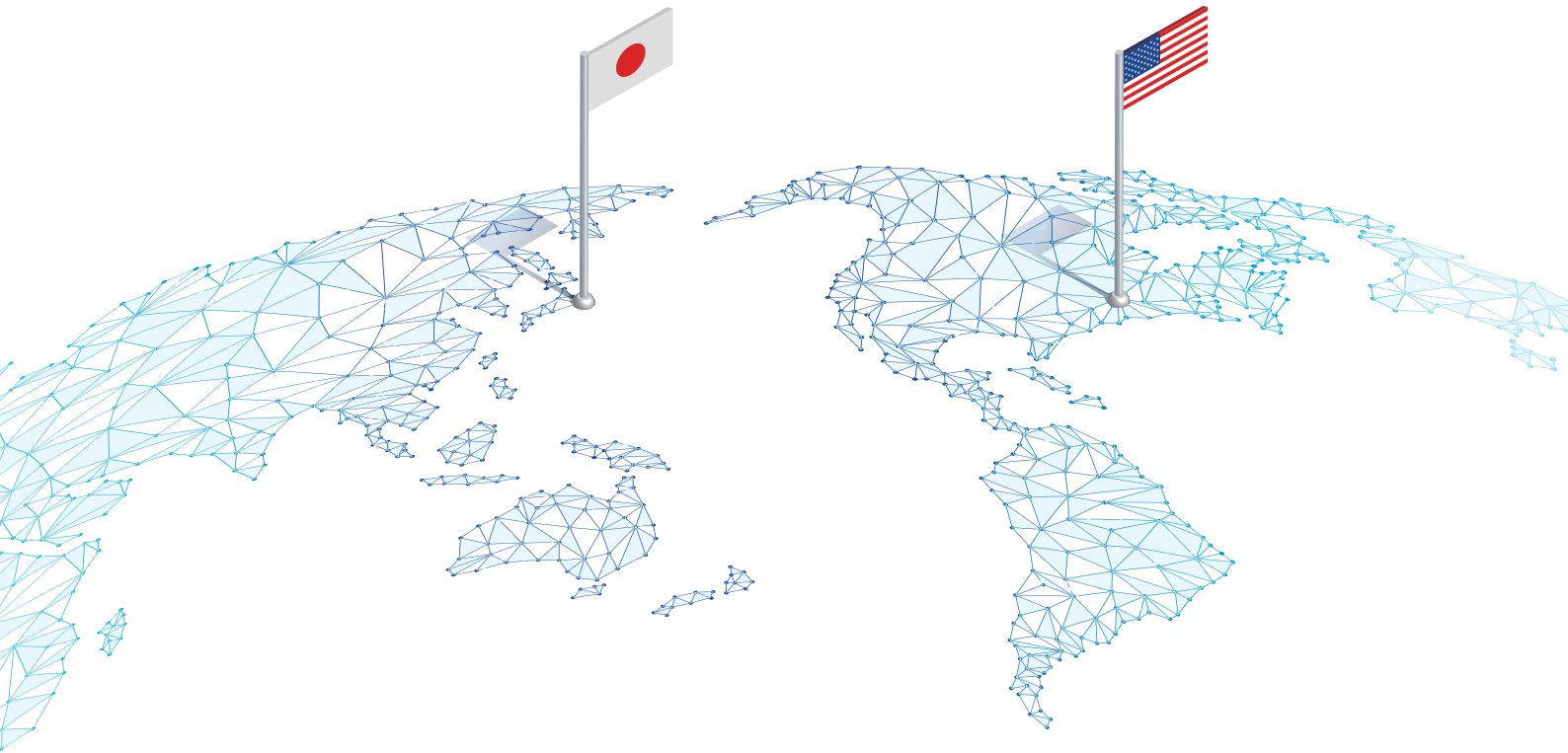


# ANNUAL REPORT

**Fiscal Year 2023-24**

[ July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 ]



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## Commission Members

For FY2023-24 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

### HONORARY CO-CHAIRS

**The Honorable OKANO Masataka**  
Vice-Minister  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

**The Honorable Rahm EMANUEL**  
Ambassador  
Embassy of the United States of America

(Alphabetical Order)

### JAPANESE MEMBERS

**AKATSU Haruko**  
Vice President / Professor of Medicine  
School of Medicine  
International University of Health and Welfare  
*Member since Jan 2020*

**EGAWA Masako**  
Chancellor  
Seikei Gakuen  
*Member since Jan 2021*

**KANEKO Mariko**  
Deputy Press Secretary /  
Deputy Director-General for Press and Public Diplomacy  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)  
*Member since Oct 2023*

**NAITO Akio**  
President  
Seiko Watch Corporation  
*Member since Jan 2023*

**WATANABE Masami**  
Assistant Minister / Director-General for International Affairs  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)  
*Member since Sep 2023*

### AMERICAN MEMBERS

**Shannon DORSEY**  
Culture and Sports Attaché  
Public Affairs Section  
Embassy of the United States of America  
*Member since Aug 2021*

**Lauren HA**  
Associate Vice President  
Office for Technology Development and Innovation  
Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University  
*Member since May 2023*

**Hans KLEMM**  
Japan Representative  
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America  
*Member since Apr 2020*

**Philip ROSKAMP**  
Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs  
Embassy of the United States of America  
*Member since Aug 2021*

**David SEMAYA**  
Executive Chairman and Representative Director  
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management Co., Ltd.  
*Member since May 2023*

### Member changes during FY2023

**OKANO Yukiko**  
Deputy Press Secretary /  
Deputy Director-General for Press and Public Diplomacy  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)  
*served from Jun 2021 to Oct 2023*

**OKAMURA Naoko**  
Assistant Minister / Director-General for International Affairs  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)  
*served from Apr 2022 to Aug 2023*

### Commission

Chairmanship alternates between a Japanese member and a U.S. member each calendar year.

Jul 2023 to Dec 2023: Philip ROSKAMP

Jan 2024 to Jun 2024: WATANABE Masami

# Messages from the Commission Chairs and the Executive Director



## WATANABE Sonoko

Assistant Minister / Director-General for International Affairs  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)

It is my great pleasure to have this chance as Co-Chair to report on the annual activities of the Japan-United Educational Commission (Fulbright Japan) .

The Fulbright Program between Japan and the United States has been more than 70 years, and almost 10,000 American and Japanese Fulbrighters have participated. In this year, the Fulbright Program has made one of the most significant advances in response to meet the needs of a new era. In April this year, Prime Minister KISHIDA made an official visit to the United States, the first state visit by Japanese Prime Minister in 9 years and the joint statement announced the restart of STEM scholarships in Japan via the Fulbright Program for the first time in 50 years and removal of the tuition cap for Japanese Fulbright participants. I hope that this will be an opportunity for students from more diverse fields to participate in the program.

I also would like to express my sincere gratitude for the dedicated support of donors, Fulbright alums, the Secretariat, and all other Fulbright communities. MEXT, with guidance and cooperation from everyone involved, will continue to support the Fulbright Program so that it can contribute to peace not only in two countries but also in the world.

\*Due to a standard position rotation during the preparation of this report, Ms. Watanabe Sonoko provided the message in place of Mr. Watanabe Masami who served as the Chair during this report's time period.

\* Mr. Watanabe Masami was Chair starting from Jan 2024.  
Mr. Philip Roskamp was Chair from Jan 2023 to Dec 2023.



## Daniel ERNST

Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs  
Embassy of the United States of America,  
Tokyo, Japan

I am honored to represent the U.S. Government as co-chair of the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission at this exciting time. During the April 2024 State Visit, President Biden and Prime Minister Kishida recognized the achievements of Fulbright Japan in contributing to the people-to-people bonds that shore up the success of the U.S.-Japan Alliance and welcomed the reopening of Fulbright scholarships to Japanese researchers in STEM fields for the first time in more than 50 years. This change will ensure that--as our two nations collaborate on critical areas that will have global benefits-- Fulbright plays the constructive role it deserves.

One essential characteristic of Fulbright has been to recognize the potential, not only of those who build on the work of today's leaders, but also those who can change the landscape of leadership tomorrow. That means attracting the best, while looking beyond traditional pathways to power so that individuals with enormous potential are not excluded because they don't come from the "right" school, family, gender, or background.

I look forward to working with Commission Co-chair Watanabe Sonoko and our Government of Japan colleagues, fellow Commission Members, Executive Director Jeffrey Kim and the JUSEC Secretariat, alumni, and donors to ensure that the Fulbright Program in Japan continues to be the program of choice for those with the expertise, leadership, and vision to make the greatest impact.

\*Due to a standard position rotation during the preparation of this report, Mr. Daniel Ernst provided the message in place of Mr. Philip Roskamp who served as the 2023 Chair.



## Jeffrey J. KIM

Executive Director  
Japan-U.S. Educational Commission (Fulbright Japan)

As we report on our Seventy-second Program Year (FY2023-24), Japan-U.S. relations are stronger than ever, and the top leaders of both governments have jointly highlighted Fulbright as the premier people-to-people exchange platform between the two countries.

A pillar of today's unsurpassed bilateral partnership is the mutual understanding fostered by societal leaders who are educated *in each other's country*, at the highest levels of academic achievement. Our nearly 10,000 American and Japanese Fulbright alumni have been at the heart of this deep spirit of friendship and leadership across the Pacific.

Unlike recipients of any other scholarship, each of our grantees, of either nationality, carries the distinction of having been selected by the combined binational authority of the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission. We at JUSEC are committed to sponsoring exceptional, world-class learning outcomes for our Fulbrighters, by attracting the best and brightest, and offering them the most competitive support package for their overseas educational experience.

In the coming year, the Fulbright Japan team looks forward to implementing historic improvements to our grant opportunities and benefits that will positively impact program quality and Japan-U.S. ties for decades to come.

# Funding Sources

## Primary Contributors

The Fulbright Program in Japan is governed by a bi-national Commission and primarily funded by the governments of Japan and the United States.

## Additional Non-Government Funding

### 1 Funds received through the Fulbright Alumni Foundation:

During FY2023-24, Fulbright Japan received monetary contributions from individuals and private companies in the amount of ¥6,140,000 through the Fulbright Alumni Foundation which enabled Fulbright Japan to provide 6 Fulbright extension grants for Americans.



2 **In Kind Contribution:** In FY2023-24, All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd. (ANA) donated 16 airline tickets and Delta Air Lines, Inc. (Delta) donated 23 airline tickets to Fulbright Japan.



## Hyphenated (Kanmuri) Grants for FY2023-24

### Fulbright-Mikitani Memorial Grant

With a generous donation of ¥90,000,000 from Mr. Mikitani Hiroshi (Mickey), Chairman and CEO of Rakuten, Inc., the Fulbright-Mikitani Memorial Grant was established in 2021. This grant supports selected Japanese grantees for their graduate study in the U.S.

### Fulbright-Miwa Grant

With a generous donation of ¥15,000,000 from Mr. Miwa Toyooki (Tony), President of AT PROGRESS Co., Ltd., the Fulbright-Miwa Grant was established in 2021. This grant supports selected Japanese grantees for their graduate study in the U.S. for their graduate study in the U.S.

### Fulbright-Glen S. Fukushima Fund

With a generous donation of \$1,000,000 from Mr. Glen Fukushima, who is an alum of the U.S.-Japan Fulbright Program (1982 Graduate Research Fellow to the University of Tokyo), the Fulbright Glen S. Fukushima Fund was established in December of 2022. Starting from FY2023, this grant supports one Japanese grantee and one American Graduate Research Fellow for their graduate study in the U.S. and Japan, respectively.

**Fulbright Japan greatly appreciates the generous contributions from all contributors.**

# FY2023-24 Grant & Graphic Data

## American Grantees

Lecturing Program, Lecturing/Research Program, Research Program, Journalist Program, Graduate Research Fellow Program, Fulbright Fellow Program, International Education Administrators (IEA) Seminar, and Fulbright Specialist Program

\* Some grantees are affiliated with one or more Japanese institutions.

\*\* Participants in the IEA Seminar travel to various institutions across Japan as a group.

### Miyagi

-Tohoku U

### Chiba

-Chiba U of Commerce

### Tokyo

-Aoyama Gakuin U \*  
-Hitotsubashi U \*  
-Hosei U \*  
-International Christian U  
-J. F. Oberlin U \*  
-Komazawa U  
-Kyoritsu Women's U \*  
-Meiji U

-National Inst of Informatics  
-Rikkyo U  
-Senshu U  
-Sophia U \*  
-Tsuda U \*  
-U of Tokyo \*  
-Waseda U

### Kanagawa

-Inst for Global Environmental Strategies  
-Tokai U \*  
-Yokohama National U \*

### Aichi

-Nagoya U

### Shiga

-Japan Center for Michigan \*

### Kyoto

-Kyoto U

### Osaka

-Osaka U \*  
-Asia Press International \*

### Okayama

-Okayama U

### Hiroshima

-Hiroshima U

### Fukuoka

-Kyushu U

### Okinawa

-U of the Ryukyus

## 42 American Grantees



## Japanese Grantees

Research Program, Doctoral Dissertation Research Program, Graduate Study Program, and Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program

\*Some grantees are affiliated with one or more U.S. institutions.

### California

-Southern California Inst of Architecture  
-U of California, Berkeley  
-U of Southern California

### Georgia

-Emory U

### Iowa

-U of Iowa

### Massachusetts

-Emerson Coll  
-Harvard U \*  
-Massachusetts Inst of Technology \*  
-U of Massachusetts, Boston

### Minnesota

-Carleton Coll

### Mississippi

-Mississippi Valley State U

### New Jersey

-Rutgers U

### New York

-SUNY, Albany  
-Cornell U  
-New York U

### North Carolina

-U of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

### Pennsylvania

-U of Pennsylvania  
-U of Pittsburgh

### Texas

-U of Texas, Dallas

### Virginia

-George Mason U  
-Virginia Polytechnic Inst and State U

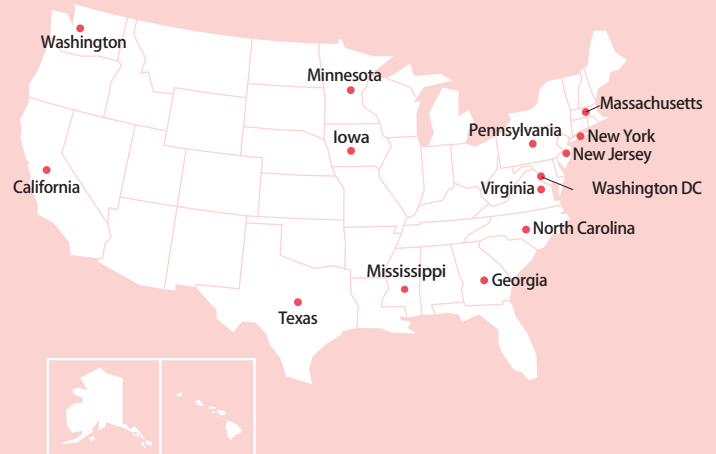
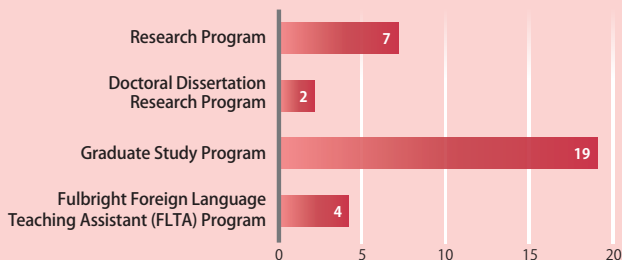
### Washington

-U of Washington

### Washington DC

-Georgetown U

## 32 Japanese Grantees



# Introduction of the FY2023-24 American Grantees

Home institution and research topic are at the time of application



## LAST, First name

Home Institution

Host Institution  
Academic Discipline  
Research Topic

## Lecturing Program



### ADAMS Maren

Oxford Coll of Emory U

Hiroshima U  
Area Studies  
*New technologies of transmission in post-bomb Japan*



### DAVIS Evan R.

Hampden-Sydney Coll

Tsuda U  
Hosei U  
American Literature  
*Telling images: American identities in satire and graphic novels*



### GINSBERG Lesley E.

U of Colorado Colorado Springs

U of Tokyo  
Aoyama Gakuin U  
Sophia U  
American Literature  
*Teaching nineteenth-century American literature and information literacy using digital resources*



### HOWELL James P.

Florida State U

Tokai U  
J. F. Oberlin U  
Communication  
*American values and public rhetoric*



### LEE Julia

Loyola Marymount U

U of the Ryukyus  
English & American Literature  
*Teaching African American literature and Asian American literature in Japan*



### LITVACK Faith

Florida State Coll at Jacksonville

Yokohama National U  
Kyoritsu Women's U  
Law  
*A snapshot of the American legal system*



### PITTS Jonathan

Ohio Northern U

U of the Ryukyus  
American Literature  
*The practice and power of narrative in the lives of communities*

## Lecturing/Research Program



### QU Ming

Purdue U

U of Tokyo  
Architectural Engineering  
*Data-driven building load prediction & active-learning enhanced architectural engineering education*



### SMITH Charles E.

North Carolina State U

Osaka U  
Engineering & Statistics  
*Statistical and stochastic modeling of postural sway during quiet standing in health and disease*



# Introduction of the FY2023-24 American Grantees

## Research Program



**BEAMER Jennifer**  
Claremont Colls Consortium

National Inst of Informatics  
Library Science  
*Open Access Infrastructure for Scholarly Information: Ecosystem of Platforms and Assessment in Japan*



**BRAGUINSKY Serguey**  
U of Maryland-Coll Park

Osaka U  
Hitotsubashi U  
Economics  
*Engineering human capital in technology adoption and discovery: Impact on Japan's industrialization*



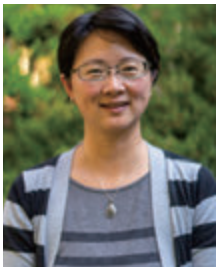
**CAMPBELL Wesley C.**  
U of California, Los Angeles

Osaka U  
Applied Physics  
*Trapped ion quantum information processing and quantum sensing*



**JAFFE Richard M.**  
Duke U

Komazawa U  
Japanese History  
*D. T. Suzuki: A biography*



**YANG Yizhao**  
U of Oregon

Inst for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)  
Urban & Regional Planning  
*Voluntary local review for sustainability competency education: Learning from Japanese cities*

## Journalist Program



**DAVISON Patrick D.**  
U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Japan Center for Michigan Universities  
Asia Press International  
Journalism  
*Culture at a Crossroads: Documentary Video of Japan's Cultural Evolution*

## Graduate Research Fellow Program



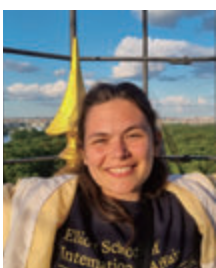
**ALDEN Lani M.**  
U of California, Berkeley

U of Tokyo  
Gender Studies  
*Mediated body, mediated mind: The trans Onnagata*



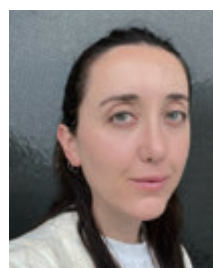
**BELL Stephanie A.**  
Columbia U

Waseda U  
Religious Studies  
*Japanese Buddhist temples and museums -- Mutual influences, interactions, and enactions*



**CONN Edith A.**  
At Large

U of the Ryukyus  
Environmental Studies  
*Climate impacts on Japanese Okinawan fishing communities*



**HERRING Rachel K.A.**  
Middlebury Inst of Int'l Studies at Monterey

Kyushu U  
Environmental Studies  
*Building resilience in Kyushu's rural communities with the clean energy transition [Fulbright-National Geographic Fellowship]*



**LEVINE Rachel S.**  
U of California, Santa Barbara

Sophia U  
Gender Studies  
*Breaking open the black box: Shifting sexual violence discourse, policy, and praxis [Fulbright-Glen S. Fukushima Fund]*



**MENDERS Trevor H.**  
Harvard U

Osaka U  
Art History  
*Moving and meaning: Painting, politics, and performance in late medieval Japan*

## Graduate Research Fellow Program (continued)



**NIELSEN Anna A.**

U of California, Berkeley

Okayama U  
Archaeology  
*Subsistence strategies in Japan's Kofun period: Sustainability and disaster prevention*



**OMAR Elijah Y.**

U of Washington

Sophia U  
Anthropology  
*Digital popular culture and contemporary identity formation dynamics in Japan*



**PENNER Daniel**

Columbia U

Waseda U  
Japanese Literature  
*Languages of critical enlightenment: Science, aesthetics, and literature in Meiji Japan*



**WHATLEY Katherine**

Stanford U

Waseda U  
Japanese Literature  
*When poems were songs: Performing poetics in premodern Japan*



**ZIMMERMAN Holden**

Yale U

Senshu U  
Japanese History  
*The Japanese red cross in global perspective: Nation, empire, and nurses*

## Fulbright Fellow Program



**CHANG-CHIEN Connie**

Johns Hopkins U

Nagoya U  
Biomedical Engineering  
*Epileptic seizure prediction via deep learning algorithms*



**HAMM Sage M.**

Indiana U-Bloomington

International Christian U  
Music Studies  
*Reclaiming the Japanese identity in post-WWII classical music education*



**JORDAN Matthew**

Drake U

Tohoku U  
Religious Studies  
*Lived religion: Ethnographic studies of modern Shinto across Japan's generational divide*



**OCONE Paul**

U of Maryland-Baltimore County

Meiji U  
Anthropology  
*Negotiating subcultural identity and openness in otaku spaces*



**SMALL Andrew**

Northeastern U

Waseda U  
Political Science  
*Nuclear power, development, and state-local relations in rural Japan*



# Introduction of the FY2023-24 American Grantees

## International Education Administrators (IEA) Seminar



**COOK Abby**  
Montana State U Billings



**DEGNAN Regina M.**  
Columbia U



**FERNANDEZ-VILLA Jennifer D.**  
U of North Carolina, Wilmington



**INGLEBY Shannon**  
Kirkwood Community Coll



**JACQUES Andra**  
U of California, San Diego



**LINDSAY Alexander**  
U of Vermont



**ROSS Camala**  
Case Western Reserve U

## Fulbright Specialist Program



**FISCHER Steven**  
Northwestern U  
  
U of Tokyo  
Communication  
*Cartoon storytelling*



**FRANCIS Daniel**  
New York U  
  
Kyoto U  
Law  
*Competition policy in the digital age*



**KHAZANCHI Deepak**  
U of Nebraska at Omaha  
  
Chiba U of Commerce  
Computer & Information Science  
*Crisis management: Fast response virtual team*



**LUND DEAN Kathy**  
Gustavus Adolphus Coll  
  
Rikkyo U  
Business Management & Administration  
*Developing scholarly competencies*

# Introduction of the FY2023-24 Japanese Grantees

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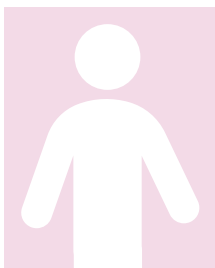


## LAST, First name

Home Institution

Host Institution  
Academic Discipline  
Research Topic

## Research Program



### AKIMOTO Naoko

Rikkyo U

Harvard U  
Comparison of Legal Systems  
*Torts and administrative compensation responding to scientific uncertainty in the U.S. and Japan*



### KAWASHIMA Kyosuke

Rikkyo U

U of California, Berkeley  
Criminal Law & Procedure  
*Comparative studies on the search and seizure of electronic evidence in the U.S. and Japan*



### KIKUCHI Kimiyo

Kyushu U

Harvard U  
Public Health & Community Health  
*Predictive model of the continuum of care in maternal and child health to achieve the SDGs*



### MORI Yuichiro

Hokkaido U

Harvard U  
Law  
*A Legal-philosophical inquiry into affirmative action in health care allocation*



### MORIIZUMI Satoshi

Nanzan U

U of Washington  
Intercultural Communication  
*Intergroup relations and intergroup ideologies in the multicultural society: A Japan-U.S. comparison*



### NOMURA Nao

Saitama U

U of Massachusetts, Boston  
American Studies  
*The study on identity politics of ex-Amish*



### SAKAI Takayuki

Kobe U

Cornell U  
Business & Management  
*A comparison of technology commercialization and startups in universities between Japan and the U.S.*

## Doctoral Dissertation Research Program



### NAGASAWA Makoto

Saitama U

U of Southern California  
Higher Education  
*The rise and evolution of private universities in southern California: Seeking a successful model*



### SUZUKI Aimi

U of Tokyo

Cornell U  
English & American Literature  
*The representation of house and the domesticity in American novels at the turn of the century*

# Introduction of the FY2023-24 Japanese Grantees

## Graduate Study Program



### ASANO Wakana

IBM Japan, Ltd.

Georgetown U  
Public Administration  
*A study of easing regulations for the enhancement of digital transformation and innovation*  
[Fulbright-Mikitani Memorial Grant]



### ASHIDA Yumi

Yahoo Japan Corp.

U of Washington  
Engineering Design  
*Human-centered design and engineering for user-friendly digital products and positive social impact*



### FUSE Keiko

Atsumi & Sakai

U of Pennsylvania  
Labor Law  
*Solve gender gap in Japan by considering relevant laws and cases in the U.S.*  
[Fulbright-Mikitani Memorial Grant]



### HIGA Tetsuya

Horizon Japan Int'l Sch.

Harvard U  
International Education  
*Administration of international schools and education policies in accreditation organizations*



### HIRATA Sawako

U of Tokyo

Harvard U  
Law  
*Litigation by state attorneys general and other government entities in the U.S.*  
[Fulbright-Glen S. Fukushima Grant]



### ISEKI Satsuki

U of Tokyo

Rutgers U  
Interpersonal & Speech Communication  
*Conversational storytelling between unacquainted interactants as a means of getting acquainted*



### KATO Kaho

Nihonkai General Hospital

U of Pittsburgh  
Public Health & Community Health  
*Study how to improve accessibility to genetic counseling in rural areas*  
[Fulbright-Miwa Grant]



### KAWASAKI Takaya

NHK, Japan Broadcasting Corp.

Emerson Coll  
Communications & Journalism  
*New expressions for digital age: Studying the American cinematic approach to journalism*  
[Fulbright-Mikitani Memorial Grant]



### KITAJIMA Nobuya

Keio Sr. HS

U of Pennsylvania  
Education  
*Content and language integrated learning (CLIL) instruction and curriculum design based on SLA*  
[Fulbright-Mikitani Memorial Grant]



### KOHARA Kanako

Kyushu U

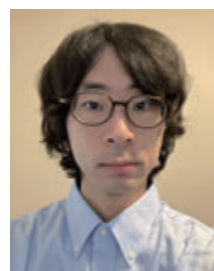
Virginia Polytechnic Inst and State U  
Architectural Design  
*The urban environment in Washington DC and architecture design to adapt to the future environment*



### MIYAUCHI Ei

PwC Advisory LLC

U of Iowa  
Sociology  
*Racism as embedded daily microaggression: Focusing on invisibility in contemporary Japan*



### MORITA Kazuma

Hitotsubashi U

SUNY, Albany  
Comparative Literature  
*Comparative study of "the poetic" in American and Japanese literature in the 1960s and 70s*



# Introduction of the FY2023-24 Japanese Grantees

## Graduate Study Program (continued)



**MORITA Risa**  
Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

Cornell U  
Business & Management  
*Possibilities of solving next generation supply chain issues through IT management system*



**NAKAMURA Tsukasa**  
Monitor Deloitte

Massachusetts Inst of Technology  
Harvard U  
Business Management & Administration  
*Business transformation through M&A and alliances of U.S. companies*  
[Fulbright-Mikitani Memorial Grant]



**NOHARA Hiina**  
Fukey

Southern California Inst of Architecture  
Architecture  
*Developing new methods of visual representation in the architectural design process*



**OGAWA Satoshi**  
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto

New York U  
Law  
*How to ensure data compliance in light of the data privacy laws in the U.S.*  
[Fulbright-Mikitani Memorial Grant]



**OHNISHI Satoshi**  
Waseda U

U of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
American Literature  
*Interdisciplinary studies of mid-nineteenth-century American literature and photography*



**TAKAHASHI Akane**  
U of Tokyo

U of Southern California  
American History  
*Multiethnic labor unionism in agricultural fields and canneries during the 1930s-1940s U.S.*



**TERASAWA Hiro**  
Hitotsubashi U

Emory U  
English & American Literature  
*A study on the images of disability in the twentieth century American Southern literature*

## Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program



**AMANO Naoko**  
Kumanomae Elementary Sch.

Carleton Coll



**FUKUYAMA Kaori**  
Fukuoka Prefectural Genkai Sr. HS

Mississippi Valley State U



**MAMIYA Yuriko**  
TV TOKYO Corporation / TV TOKYO Communications

George Mason U



**TAMAKOSHI Yuki**  
Kanagawa Prefectural Kanai HS

U of Texas, Dallas

# Activity Highlights

## Post-arrival orientations for FY2023 American Grantees

Orientation for American Lecturers, Lecturer/Researchers, and Fulbright Fellows was held in Tokyo on September 12-14, 2023. On the evening of September 13, Welcome Reception was held at Meiji Kinenkan, the first in-person welcome reception for nearly four years.

## FY2023 American Grantee Funded through Fulbright-National Geographic Society Award

Ms. Rachel Herring (Graduate Research Fellow at Kyushu University) was awarded as one of five Fulbrighters worldwide to receive full funding by the National Geographic Society. Awards are given to U.S. Fulbrighters exploring globally pressing issues in their research.

## FY2023 American Grantee Mid-Year Conference and National Diet Tour

Mid-Year Conferences for FY2023 American grantees was held on March 14 for Lecturing and Lecturing/Research Programs and March 16 for Fulbright Fellow Program. On March 15, 2024, grantees toured the National Diet Building and met Fulbright alumnus the Honorable YAMASHITA Takashi, Member of the House of Representatives and former Minister of Justice.

## FY2024 Japanese Grantee Orientations and Send-Off Reception

Following the Pre-Departure Orientation on June 5, 2024, a Send-Off Reception was held at the U.S. Ambassador Rahm Emanuel's Residence.

## Newly Upgraded FY2025 Fulbright Programs for Japanese Grantees

The Commission made two significant policy changes starting with the FY2025 announcement for Japanese applicants: 1) expanding eligible fields of study to include natural and applied sciences (including engineering) for the first time in over 50 years, and 2) restoring full-tuition benefit for first-year graduate study in the U.S., removing the existing tuition benefit cap of \$40,000.



FY2025 announcement for Japanese applicants

## Renewed Engagement with Alumni

To spread the word about the policy change, Fulbright Japan conducted alumni networking events in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka in March 2024. Several promotional videos were released as well. Fulbright alumna Foreign Minister KAMIKAWA Yoko delivered a video message in Japanese to inspire and motivate the next best and brightest generation to apply for the Fulbright Program. She mentioned the program update, including reopening the STEM fields for Japanese applicants. Fulbright Japan supported producing 4 Japanese Fulbrighter's testimonial videos sponsored by the U.S. Embassy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouT2gmWv4mk>

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2dFZopWZFCJvD10Ve72ErtX4WXs3ITHg&si=-Y4LMdd-TTnd4MRf>



Promotional video by Foreign Minister KAMIKAWA Yoko



Promotional videos by 4 Fulbrighters



Alumni Networking Event in Nagoya (March 1, 2024)



Alumni Networking Event in Osaka (March 19, 2024)



Alumni Networking Event in Tokyo (March 8, 2024)



## Fulbright Highlighted as Japan-U.S. Bilateral Priority

Fulbright Japan's program upgrades were featured in the joint statement issued by U.S. President Joseph Biden and Japanese Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio in Washington, DC, on April 10, 2024, during Prime Minister Kishida's State Visit to the United States.

"We recognize the significant contributions made by the binational Japan-U.S. Educational Commission (Fulbright Japan) over the past 72 years. We welcome recent changes to upgrade the program by reopening scholarships to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields for the first time in 50 years, with the first STEM students on track to participate in academic year 2025-26, as well as removing the tuition cap for Japanese Fulbright participants to attract the highest quality students and researchers."

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/10/united-states-japan-joint-leaders-statement/>



## The Follow-on Conference of Teacher Exchange Program Alumni

The final closeout segment was completed August 9-14, 2023, in Portland, Maine, with 9 American and 7 Japanese alumni teachers visiting local schools as counterparts to their 2022 week-long program in Japan.

### EducationUSA

EducationUSA is a global network run by the U.S. State Department, comprising advising centers that officially promote study abroad in the U.S. For FY2023, one JUSEC staff member has been working with the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo to assist in implementing the EducationUSA program in Japan. The annual EducationUSA College Fair was held in Tokyo on September 23, 2023.



## 2023

### July

- 15 FY2024 Japanese Fulbright Grant\* Competition (excluding FLTA Program) - Application Close
- 31 FY2024 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program Application Close

### August

- 28 Interview for FY2024 FLTA Competition

### September

- 12 Post-arrival orientations for FY2023 American Grantees
- 14 Welcome Reception for FY2023 American Grantees
- 13 Welcome Reception for FY2023 American Grantees

### October

Interview/Screening for FY2024 Japanese Fulbright Grant\* Competition (excluding FLTA Program)

### November

### December

## 2024

### January

- 11 Information Session for FY2024 Japanese Fulbright Grant Candidates

### February

FY2025 Japanese Fulbright Grant\* Competition Announcement Release (excluding FLTA Program) JUSEC website renewal

### March

- 1 Online Registration Open for FY2025 Japanese Fulbright Grant Competition
- 1 Fulbright Alumni Networking Event in Nagoya
- 8 Fulbright Alumni Networking Event in Tokyo
- 14 & 21 Mid-Year Conference for FY2023 American Grantees in Japan
- 15 National Diet Tour for FY2023 American Grantees
- 19 Fulbright Alumni Networking Event in Osaka

### April

- 3/16 Exhibition on Japan-U.S. Fulbright Program at Tokyo Metropolitan Central Library
- 4/3
- 12 FY2025 FLTA Program Competition Announcement Release

### May

- 1 Online Registration Close for FY2025 Japanese Fulbright Grant Competition

### June

- 1 FY2025 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program Application Close
- 5 Pre-departure Orientation and Send-Off Reception for FY2024 Japanese Grantees
- 16 FY2024 International Education Administrators (IEA) Seminar in Tokyo and Hiroshima
- 29

\*Grant Categories for "Research", "Journalist", "Dissertation Research" and "Graduate Study."

# Financial Reports

## THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION June 30, 2024

	(Thousands of yen)
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	783,452
Prepaid rent expenses	23,018
Other current assets	8,468
Property and equipment	12,192
Guarantee deposit	700
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>827,831</b>
Liabilities:	
Grants payable in future years	13,487
Deferred revenue	241,924
Other current liabilities	9,045
Accrued employee retirement benefits	114,808
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>379,266</b>
Net Assets:	
The Program Operation Fund	448,565
The JUSEEPF Program Operation Fund	-
The Japan-U.S. Educational Exchange Program Fund	-
Mikitani Memorial Grant	-
Miwa Grant	-
Fukushima Fund	-
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>448,565</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>827,831</b>

The accompanying financial statements of the Japan-United States Educational Commission (Fulbright Japan), as of June 30, 2024 and for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information; have been audited by our external auditors, Forvis Mazars Japan Audit LLC.

## THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year ended June 30, 2024

	(Thousands of yen)
Changes in unrestricted net assets:	
Revenues and gains -	
Contributions from governments	645,648
Contributions from JUSEEPF	6,140
Contributions from governments for the Japan-U.S. Educational Exchange Program Fund	8,354
Contributions from Mr. Mikitani	30,000
Contributions from Mr. Miwa	5,000
Contributions from Mr. Fukushima	21,036
Contributions from airlines	6,971
Interest income	1
Foreign exchange gains, net	28,318
Others	130
<b>Total revenues and gains</b>	<b>751,601</b>
Expenses -	
Grant Programs:	
Grants to Americans	
International education administrators	5,836
Researchers	28,554
Lecturers / Researchers	47,308
Graduate research fellows	65,761
Fulbright fellows	17,812
Prior year adjustments	(4,483)
	<b>160,790</b>
Grants to Japanese	
Researchers	46,324
Graduate students	226,838
Foreign language teaching assistant	2,770
Prior year adjustments	(1,085)
	<b>274,847</b>
The Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Programs	
Program cost in Japan	4,178
Other expenses	4,285
	<b>8,464</b>
Non-Grant Programs	
Grant related costs for Americans	2,397
Grant related costs for Japanese	4,221
Public relations activities	8,370
	<b>14,989</b>
Administrative expenses	<b>203,812</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>662,904</b>
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	88,696
Net assets at beginning of year	359,868
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b>448,565</b>



The 2023 American Fulbrighters gathered with Commission Members, Alumni and Donors at the Meiji Kinenkan upon their arrival to Japan.



The next class (2024-2025) of Japanese Fulbrighters gathered with Commission Members, Alumni and Donors at the residence of U.S. Ambassador Rahm Emanuel prior to their departure for the U.S.  
Photo Credit: U.S. Embassy

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