Looking Ahead,” Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri, April 5, 1998.
- “Regulating Smoking in Japan and the U.S.,” at the 1997 Sho Sato Conference: “Socio-legal Perspectives on Governmental Regulation in Japan and the United States,” The University of California Boalt Hall Law School, Berkeley, California, May 10, 1997.

Other Conference Participation

- Discussant for J.D. Parker and Brandon Marc Higa, “Bridging Law and International Relations: Expanding the Pedagogical Horizons of Japanese: Studies in a Shifting Higher Education Landscape,” Japan Studies Association, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, January 7, 2026 (tentative).
- Session Organizer and Moderator, “Good Mirrors and Steady Bridges: Connections Among East Asian Legal Systems,” Section on East Asian Law and Society, co-sponsored by Comparative Law, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting 2025, San Francisco, California, January 8, 2025.

- Event Co-Organizer and Discussant for Rama Hyeweon Kim, Asian Law Junior Scholar Workshop, co-hosted by Yale Law School and AALS Section on East Asian Law and Society, New Haven, Connecticut, August 22-23, 2024.
- Discussant for Patricia Goedde and Tae-Ung Baik at Dialogue on Contemporary Korean Law in a Global Context: A Comparative Approach, 2023 Joint International Conference co-hosted by the Wm. S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program, UHM Center for Korean Studies, and SyungKyunKwan University Law School Institute of Legal Studies, UHM Center for Korean Studies, Honolulu, Hawai'i, January 30, 2023.
- Discussant for Evelyn Lia Malave, New Voices in Justice and Inequality, Section on Minority Groups, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting 2023, San Diego, California, January 7, 2023.
- Discussant for Lincoln Davies, Sung Eun (Summer) Kim, and Pablo Sanz Bayon at K-Law Forum 2022, Korean Laws from Comparative Perspectives, co-hosted by the Wm. S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program, UHM Center for Korean Studies, and Korean Legal Research Institute, UHM Center for Korean Studies, Honolulu, Hawai'i, May 31, 2022.
- Event Co-Organizer and Event Moderator, "Like Minded Endeavors: Educational Programs in U.S. and Japanese Prisons through Film and Lived Experience," Comparative Criminal Justice and Public Law Workshop, William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and Hawai'i State Bar Association International Law Section with Seijo University Department of Law, Tokyo, Japan, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai'i, September 4, 2022.
- Co-Organizer and Moderator, "Lunch Forum: Gender and Legal Education in Japan," William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and Law Study Tour to Hawai'i, (students and faculty from Aichi University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Meiji University, Waseda University, and University of the Ryukyus.), William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai'i, March 3, 2020.
- Co-Organizer and Event Moderator, "'Climate Change' in Japan's Criminal Justice System: A look at lay judge trials, the case of Mr. Carlos Ghosn, and other investigations," International Workshop of Criminal Law, Psychology, and Linguistics: Comparative Criminal Justice Symposium," William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and Hawai'i State Bar Association International Law Section, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai'i, September 8, 2019.
- Organizer and Event Moderator, "Mini-Symposium: New Dynamics in Japanese Law and Legal Education in Japan," William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and Law Study Tour to Hawai'i, (faculty from Aichi University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Meiji University, Waseda University, and University of the Ryukyus.), William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai'i, March 6, 2019.
- Co-Organizer and Event Moderator, Comparative Criminal Justice and Public Law Workshop, William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and Hawai'i State Bar Association International Law Section with Seijo University Department of Law, Tokyo, Japan, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai'i, September 3, 2018.
- Co-Organizer and Moderator / Discussant, "Cultural Confrontations and Hate Speech in Japan," International Workshop of Sociology of Law and Linguistics, William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai'i, March 4, 2018.

- Co-Organizer and Moderator / Discussant, “Okinawa and its Agony From a Former Judge’s Perspective,” Professor Hiroshi Segi, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Center for Okinawan Studies Lecture Series, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, October 6, 2017.
- Co-Organizer and Event Moderator, “International Workshop of Criminal Law, Psychology, and Linguistics: Comparative Criminal Justice Symposium,” William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and Hawai‘i State Bar Association International Law Section, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, September 5, 2017.
- Panel Moderator, “Environmental and Social Benefits of Bicycling,” William S. Richardson School of Law Environmental Law Program, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 12, 2017.
- Co-Organizer and Moderator, Hawai‘i Film Screening of “Okinawa: The Afterburn,” followed by discussion with Director & Producer John Junkerman, William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program, UHM Center for Okinawan Studies, and UHM Ethnic Studies Department, Shidler College of Business, April 9, 2017.
- Panel Moderator, “Economic Development Opportunities for Hawai‘i in the US-ASEAN Partnership,” at “Hawai‘i: Catalyzing the US-ASEAN Partnership,” William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and ASEAN Legal Integration Center, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 16, 2016.
- Co-Organizer and Moderator / Discussant, “Research Workshop: Toward Nullification of Hate Speech in Japan: An International and Interdisciplinary Dialogue,” William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, February 17, 2015.
- Organizer and Moderator, “Asia Law Talk: William S. Richardson School of Law Visiting Scholars, 2014-2015,” William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, November 25, 2014.
- Co-Organizer and Panel Moderator, “Research Symposium: Minding the Law: New Developments in Japanese Criminal Justice,” William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, September 4, 2014.
- Organizer and Panel Moderator, “Briefing Workshop: New Developments in East Asian Commercial Law,” Institute of Asian-Pacific Business Law and Hawai‘i State Bar Association, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, July 29, 2014.
- Organizer and Moderator, “Asia Law Talk: Professor Diane Desierto and Professor Yasuhei Taniguchi, “Preserving the Global Commons in Global Markets: A Dialogue on Trade, Investment, and Environment,” William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, February 21, 2014.
- Co-Organizer and Panel Moderator, “International Workshop on Informational Justice,” William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, November 14, 2014.
- Organizer and Moderator, Professor Lawrence Repeta, “Japan’s Democracy at Risk: The LDP’s Ten Most Dangerous Proposals for Constitutional Change,” William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and The UHM Center for Japanese Studies, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, August 30, 2013.

Chair, “Plenary Session 4: Where are we with FCTC? Obstacles and ways to overcome them,” at Asia-Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT 2013), Ending the Tobacco Epidemic: Protecting and Keeping Healthy Lives, Chiba, Japan, August 18-21, 2013.

Panel Moderator, “Legal Transplants and Receptions: The Implications for Korean Law,” William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and The Korean Legislation and Research Institute, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 26, 2013.

Moderator, “Asia Law Talk: Lawyers and Legal Scholars in South Korea,” William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, January 17, 2013.

Moderator, “The Role of Courts in Law in Japan and Asia,” at Law in Japan and its Role in Asia: Between East and West, Festschrift Conference in Honor of Professor John O. Haley, University of Washington School of Law, October 19, 2012.

Organizer and Moderator, “Asia Law Talk: J. Ryan Dwyer III and Robert E. Melson, Jr., “Dialogue on Practicing Law in a Global Law Firm in Japan,” William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, October 9, 2012.

Discussant, “Corporate and Government Governance in Asia,” at East Asian Law and Society Collaborative Research Network, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (co-sponsored with the Research Committee on Sociology of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, June 5, 2012.

Discussant, “Censorship, Disclosure, and Coverups: Truth and Justice in Japan,” at East Asian Law and Society Collaborative Research Network, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (co-sponsored with the Research Committee on Sociology of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, June 6, 2012.

Panel Moderator, “Scholarly Views: GLBT Legal Issues in Asia, Oceania, and the Pacific,” at “Rainbow Rising: Community, Solidarity, and Scholarship on Gender Identities and Sexualities in Asian and Oceanic Law & Policy,” William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 6-7, 2012.

Discussant, “Asian Constitutional Review in the Global Context,” at East Asian Law and Society Conference, Dialects and Dialectics: East Asian Dialogues in Law and Society, Yonsei Law School, Seoul, Korea, September 30 – October 1, 2011.

Discussant, “How Has the Justice System Changed in Japan? Tenth Anniversary of the Justice System Reform Council (1),” East Asian Law and Society Collaborative Research Network, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, June 1 – 5, 2011.

Organizer and Chair, “Roundtable – Cross-connecting Citizen Movements in Japan: An Exploration in Legal Mobilization Methods and Results,” East Asian Law and Society Collaborative Research Network, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, June 1 – 5, 2011.

“East-West Center Forum: Exploring Common Agenda for Multicultural Relations in Asia & Pacific,” Japan Society for Multicultural Relations and the East-West Center Asia-Pacific Leadership Program, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 30, 2011.

Co-chair, Closing Discussion Panel, “Gender and tobacco with an emphasis on marketing to women,” World No-Tobacco Day International Forum, Japanese National Cancer Center and the WHO Collaborating Center for Tobacco or Health, Tokyo, Japan, May 31, 2010.

Discussant for Craig Martin, “Race and Ethnic Relations and Conflict,” East Asian Law and Society Collaborative Research Network, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, May 27-30, 2009.

- Moderator, "Building Tobacco Control Infrastructure for Disparately-Affected Populations," panel at *After the Smoke Clears: Facing the Next Challenges in Tobacco Control*, 2008 Hawai'i Statewide Tobacco Control Conference, May 1, 2008.
- "Current Trends in Japanese Law and the Legal Profession", Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, Nebraska, May 11-13, 2007. Panelist in discussion of "The Legal Profession in Japan."
- "LGBTI Gathering, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i, March 23-24, 2007.
- "Raising the Bar: The Challenge of Health and Tobacco Control in Hawai'i," Honolulu, Hawai'i, 2005 Hawai'i Statewide Tobacco Control Conference, November 8, 2005.
- 12th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health, Helsinki, Finland, August 6-11, 2003. Attendance sponsored by the American Cancer Society.
- Panelist, "Health Issues and the Law," at *Change, Continuity, and Context: Japanese Law in the Twenty-First Century*, The University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, April 6 – 7, 2001.
- Discussion leader at *The Multiple Worlds of Japanese Law: Disjunctions and Conjunctions*, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, The University of Victoria, British Columbia, April 3, 2001.
- 11th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health, Chicago, Illinois, August 6-11, 2000. Attendance sponsored by the World Health Organization's Tobacco Free Initiative.
- "WHO International Conference on Tobacco and Health, Kobe – Making a Difference to Tobacco and Health: Avoiding the Tobacco Epidemic in Women and Youth," Kobe, Japan, November 14-18, 1999. Invited by the director of the WHO Tobacco Free Initiative as an expert on Japanese tobacco regulation; participant in various workgroup meetings.
- 1999 Sho Sato Conference: "Legal Reform and Socio-legal Change in Japan," The University of California Boalt Hall Law School, Berkeley, November 4-5, 1999. Invited guest, active participation in group discussions and commentary sessions.
- "Smokeless in Hawai'i: The Conference," Honolulu, Hawai'i, 1998 Hawai'i Statewide Tobacco Control Conference, January 16, 1998.

Guest Lectures, Academic Talks and Colloquia

- "The Wajin's Whiteness: Law and Race Privilege in Japan," Guest Lecture in Introduction to Japanese Law, Professor Jody Chafee, The University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington, February 3, 2026 (online, scheduled).
- "Presence and Voice: The History and Status Quo of Women Law Professors in Japan," Guest Lecture in HIST 424: Twentieth-Century Japan, Professor Yuma Totani, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Department of History, with Kyoko Ishida (online), and Makoto Messersmith, October 10, 2025.
- "Presence and Voice: The History and Status Quo of Women Law Professors in Japan," Guest Lecture in Gender and Law Professor Carole Petersen, Wm. S. Richardson School of Law, with Makoto Messersmith, March 11, 2024.
- "The Wajin's Whiteness: Law and Race Privilege in Japan," Guest Lecture in Introduction to Japanese Law, Professor Jody Chafee, The University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington, February 4, 2025 (online).
- "The Wajin's Whiteness: Law and Race Privilege in Japan," Guest Lecture in Introduction to Japanese Law, Professor Jody Chafee, The University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington, February 8, 2024 (online).

- “Legal, Contracts, and Intellectual Property Protection for Exporters”, HiSTEP 2023 Export Readiness Sessions, Hawai‘i State Trade Expansion Program, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 30, 2023 (online).
- “The Wajin’s Whiteness: Law and Race Privilege in Japan,” Guest Lecture in Introduction to Japanese Law, Professor Jody Chafee, The University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington, February 2, 2023.
- “Voices for our Times: The Status Quo of Women Law Professors in Japan”, Peter A. Allard School of Law, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada, October 12, 2022.
- “Presence and Voice: The History and Status Quo of Women Law Professors in Japan,” Kanto Gakuin International Seminar, Kanto Gakuin University, Yokohama, Japan, September 14, 2021 (online, in Japanese).
- “Real Property Law in the Civil Law Tradition: A Primer on the Civil Law Tradition and the Case of Japan,” Guest Lecture in Real Property I, Professor David Callies, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 28, 2021.
- “Presence and Voice: The History and Status Quo of Women Law Professors in Japan,” Western New England University School of Law Online Workshop in Japanese Law Scholarship, December 14, 2020 (online).
- “Presence and Voice: The History and Status Quo of Women Law Professors in Japan University of Hawai‘i Center for Japanese Studies, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, October 14, 2020 (online).
- “Real Property Law in the Civil Law Tradition: A Primer on the Civil Law Tradition and the Case of Japan,” Guest Lecture in Real Property I, Professor David Callies, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 14, 2020 (online).
- “Understanding the Civil Code’s General Part and Civil Law Scholarship,” Guest Lecture in Comparative Law, Professors Charles Booth and Carole Petersen, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 11, 2020.
- “日本の法学教育におけるジェンダーと法 – 予備的検討とコメント (Gender and Law in Japanese Legal Education: Preliminary exploration and comments,)” Waseda University Institute of Comparative Law, Tokyo, Japan, December 16, 2019 (in Japanese).
- “日本の法学教育におけるジェンダーと法 - 予備的検討とコメント (Gender and Law in Japanese Legal Education: Preliminary exploration and comments,)” Hokkaido University Faculty of Humanities and Human Sciences Center on Gender and Sexuality Studies and Hokkaido University Law School Legal Theory Research Institute, Hokkaido, Japan, December 9, 2019 (in Japanese).
- “Situating Gender and Law in Japanese Legal Education: Preliminary exploration and comments,” University of Washington Global Monday Lecture Series, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington, November 4, 2019.
- “Real Property Law in the Civil Law Tradition: A Primer on the Civil Law Tradition and the Case of Japan,” Guest Lecture in Real Property I, Professor David Callies, William S. Richardson School of Law, April 15, 2019.
- “Relationship Status Recognition and Equality for Same-Sex Couples in Japan and Taiwan: A Quick Exploration,” Guest Lecture in Law and LGBTQI+, Professor Mandy Finlay, William S. Richardson School of Law, March 5, 2019.
- “Gender and Law Scholarship in the Law in Japan Field,” University of Washington Global Monday Lecture Series, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington, October 15, 2018. ([Available online](#) University of Washington School of Law)

- “An Illegal Dam Still Stands: The Nibutani Dam Litigation and the Indigenous Status of the Ainu People of Northern Japan,” Guest Lecture in Comparative Indigenous Peoples’ Law, Professor Melody Mackenzie, William S. Richardson School of Law, April 17, 2018.
- “Relationship Status Recognition and Equality for Same-Sex Couples in Japan and Taiwan: A Quick Exploration,” Guest Lecture in Law and LGBTQI+, Professor Mandy Finlay, William S. Richardson School of Law, February 10, 2018.
- “アメリカ合衆国における連邦憲法と州憲法の関係のダイナミクスー同性婚はいかに世界に広がるか(One from Many: Relational Dynamics Between the U.S. Federal and State Constitutions as Evidenced by Marriage Equality Law,)” Waseda University Institute of Comparative Law, Tokyo, Japan, November 1, 2017 (in Japanese).
- “アメリカ合衆国における連邦憲法と州憲法の関係のダイナミクスー同性婚はいかに世界に広がるか(One from Many: Relational Dynamics Between the U.S. Federal and State Constitutions as Evidenced by Marriage Equality Law,)” Aichi University Law Faculty, Nagoya, Japan, October 27, 2017 (in Japanese).
- “Puffing Precedents: The Impact of the WHO FCTC on Tobacco Product Liability in Japan,” Aichi University Law School, Nagoya, Japan, October 26, 2017.
- “アメリカ合衆国における連邦憲法と州憲法の関係のダイナミクスー同性婚はいかに世界に広がるか(Relational Dynamics Between the U.S. Federal and State Constitutions as Evidenced by Marriage Equality Law,)” Hokkaido University Law School Legal Theory Research Institute, Sapporo, Japan, July 15, 2017 (in Japanese).
- “Comparing U.S. and Japanese Legal Education Systems,” Guest Lecture in Prof. Michael Wolf’s Introduction to American Law class, Ritsumeikan University Law Faculty, Kyoto, Japan, July 7, 2017 (in Japanese).
- “Real Property Law in the Civil Law Tradition: A Primer on the Civil Law Tradition and the Case of Japan,” Guest Lecture in Real Property I, Professor David Callies, William S. Richardson School of Law, April 24, 2017.
- “Real Property Law in the Civil Law Tradition: A Primer on the Civil Law Tradition and the Case of Japan,” Guest Lecture in Real Property I, Professor David Callies, William S. Richardson School of Law, March 9, 2016.
- “Crossing Signals: Implications of Mistranslations in Japanese Constitutional and Civil Law for Academic Scholarship, Teaching Pedagogy, and Transnational Law Practice,” Faculty Colloquium, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 14, 2016.
- “*E Pluribus Unum*: Relational Dynamics Between the U.S. Federal and State Constitutions as Evidenced by Marriage Equality Law,” Foreign Authority Forum, Seoul National University Law School. Seoul, Korea, October 30, 2015.
- “Real Property Law in the Civil Law Tradition: A Primer on the Civil Law Tradition and the Case of Japan,” Guest Lecture in Real Property I, Professor David Callies, William S. Richardson School of Law, April 20, 2015.
- “New Topics in Japanese Law Research: An Informal Conversation with Professor Mark Levin,” LL.M. class lecture, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan, December 22, 2014.
- “無知のヴェール」から日本の刑事司法を考える (Considering Japanese Criminal Justice from an Original Position),” Criminal Policy Class, Professor Emi Yano, University of the Ryukyus Law Faculty, Okinawa, Japan, November 12, 2014 (in Japanese).
- “*E Pluribus Unum*: Relational Dynamics Between the U.S. Federal and State Constitutions as Evidenced by Marriage Equality Law,” Constitutional Law Class, Professor Testumi Takara, University of the Ryukyus Law Faculty, Okinawa, Japan, November 12, 2014 (in Japanese).

- “*E Pluribus Unum: Relational Dynamics Between the U.S. Federal and State Constitutions as Evidenced by Marriage Equality Law*,” University of the Ryukyus Law Faculty, Okinawa, Japan, November 12, 2014 (in Japanese).
- “Professor Judy Weightman’s Legacy as an Oral Historian of Wartime History,” Kyoto University of Foreign Studies, class visit via Skype, June 18, 2014.
- “New Topics in Japanese Law Research: An Informal Conversation with Professor Mark Levin,” Doshisha University Law School, Kyoto, Japan, May 15, 2014.
- “Civil Justice and the Constitution: Limits on Instrumental Judicial Administration in Japan.” Hokkaido University Law School Legal Theory Workshop, Hokkaido University Law School, Sapporo, Japan, June 16, 2012, (in Japanese).
- “‘Circumstances that Would Prejudice Impartiality:’ The Meaning of Fairness as Expressed in Japanese Jurisprudence,” Faculty Colloquium, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, November 17, 2011.
- “Civil Justice and the Constitution: Limits on Instrumental Judicial Administration in Japan,” Foreign Authority Forum, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, October 4, 2011.
- “A Case Study in Business Corruption: U.S. Tobacco Industry Political Influence Buying in Japan,” Guest Presentation to Graduate Seminar: Ethics & Corruption, Professor Ken Kipnis, UH-Mānoa Department of Philosophy, April 24, 2011.
- “The Nibutani Dam Case and Japan’s Indigenous Ainu People,” Guest Presentation to Topics in Asian Studies: Monarchy, Modernity and Native Identity in the Asia-Pacific Class, Professor Lonny Carlile, UH-Mānoa Department of Asian Studies, April 19, 2011.
- “Civil Justice and the Constitution: Limits on Instrumental Judicial Administration in Japan,” Faculty Professional Development Works in Progress, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington, February 17, 2011.
- “An Informal Conversation about Legal Work in Japan and East Asia,” Center for Professional & Leadership Development, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington, February 16, 2011.
- “Procedural Civil Justice in Japan,” Faculty Colloquium, William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, February 24, 2010.
- “A Comparison of the Justice Systems in Hawai‘i and Japan,” with Judge Sabrina McKenna, Hokkaidō University, Sapporo, Japan, July 18, 2009.
- “Topics for Comparative Law & Society Research,” Guest Presentation to Law and Society Research Seminar, Professor Ichiro Ozaki, July 16, 2009.
- “The Basics of Japanese Business Law and Entrepreneurialism,” Chaminade University Hogan Entrepreneurial Program Japan Interest Group, May 19, 2009.
- “Current Legal Issues Affecting Native Hawaiians”, Ainu and Indigenous Peoples’ Research Center, Hokkaidō University, Sapporo, Japan, July 14, 2007.
- “Race, Culture and Law in Japan”, Guest Presentation to American Law Class, Professor Masaki Igawa, Meijo University, Nagoya, Japan, June 26, 2007.
- “The Meaning and Potentials of Tobacco Control in Legal Academia”, Meijo University Law Faculty Colloquium, Nagoya, Japan, June 23, 2007.
- “Race and Law in Japan”, Partnership for Asian Studies at Minority-Serving Institutions, The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, June 13, 2007.
- “Thank you for Tobacco Control,” Guest Presentation to Law and Society Class, Professor Katharina Heyer, UH-Mānoa Department of Political Science, November 9, 2006.

- “Where is the Learning Happening at Japan's New Law Schools?,” Fukuoka University Law School, Fukuoka, Japan., February 14, 2006, (in Japanese).
- “Legal Education Outcomes and Assessment for Japan's New Law Schools,” talk and discussion with the dean and faculty members of the Fukuoka University Law School, Fukuoka, Japan., February 14, 2006, (in Japanese).
- “Law’s Meaning in Tobacco Control – International, Comparative, and Local,” Guest Presentation to Law and Society Class, Professor Jonathan Goldberg-Hiller, UH-Mānoa Department of Political Science, November 2005.
- “Race, Culture, and Law in Japan – Considering the Ainu People of Japan,” Guest Presentation to Law and Society Class, Professor Jonathan Goldberg-Hiller, UH-Mānoa Department of Political Science, October 13, 2005.
- “International Law Impacts on the Ainu People of Japan, ” Guest Presentation to Contemporary American Global Issues class, Professor Trisha Kehaulani Watson, UH-Mānoa Department of American Studies, February 16, 2005.
- “The Wajin’s Whiteness: Law and Race Privilege in Japan,” Center for Japanese Studies Faculty Seminar, The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, April 22, 2004.
- “Don’t Smoke that Legal Education Reform: Eighteen Months in Kobe, Japan,” William S. Richardson School of Law Faculty Colloquim, The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, February 26, 2004.
- “Legal Education Reform in Japan: Views from Special Places,” public lecture and two roundtable discussions with faculty members of the Shimane University Faculty of Law and Letters, Matsue, Japan, February 6-7, 2003 (in Japanese) supported by a grant from the Japanese Ministry of Education.
- “Searching for an Understanding of Creole in Comparative Law,” roundtable discussion with faculty members of the Hokkaidō University Faculty of Law, Sapporo, Japan, January 5, 2003 (in Japanese).
- “International and Domestic Law Impacts on the Ainu People of Japan, ” Guest Presentation to Indigenous People's Law class, Professor Williamson Chang, William S. Richardson School of Law, November 21, 2001.
- “The Wajin’s Whiteness: Race and Law in Japan,” presented at Hokkaidō University Research Seminar on Legal Theory (法理論研究会), June 16, 2001 (in Japanese).
- “The Value of Comparative Law Scholarship in Race Understandings,” Partnership for Asian Studies at Minority-Serving Institutions, The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, February 3, 2001.
- “The Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: Can International Law Prevent Tobacco-Induced Death?,” International Law Day Faculty Colloquium, William S. Richardson School of Law, The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, November 14, 2000.
- “The Group is Me: Constitutional Protection of Japan’s Indigenous Ainu People by ‘Respecting Individuality,’” William S. Richardson School of Law Faculty Colloquium, The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, January 27, 2000.
- “Legal Education for the Next Generation: Ideas from America,” roundtable discussion with the former dean and faculty members of the Kobe University Faculty of Law, Kobe, Japan, November 19, 1999 (in Japanese).
- “An Illegal Dam Still Stands: The Nibutani Dam Litigation and the Indigenous Status of the Ainu People of Northern Japan,” The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Center for Japanese Studies Faculty Seminar, October 15, 1999.

- “Smoke Around the Rising Sun: An American Look at Tobacco Regulation in Japan,” The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Center for Japanese Studies Faculty Seminar, April 23, 1997.
- “The Next Generation’s Legal Professionals,” Hokkaidō University Law Faculty Colloquium (法学会), December 12, 1996 (in Japanese).
- “Law Librarianship in America Today,” Hokkaidō University Educational Technology Research Colloquium (学術情報研究会), August 2, 1995 (in Japanese).
- “Tobacco Products Litigation in America - A Brief History and Current Report,” Hokkaidō University Law Faculty Colloquium (法学会), May 19, 1995 (in Japanese).

Other Talks and Presentations

- “Differences and Commonalities between the U.S. and Japanese Legal Systems,” 2024 Mānoa Law & Society Experience, (students from Aichi University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Meiji University, Waseda University, and University of the Ryukyus,) Honolulu, Hawai‘i, February 27, 2024 (in Japanese).
- “Situating Gender and Law in Japanese Legal Education: Preliminary exploration and comments,” Law Study Tour to Hawai‘i, (students from Aichi University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Meiji University, Waseda University, and University of the Ryukyus,) Honolulu, Hawai‘i, February 28, 2023 (in Japanese).
- “Differences and Commonalities between the U.S. and Japanese Legal Systems,” Law Study Tour to Hawai‘i, (students from Aichi University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Meiji University, Waseda University, and University of the Ryukyus,) Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 6, 2023 (in Japanese).
- “Audacious Audacity”, in Mic Check 1-2. Recording and Pre-Recording Lectures, Richardson Law School Online Law Teaching Readiness Series, July 23, 2020 (online).
- “Situating Gender and Law in Japanese Legal Education: Preliminary exploration and comments,” Law Study Tour to Hawai‘i, (students from Aichi University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Meiji University, Waseda University, and University of the Ryukyus,) Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 3, 2020 (in Japanese).
- “Differences and Commonalities between the U.S. and Japanese Legal Systems,” Law Study Tour to Hawai‘i, (students from Aichi University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Meiji University, Waseda University, and University of the Ryukyus,) Honolulu, Hawai‘i, February 25, 2020 (in Japanese).
- “FD:日米の法学教育と女性研究者支援 (Faculty Development Workshop: Career and Programmatic Support for Women Scholars in the U.S. and Japan’s Legal Education Systems,)” Hokkaido University Faculty of Humanities and Human Sciences Center on Gender and Sexuality Studies and Hokkaido University Law School Legal Theory Research Institute, Hokkaido, Japan, December 8, 2019 (in Japanese).
- Workshop Panelist, “Understanding the TPRC, Lunch Seminar with Junior Faculty,” William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 27, 2019.
- “*E Pluribus Unum*: Relational Dynamics Between the U.S. Federal and State Constitutions as Evidenced by Marriage Equality Law,” Law Study Tour to Hawai‘i, (students from Aichi University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Meiji University, Waseda University, and University of the Ryukyus,) Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 2, 2019 (in Japanese).
- Law Study Tour to Hawai‘i, (students from Aoyama Gakuin University, Meiji University, and University of the Ryukyus,) Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 6, 2014 (in Japanese).

- “Recent Publications by Professor Mark Levin on Japanese Law: Criminal Justice and Tobacco Control issues,” Hawaii State Bar Association International Law Section Brownbag Lunch Seminar, April 3, 2014.
- “Tobacco Control Lessons from the Higgs Boson: Tentatively Observing A Hidden Field Behind Changing Tobacco Control Norms in Japan,” Pecha-Kucha Presentation, Center for Japanese Studies The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, November 15, 2013.
- “Recent Publications by Professor Mark Levin on Japanese Law: Civil Procedural Justice and Tobacco Control issues,” Lunch Seminar, Blakemore & Mitsuki International Law Offices, August 15, 2013.
- “An Illegal Dam Still Stands: The Nibutani Dam Litigation and the Indigenous Status of the Ainu People of Northern Japan,” East-West Center, The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Center for Japanese Studies Faculty Seminar, April 15, 2013.
- “Differences and Commonalities between the U.S. and Japanese Legal Systems,” Law Study Tour to Hawai‘i, (students from Aoyama Gakuin University, Chuo University, Meiji University, and University of the Ryukyus,) Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 7, 2013 (in Japanese).
- “Differences and Commonalities between the U.S. and Japanese Legal Systems,” Law Study Tour to Hawai‘i, (students from Aoyama Gakuin University, Chuo University, Meiji University, and University of the Ryukyus,) Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 9, 2012 (in Japanese).
- “New Developments in Japanese Law,” Hawai‘i State Bar Association International Law Section, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, November 19, 2010.
- “The U.S. and Japan: Fundamental Differences in Our Legal Systems,” Fukuoka University Law Department Study Trip to Hawai‘i, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, August 24, 2010 (in Japanese).
- Panelist, “Reconstructing Relationships: Healing Historic Injustices Against the Ainu People of Japan,” Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, February 5, 2009.
- “The Jury in America,” Yamagata Prefectural Bar Association delegation visit to Honolulu, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, November 6, 2006 (in Japanese)
- “Thank you for Tobacco Control: Quick Reflections with Popcorn,” William S. Richardson School of Law Film and Entertainment Law Organization, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, October 12, 2006.
- “How Government Works – the J Team, E Team and L Team (Judiciary, Executive, Legislature),” Noelani Elementary School assembled 1st grade classes, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 6, 2006.
- “Why Policy Advocacy Matters,” Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai‘i quarterly meeting luncheon speaker, January 13, 2005.
- Panelist, “Teaching and Researching Around the World: Could You Be The Next Resident Director?” The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Center for Teaching Excellence, October 7, 2004
- “The William S. Richardson School of Law's Role in Japanese Legal Education Reform,” Friends of the William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, August 13, 2004.
- “Changes in Japan's Judicial System and Legal Education Reform,” Japan-America Society of Hawai‘i, Downtown Noontime Luncheon presentation, Honolulu, Hawai‘i. July 26, 2004.

- “Legal Education Reform in Japan: Views from Special Places,” Shimane Prefecture Bar Association Annual Meeting, Matsue, Japan, February 7, 2003 (in Japanese) supported by a grant from the Japanese Ministry of Education.
- “Tobacco *is* a Global Issue,” Maui Tobacco-Free Partnership, Wailuku, Maui, Hawai‘i, July 31, 2001.
- “The Ehime Maru Tragedy: Lessons Learned for the U.S. and Japan,” Japan-America Society of Hawai‘i Afternoon Roundtable, Hawai‘i Tokai International College, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, May 2, 2001 (with University of Hawai‘i Professors Takie Lebra and George Tanabe).
- “How did this all happen and who's responsible? Thinking About Tobacco Control Policy,” Kalani High School Student Leadership Assembly, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, December 2001.
- “The Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: Can International Law Prevent Tobacco-Induced Death?,” Hawaii State Bar Association International Law Section Brownbag Lunch Seminar, October 8, 2000.
- “International and Pacific Regional Issues at the 11th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health,” Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai‘i Annual Meeting, September 21 2000.
- “Hawai‘i’s Link to Global Tobacco Control Processes: A Report following the 1999 WHO International Conference on Tobacco and Health, Kobe,” Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawai‘i Special Populations Taskforce, January 24, 2000.
- “The Jury in America,” Nishi-Nippon Junior College Seminar at The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, December 17, 1998, and December 2, 1997 (in Japanese).
- “Chinese Philosophers and French Judges: A Quick Look at Japanese Law,” 1998 Pacific Asian Lecture Series, Pacific Asian Management Institute (PAMI), The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, June 4, 1998.
- “Finding a Job in Asia,” Pacific Asia Law Student Organization Brown Bag Lunch, The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, November 9, 1998 and Women’s Law Student Association Lunch Seminar, The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, March 17, 1998.
- “Careers in Japanese Studies – Opportunities as a Legal Professional,” Center for Japanese Studies Seminar, The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, April 4, 1997.
- “The History and Current State of Tobacco Regulation in Japan,” International House of Japan P.H.D. Kenkyukai, Tokyo, Japan, November 15, 1996.
- “Japanese Tobacco Policies, A View from Outside Looking In,” Tokyo Metropolitan Area Committee on Tobacco Related Problems, June 2, 1995 (in Japanese).
- “Looking at Japanese Law from a Foreign Perspective,” Hokkaidō International Business Association, February 9, 1995.



PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICE

External Academic Journal, Diploma, and Tenure Reviews

- Mary Assunta Kolandai, “The Tobacco Industry in Japan and its Influence on Tobacco Control,” thesis submitted for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Medicine), School of Public Health, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, Fall 2007.
- Tobacco Control - “A ‘clean cigarette’ for a clean nation: a case study of Salem Piannisimo in Japan,” Mary Assunta and Simon Chapman (2004) plus numerous anonymous reviews.

Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health – “Health Treaty Dilution: A Case Study of Japan’s Influence on the Language of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control,” Mary Assunta and Simon Chapman (2005).

Other Anonymous Reviews:

- Tobacco Control
- Journal of Japanese Studies.
- Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies.
- The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus.
- The Indigenous Law Journal.
- Global Public Health.
- Tobacco Induced Diseases.
- University of British Columbia Press
- External Reviews of Tenure and Promotion Credentials (Jan. 2013, Sept. 2014).

Global and National Affiliations and Service

American Association of Law Schools, Section on East Asian Law and Society
Chair, 2024, Chair-Elect, 2023; Board Secretary, 2022; Governing Board, 2021 – present.

Ritsumeikan Law Review, Kyoto, Japan
Academic Advisor to the Editorial Board, November 2020 – present.

Journal of Japanese Studies, Seattle, Washington
Member, Editorial Advisory Board, 2011 – 2015.

Japan Society of Gender and Law (ジェンダー法学会), Tokyo, Japan
Member, July 2020 – present.

Japan Society for Tobacco Control, Tokyo, Japan
Honorary Advisor (名誉顧問) for International and Domestic Policy,
August 2006 – present.

Asia Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT 2013), Chiba, Japan
Member, Statement Committee, August 2013.

Framework Convention Alliance, member, 2004 – present.
Member, Policy Committee, 2004 – present.
Member, Task Force on Tobacco Control and Human Rights, February 2018 – present.
Member, Working Group on Article 5.3, May 2011 – present.
Member, Working Group on Article 19, May 2011 – present.
Member, Working Group on Illicit Trade, Working Group on Cross-Border Advertising,
Working Group on Smoke-Free Environments, and Working Group on Tobacco
Product Regulation, 2006 – 2011.

Blakemore Foundation, Seattle, Washington
Member, Advisory Board, 1998 – 2008.

Ongoing memberships in American Association of Law Schools, American Society of
Comparative Law, Law and Society Association, Association of Asian Studies.

GLOBALink Tobacco Control online community, 2001 – 2010.
(regular online contributor to international tobacco control listserv).

State and Community Affiliations and Service

Legal Community Activities

Hawai‘i State Bar Association, International Law Section, Board Member, Jan. 2017 – present.

Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i Permanent Committee on Equality and Access to the Courts, appointed by State of Hawai'i Chief Justice Ronald Moon, July 2004 – June 2007.

Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i Committee on Certification of Court Interpreters, appointed by State of Hawai'i Chief Justice Ronald Moon, May 1997 – June 2002.

Tobacco Control and other Public Health Activities

Hawai'i Public Health Institute, Board of Directors, 2015 – 2021;
Executive Committee (Board Secretary), 2016 – 2019.

Hawai'i State Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund Advisory Board,
appointed by State of Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle, April 2007 – August 2009.
Vice-chair (elected by Board), November 2007 – August 2009.

Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i, 1999 – present.
Policy Working Group, 2005 – present;
Policy and Strategy Committee, 2001 – 2002;
Governing Board member, 2001 – 2002, 2007 – 2008.

Hawai'i 2008 Statewide Conference on Tobacco Control, Member, Planning Committee.

Hawai'i 2005 Statewide Conference on Tobacco Control, Member, Planning Committee.

Hawai'i 2001 Statewide Conference on Tobacco Control, Member, Planning Committee.

Other Community Activities

Member, Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation Screening Committee, Honolulu, Hawai'i, November 2006.

Event coordinator – Professor Hiroko Hayashi talk at Japan-America Society of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Tokai International College, Honolulu, Hawai'i, October 17, 2005.

Lead activist for traffic calming measures, Woodlawn Avenue “Freeway Zone,” Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

University Service, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Chair, Screening Committee for Education Specialist (Assoc. Dir.), Position #97379, Fall 2024.

Member, Screening Committee for Japanese Studies Librarian II, Position #83532, Fall 2023.

Chair, Screening Committee for Admin & Fiscal Support Specialist, Position #79247, Fall 2022.

Participant, Cohort V, The President's Emerging Leaders Program, selection by the University President following committee recommendation, August 2015 – May 2016.

Participant, 2014-2015 Departmental Leadership Matters, University Leadership Training Program for UHM department chairs, directors, and graduate chairs on academic departmental management (by recommendation of Dean Avi Soifer and UHM Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Reed Dasenbrock), September 2014 – March 2015.

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Faculty Senate, Senator, January 2011 – August 2012.

Center for Japanese Studies, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i,
Member, March 1997 to present.

Executive Committee. August 1998 – July 2002; August 2004 – July 2007,
August 2010 – July 2013; August 2016 – July 2019; August 2020 – present (*ex officio*).

Japan Studies Endowment Committee, 2010 – 2016;
Chair, 2015 – 2016, August 2020 – present (*ex officio*).

Center for Okinawan Studies, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i,
Member, January 2016 to present

Study Abroad Council, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i,
Member, August 2004 – July 2007.

Member, Ph.D. Committee for Laura Specker Sullivan, doctoral candidate in Department of
Philosophy, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i,
April 2013 – May 2015.

Member, Ph.D. Committee for Michelle Daigle, doctoral candidate in Department of
Anthropology, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i,
July 2010 – May 2020.

Member, Masters Thesis Exam Review for Masako Ikegami, Dept. of Political Science, The
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i, December 2, 2004.

Member, Ph.D. Committee for Kazumi Higashikubo, doctoral candidate in Department of
Sociology, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i,
September 1998 – October 2000.

UH Community Partnership for Health and Fresh Air, 2002 – present.
Co-Founder and Chair, 2002; Chair, 2005 – 2008.
Media report at <http://www.hawaii.edu/ur/newsatub/2004/1206/levin.htm>.

Ad Hoc University of Hawai'i Committee on Tobacco Policy Revision, November 2006.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Law & Society Committee, January 2004 – present.

Technology, Innovation, & Society Grant Selection Committee, Spring 2004.

Primary initiator of the University of Hawai'i – Hokkaidō University Exchange Relationship.

Safe Zone Training, LGBT Student Services, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu,
Hawai'i, October 13, 2005.

William S. Richardson School of Law, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Doctoral Oversight

Chair, S.J.D. Committee for Brandon Marc Higa, doctoral candidate in S.J.D. program, William
S. Richardson School of Law, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i,
August 2019 – May 2024.

Member, S.J.D. Committee for Atsushi Shiraki, doctoral candidate in S.J.D. program, William S.
Richardson School of Law, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i,
August 2020 – May 2024.

Faculty Governance and Administrative Responsibilities

Inaugural Director, Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program, October 2016 – present.

Member, Fujiyama Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law Selection Committee, Fall 2025.

Academic and Bar Success Committee, Fall 2025 – present.

Chair, 2025 – 2026.

Int'l/Comparative and Pacific-Asia Legal Studies Committee, 2022 -- 2024.

Co-Chair, 2022 – 2024.

Pacific-Asia Legal Studies Committee, January – August 1997, September 1998 – August 2022,
Chair, 2004, 2015 – 2022.

Curriculum Committee, 2007 – 2009, 2016 – present;
Chair, 2016 – 2019.

Academic Standards and Grievances Committee, Fall 2012 – 2016.
Admissions Committee, August 1997 – July 2000.
Business Law Cluster Faculty, Fall 2012 – 2018.
Business Law Committee, Fall 2018 – present;
Chair, Spring 2020.
Certificate Committee, August 1997 – July 1998.
Dean's Advisory Committee, Fall 2000, Spring 2007.
Departmental Personnel Committee, Fall 2006 – present;
Chair, 2014 – 2015.
Faculty Development / Outreach Committee, Spring 2005, 2007 – 2008, 2016 – present.
Chair, Spring 2005,
Faculty Workload Taskforce, 2015 – 2016.
Frank Boas Writing Contest Referee, 2005 – 2007, 2025.
Liason Committee, 2005, 2006.
Library Committee, 2009 – 2011;
Chair, 2010 – 2011.
Part-Time Law School Committee, 2011 – 2012.
Techology Committee, 2006 – 2011.
Project manager for a complete structural redevelopment of the Law School's website to a CMS-
database system. WSRSLS Version 3.0 online from December 2005 – April 2009.
Facilitator and host for numerous distinguished guests from Japan including Supreme Court
Justice Katsuya Uga (virtual), Attorney Yasuhiro Nagashima, Professor Hiroko Hayashi,
Professor Setsuo Miyazawa, Professor Yasuhei Taniguchi, President Hisashi Owada
(International Court of Justice) and delegations including Japan Federation of Bar
Associations, Osaka, Nagano, and Yamagata Bar Associations.

Faculty Advisor to Student Organizations

Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal (1999 – present).
Pacific-Asia Law Student Organization (1997 – 2019).
LAMBDA Gay and Lesbian Law Student Organization (2002 – 2012).
Black Law Student Organization (2000 – 2011).
Pacific Island Law Student Association (1997 – 2002).
Public Health Law Organization (2004 – 2008).
Website Production Board (2004 – 2006).

Prior Service Affiliations, 1994 – 1996 (Japan)

Advisory Board, Translation Workshop, International Center for Comparative Law and Politics,
Graduate School of Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo,
March 1995 – December 1996.
Advisor re. Interpretation of Legal Services, Sapporo Bar Association, Sapporo, Japan,
September 1994 – December 1996.
Founding Member, Society of Foreign Legal Scholars, Tokyo,
September 1994 – December 1996.

Constitutional Litigation Case Study Group, Gakushuin University,
October 1993 – December 1996.

Co-Coordinator, Lawyer to Lawyer Network Core Committee (human rights organizing project
on behalf of the New York based Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights), Tokyo,
February 1993 – December 1996.



COURSES TAUGHT: UNIVERSITY LEVEL INSTRUCTION

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

LAW 504	Legal Practice I
LWPA 514	Law and Society in Japan
LAW 516	Civil Procedure I
LAW 525	Legislation and Statutory Interpretation
LAW 530	Second Year Seminar
LAW 569	Sales
LWLM 570	Introduction to American Law / Introduction to U.S. Law
LWLW 530	Law Thesis
LWPA 575	International Business Lawyering in Asia (with Professor Lawrence Foster and Professor Charles Booth)
LWPA 575J	Advanced Readings in Japanese Law
LWPA 577	Japanese Business Law
LWPA 579	International Business Transactions
LWPA 587	Comparative Law
LAW 590	Directed Study (numerous topics, including Art Law)
MGT 670F	Japanese Law
MGT 670C	Japanese Management Systems (with Professor David McClain)

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Year-in-Japan at Konan University, Kobe, Japan

SOC 357	Sociology of Japan
SOC 433	Analysis in Law and Social Change

University of Mississippi School of Law, Hawai'i Summer Session

The Organization and Regulation of Business in Japan (Summer 2000, with Prof. Curtis Milhaupt)

Hokkaidō University Faculty of Law

Introduction to American Law (undergraduate and graduate level)
American Business Law (undergraduate and graduate level)

Negotiations Seminar (graduate level only)

Legal Research Seminar (graduate level only)

