

Activities of the Association During 1981–1985

1981–82

The Japanese Association for American Studies held its 16th annual convention at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies on March 30–31, 1982. The program included a general session, two symposiums, and two group sessions. At the general session, chaired by Nobunao Matsuyama of Doshisha University, three members read their papers: Mari Miura (History, Teikyo University), “The Turning Point of Plymouth Colony: Social Changes Around 1627”; Kei-jiro Unoki (Literature/ Thought, Chiba University), “Jack London’s Criticism of Civilization”; and Shigeo Hamano (Literature, Tohoku University), “The Changes in Internal Conflicts among the First and Second Generation New York Jews as Seen in Literature: An Interdisciplinary Perspective.”

Following the general session, a presidential address was given by Makoto Saito (JAAS President, 1980–82) on “What Was Meant by ‘Independence’ in the Declaration of Independence?” The first symposium, chaired by Kaname Saruya of Tokyo Woman’s Christian University, featured “Ethnic Japanese in North and South America.” The panelists were Kazuo Takenaka (University of Tsukuba), Yukio Morita (Aichi Prefectural University), Fumio Nakagawa (University of Tsukuba), and Kazuo Ito (the Overseas Japanese Association). Because of the broad interest in the topic, the symposium saw a lively discussion between the panel and the floor, which included a large number of non-member participants.

The second symposium, chaired by Motoo Kaji of the University of Tokyo, was entitled “The American Views of Capitalism.” Eisaku Kihira (Nanzan University), Yosuke Murakami (Kyoto Municipal University), and Takashi Konami (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies) served on the panel.

Of the two separate group sessions, one featured “The United States and Asia: Sino-U.S. Relations” under the chairmanship of Tadashi Aruga of Hitotsubashi University. Shigeru Usami (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies) and Kenji Takita (Chuo University) read their respective papers, and Motoyuki Takamatsu (Tezukayama University) acted as a commentator. Another group session, entitled “Sexual Relationships in Contemporary American Society,” was a truly interdisciplinary meeting, with a large audience including many non-members. Chaired by Yoshimitsu Ide of the University of Tsukuba, the session heard presentations by Konomi Ara (Chuo University), Masao Shimura (Tokyo

University of Foreign Studies), and Koichiro Fujikura (University of Tokyo).

Also during the convention, the JAAS Board of Directors, which had been newly elected in January 1982, elected Akira Imazu as President, and Motoo Kaji and Nagayo Homma as Vice-Presidents for the term 1982–84. In addition, the Board elected five Executive Directors: Tadashi Aruga, Takashi Hirano, Yoshimitsu Ide, Nobunao Matsuyama, and Kensaburo Shinkawa.

As for the publication activities for the year 1981–82, Vol. 16 of the annual *Amerika kenkyu* [the American Review] came out in March 1982. This issue featuring the 1930s included six articles related to the topic: “American Society of the 1930s in Retrospect” by Kensaburo Shinkawa, “Niebuhr and the New Deal” by Yasuo Furuya, “Howard Kester: A Christian Radical in the 1930s South” by Eiichi Akimoto, “Changes in Urban Growth in the United States” by Mineaki Kanno, “Lillian Hellman as a Playwright of the 1930s” by Misako Koike, “Dreiser on the Jews; or ‘Is Dreiser Anti-Semitic?’ ” by Hideo Higuchi, and “American Music of the 1930s: Popular Songs, Guthrie and Country Songs” by Yokichi Miyamoto. Other articles with individual topics included: “H.D. Thoreau and ‘the Spirit of Place’ ” by Minoru Iida, “An Approach to Auschwitz: On William Styron’s *Sophie’s Choice*” by Hisao Kawai, “The Grimke Sisters: Abolitionists from the South” by Hisako Yanaka, “The ‘Crisis of 1755–56’ in Colonial Pennsylvania History: A Study of the Quaker ‘Reformation’ and the Rise of Quaker Pacifism” by Tetsuko Kawahara, and “The Maine Law of 1851: How the Prohibitionists Made It” by Masaru Okamoto. Furthermore, two research notes were contributed: “Jonathan Edwards and A.D. 2000” by Toru Iijima and “Analysis of Presidential Character: The Barber-Thesis and Its Critique” by Tetsuya Umemoto.

In addition to the *Amerika kenkyu*, Number 1 of the English-language *Japanese Journal of American Studies* was published in May 1982 under the editorship of Tadashi Aruga of Hitotsubashi University. The first issue, featuring “United States Policy toward East Asia, 1945–1950,” contained five related articles: “American Policy towards Japan’s ‘Unconditional Surrender’ ” by Makoto Iokibe, “MacArthur’s Proposal for an Early Peace with Japan and the Redirection of Occupation Policy toward Japan” by Takeshi Igarashi, “The Road to San Francisco: The Shaping of American Policy on the Japanese Peace Treaty” by Chihiro Hosoya, “The Truman Administration and Indochina: Case Studies in Decision Making” by Seigen Miyasato, and “The Korean War: An Interpretive Essay” by Yonosuke Nagai. Sadao Asada contributed a review article “Recent Works on the American Occupation of Japan: The State of the Art.”

Further, the quarterly *JAAS Newsletter*, Nos. 61–64, were published during the year. Another major accomplishment of the Association for the year was the publication of Volumes 6, in November 1981, and 7, in January 1982, of *Genten Amerika-shi* [A Documentary History of the American People]

(Tokyo, Iwanami, 1950–1982). Many of the JAAS members had provided their services in translation and preparing annotations for the material, and with these last two volumes, the series is now complete to benefit a large number of students and scholars of American Studies in Japan.

1982–83

The 17th annual convention met at Doshisha Women's University in Kyoto on April 1–2, 1983. At the general session, chaired by Shoichi Oshimo of Doshisha University, four papers on individual topics were presented: "The Colonial Trade Structure and the Chesapeake Economy" by Kenkichi Omi (Economics, graduate student, Doshisha University); "U.S.-Japan Relations at the Turn of the Century: The General Electric Co. and Japan" by Yoshikatsu Hayashi (History, Meiji University); "A Religio-sociological and Demographic Analysis of the Mormon Religion" by Machiko Takayama (History, graduate student, University of Texas); and "Obstructive Factors in the U.S.-Japan Cultural Exchange" by Yasushi Sugiyama (International Relations, Aoyama Gakuin University). Also included in the program for the first day of the convention was a special lecture by guest speaker Thomas J. McCormick of the University of Wisconsin. Professor McCormick's presentation entitled "Drift or Mastery? A Corporatist Synthesis for American Diplomatic History" was followed by a discussion session in which the speaker was joined by three discussants: Takeshi Matsuda (Osaka University of Foreign Studies), Tadashi Aruga (Hitotsubashi University), and Takeshi Igarashi (University of Tokyo). Kensaburo Shinkawa of the University of Tokyo chaired the session.

On the second day of the program, the convention offered three symposiums. Symposium A, "The American West: Its Dreams and Realities," was chaired by Kenzaburo Ohashi of Tsurumi University. The panelists included Yasuo Okada (Keio University), Yasuo Hashiguchi (Fukuoka University), and Takashi Sasaki (Doshisha University). Concurrently, Symposium B was held on the topic of "American Higher Education: Recent Trends." Chaired by Fujio Ikado of the University of Tsukuba, three panelists, Kazuhiko Kitamura (Hiroshima University), Izo Shimizu (Obirin University), and Takako Hirano (Musashino Women's University), presented their views. Following the example of the 14th JAAS Annual Convention in 1980, which featured "The 1960s in America," Symposium C dealt with "The 1970s in America" with particular emphasis on the economy, the Supreme Court decisions on the equality issue, and the diverse literary activities in the postindustrial society. Chaired by Akira Imazu of Kyoto Women's University, the panel members were Yasuo Sakakibara (Doshisha University), Taisuke Kamata (Doshisha University), and Namiko Baba (Kobe Jogakuin University).

In the area of publication during the year, Vol. 17 of the *Amerika kenkyu* [the American Review] was published in March 1983. The volume contained

four articles related to the topic "Sex in America": "Sex Roles in Colonial and Revolutionary America" by Norio Akashi, "Beyond Male Fantasy: Female Sexuality in American Literature" by Noriko Mizuta, "American Literature and Male Homosexuality" by Masao Shimura, and "Woman Suffrage and the Progressive Movement: A Case Study of Bell C. La Follette of Wisconsin" by Nagako Sugimori.

Four other articles contributed to the volume included: "Sciences and Theology: Conflicts and Coexistence in the 1720s" by Fumiko Nomura, "The Gilmans and *The Rose Bud*: Northern Intellectuals in the Antebellum South" by Setsuko Takahashi, "Lillian D. Wald and Visiting Nursing" by Keiko Nakamura, and "Congress and the Japanese Peace Settlement" by Tetsuya Umemoto. Also for the year 1982-83, the JAAS *Newsletter*, Nos. 65-68, were published.

Occasionally the Association sponsors seminars and symposiums to further broaden the horizon of American Studies in Japan. In 1982, seven such seminars were given: "Historical Background of the Civil Rights Revolution" by Stanley I. Kutler of the University of Wisconsin (April 21), "The Meaning of the American Constitution in the World Today" by George A. Billias of Clark University (May 19), "American History and Autobiographical Studies" by Donald Bartlett (June 12), "The History of the American Policy toward East Asia" by Raymond A. Esthus of Tulane University (June 16), "The Present Condition of American Politics" by Walter D. Burnham of MIT (September 1), "Canada's Cultural Nationalism and the United States" by George Ramsey Cook of York University (September 7), and "Recent Trends in American Social History" by Tamara K. Hareven of Clark College (October 24).

As of March 31, 1983, the JAAS membership reached 600.

1983-84

The 18th annual convention of the Association was held at the University of Tsukuba in Ibaragi Prefecture on March 30-31, 1984. The program included two general sessions, four group sessions, and a symposium. In General Session A, chaired by Katsuhiro Jinzaki of Hiroshima University, four papers were read: "Effect of the Holocaust on Jewish American Writers" by Chinami Daikuhara (Literature, graduate student, University of Tsukuba); "Changes in Ludwig Lewisohn" by Hajime Sasaki (Literature, Tohoku University); "On 'Black Blood' in the Faulkner Novels" by Ryo Haraguchi (Literature, Kyushu University); and "Helene Hanff and her *84, Charing Cross Road*" by Hajime Haga (Literature, Fukushima Medical University). In General Session B, held concurrently with Session A, there were five presentations of papers under the chairmanship of Kensaburo Shinkawa of the University of Tokyo: "On the Formation of Public Opinion Concerning the Maine Law" by Kikuyo Tanaka (History, graduate student, Kansei Gakuin University); "Dulles' Diplomacy

toward Vietnam: The First Indochina War and the Strains in the U.S.-French Alliance” by Hiroshi Matsuoka (History, graduate student, University of Tsukuba); “On the Concept of Religious Denomination” by Fujiko Shibata (History, graduate student, University of Tsukuba); “The Progressive Movement and the World Peace: The Case of Belle C. La Follette” by Nagako Sugimori (History, Tokyo Woman’s Christian University); and “All-Black Communities: Their Development and Significance” by Shinji Watanabe (History, Kitakyushu University).

In Group Session A, on “Literature and ‘Zeitgeist,’” Toshio Watanabe (University of Tokyo), Taro Shimada (University of Tokyo), and Iwao Iwamoto (University of Tsukuba) discussed American literature in the contexts of the 18th century, the American Renaissance, and the mid-20th century, respectively. Koji Oi of Kansei Gakuin University acted as chairperson. Group Session B, entitled “Urban Liberalism,” was chaired by Kosuke Shimura of Hiroshima University. Following the reports by Hiroshi Tsunematsu (Osaka Industrial University), Osamu Hatori (Seikei University), and Ichiro Sunada (Tokai University), Eisaku Kihira of Kyoto University gave a general comment. Group Session C on “Inter-American Relations,” chaired by Eiichi Shindo of the University of Tsukuba, had two speakers, Yuzo Kamo (Aoyama Gakuin University and Hiroshi Matsushita (Nanzan University). The commentator was Mutsuo Yamada of the University of Tsukuba. Group Session D featured “Language and Society in America.” Chaired by Sachiko Ide of Japan Women’s University, four members gave their papers: Masanori Hiki (University of Tsukuba), Yasuo Kubota (Yamanashi University), Nobuyuki Honna (Kinjo Gakuin University), and Hisao Kanaseki (Komazawa University).

For the symposium on “Recent Directions in American Political and Social Thought,” three Fulbright scholars from the United States served on the panel. Under the chairmanship of Motoo Kaji of the University of Tokyo, Carl B. Becker (University of Southern Illinois/Osaka University), Barbara B. Banker (New York State University/Keio University), and Bert Z. Goodwin (University of Valparaiso/Hokkaido University) gave firsthand reports on some of the critical trends in American thought and ethics, higher education, family life and woman’s role, and government regulatory reforms in recent years. Nagayo Homma of the University of Tokyo gave comments on these reports.

Also during the convention, the election of the JAAS officers for the term 1984–86 was conducted by the Association’s Board of Directors, which had been newly elected earlier in January 1984. The new JAAS President is Motoo Kaji, and Vice-Presidents are Nagayo Homma and Yasuo Sakakibara. The Board also elected Tadashi Aruga, Takashi Hirano, Yoshimitsu Ide, Shoichi Oshimo, and Kensaburo Shinkawa as Executive Directors.

In March 1984, Vol. 18 of the *Amerika kenkyu* [the American Review] was published. This special issue on “The Individual and Collectivity” contained

six articles related to the topic: "The Relationship between the Individual and the Organization in American Group Politics" by Ichiro Sunada, "The Fate of the Adamic Hero in the Early American Novel" by Koji Oi, "Individualism and Organization in American Religion" by Kosho Ikoma, "Rank-and-File Spontaneity versus Organizational Control within the IWW" by Tatsuro Nomura, "The World of the Omaha Platform: Private Property-Ownership and the Cooperative Commonwealth" by Ryo Yokoyama, and "From Particular to General and from General to Particular: The Social and Private Visions of Allen Ginsberg and John Ashbery" by Sachiko Yoshida. In addition, there were three articles with individual topics: "The Aftermath of the White Supremacist Terror: A Black Community in North Carolina and Its Reaction" by Hayumi Higuchi, "The Disappearance of Racial Wage Discrimination toward Japanese Immigrants in the Pacific Northwest: 1890-1915" by Yuzo Murayama, and "Participation in America Revisited: Approach to Socioeconomic Neutrality in Political Participation" by Ikuo Kabashima. Also for the year 1983-84, the *JAAS Newsletter*, Nos. 69-72, were published.

As for the individual seminar activities, Thomas J. McCormick of the University of Wisconsin gave a lecture entitled "From the Washington System to the San Francisco System: Japanese-American Relations, 1921-1951" on April 9, 1983. On September 7, a seminar on "The Characteristics of the Recent American Political Thought" was given by Michael Novak of the American Enterprise Institute.

The membership of the JAAS reached 618 as of March 31, 1984.

1984-85

The 19th annual convention met on March 29-30 at Kansei Gakuin University, located on the hills northwest of Osaka. The program included a general session and two symposiums. During the general session, chaired by Junjiro Amakawa of Kansei Gakuin University, there were three presentations of papers: "'Regionalism' and the American Policy toward Asia during the Truman Administration" by Yoko Yasuhara (History, graduate student, Keio University), "On the Currencies in the Colonial Period" by Kenkichi Omi (Economics, graduate student, Doshisha University), and "The Re-examination of the American Political Party System: On the Party 'Realignment' Theory" by Ka- sumi Fujimoto (Politics, National Diet Library).

In a symposium featuring "Radicalism in America," Tatsuro Nomura (Aichi Prefectural University), Hideyo Naganuma (Tsuda College), Shoichi Izumi (National Diet Library), and Shigeo Hamano (Meisei University), discussed the topic in relation to the 19th-century labor movement, socialism, right-wing activities, and the 20th-century Jewish writers in the United States. Another symposium, "American Myths and American Realities," was an all-day program. In the morning session, chaired by Yoshimitsu Ide of the University of Tsukuba, four

panelists, Shoichi Oshimo (Doshisha University), Yasuo Sakakibara (Doshisha University), Koji Oi (Kansei Gakuin University), and Kazuo Yoshida (Kyoto Industrial University), approached the topic from the standpoints of religion, technology, literature, and popular culture. In the afternoon session, Nagayo Homma (University of Tokyo) joined Yoshimitsu Ide in chairing the symposium, and the topic was further pursued by the panel, discussants Taro Shimada (University of Tokyo) and Shuichiro Nakano (Kansei Gakuin University), and the floor.

In the area of publication, Vol. 19 of the *America kenkyu* [the American Review] came out in March, 1985. Under the special topic "The 1960s," six articles were contributed: "Coping with Changes: Fiction in the Sixties" by Iwao Iwamoto, "The Vietnam War" by Shigeo Fukuda, "Black Political Participation and Its Impact upon Southern Politics in the 1960s: The Case of Georgia" by Yoriko Nakajima, "The Legacies of the Sixties: New Left Historians and U.S. Diplomatic History Today" by Yoko Yasuhara, "The Destruction of the New Orleans Urban Black Community: A Reconsideration of the Reform Mentality in America of the 1960s" by Naohito Okude, and "What Happened in the Sixties: An Evolutionary View" by Yoshiaki Sato. Three other articles contained in the volume were: "The New York Revolution under the 'General Association'" by Katsuro Nakano, "The Politics of La Guardia: A 'Progressive' Politician in the 1920s," and "Dulles on Vietnam: The Strains in the U.S.-French Alliance in the First Indochina War" by Hiroshi Matsuoka. In addition, the volume included two research notes: "The Prohibition Movement as Seen in the Local Newspapers" by Kikuyo Tanaka and "The Resettlement Process of the Japanese Americans, 1942-1952" by Noriko Shimada. Also for the year 1984-85, the *JAAS Newsletter*, Nos. 73-76, were published.

During the year, the JAAS sponsored three individual seminars, inviting scholars from the United States. On June 7, 1984, Clyde Griffen of Vassar College spoke on "Machines as Metaphors for Industrialization: A Critique from the New Social History" at a seminar co-sponsored by the Center for American Studies of the University of Tokyo. On June 23, an all-day American Studies seminar was scheduled, with the U.S. Embassy in Japan as a co-sponsor, inviting Jay Mechling of the University of California, Davis. The program included a workshop on the method of American Studies, and a lecture "A Comparison between Disneyland and Marriott's Great America" and a demonstration session "Relativity Cosmology" by Professor Mechling. On September 20, Jack Lawrence Granatstein of York University spoke on "Canada-U.S. Relations in the Interwar Years" at a seminar co-sponsored by the Japanese Association for Canadian Studies.

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