

Activities of the Association During 1985–1989

1985–86

The Japanese Association for American Studies held its 20th annual meeting at International Christian University on April 1–2, 1986. The program included presentations of papers on individual topics, a symposium, and four group sessions. Chaired by Tetsuko Nakagawa (the University of the Sacred Heart), the program began with three individual papers: “The Trends of the Sunbelt Area” by Katsuji Okachi (Osaka Gakuin University); “Transcendentalism as a Tradition: Harold Bloom’s View of Wallace Stevens” by Shizue Ebine (Ochanomizu University); and “The U.S.-China Cultural Exchange and Its Problems” by Shigeru Usami (Tokyo University of Foreign Languages).

The afternoon program began with a special lecture entitled “Impact of Religion in American Society Today” by guest speaker Harvey Cox of Harvard University. The theme of the lecture was expanded in a symposium on “The Role of Religion in the United States Today.” Yasuo Furuya of International Christian University chaired the symposium, and the panelists included Takeshi Sasaki (University of Tokyo), Koichi Mori (Doshisha University), and Takaaki Ikoma (Kyoto Bunkyo Junior College).

The program on the second day offered four separate sessions. Session A, “The United States and the Pacific Region,” was chaired by Tadashi Aruga of Hitotsubashi University. The panelists were Seigen Miyasato (International University) and Yasukichi Yasuba (Osaka University). Concurrently, Session B was held on the topic of “Americanism in Art.” Chaired by Masao Shimura (Tokyo University of Foreign Languages), Yoshiaki Sato (Tokyo University of Foreign Languages) and Masatake Kondo (Meiji University) presented their views on American music and photography. In the afternoon a presidential address was delivered by Motoo Kaji (JAAS President, 1984–86) on “The Prospects of the American Dollar.” Chaired by Hitoshi Abe of the University of the Air, Session C featuring “Trends of the Sunbelt Area” heard presentations by Tetsuo Abo (University of Tokyo), Howard S. Goldberg (Tokyo University of Foreign Languages), and Shuntaro Ota (Keio University). Session D, “What Women’s Studies Have Accomplished,” was chaired by Kiyotaka Aoyagi of International Christian University. The panel members were Natsuki Aruga (Saitama University), Hiroko Sato (Tokyo Woman’s Christian

University), Koichiro Fujikura (University of Tokyo), and Naohito Okude (Keio University).

Also during the annual meeting, the JAAS Board of Directors, which had been newly elected in January 1986, elected Nagoya Homma as President, and Yoshimitsu Ide and Yasuo Sakakibara as Vice-Presidents for the term 1986–88. In addition, the Board elected five Executive Directors: Hitoshi Abe, Tadashi Aruga, Shoji Goto, Shoichi Oshimo, and Kensaburo Shinkawa.

As for the publication activities for the year 1985–86, Vol. 20 of the annual *Amerika kenkyu* [the American Review] came out in March 1986. This issue focused on minority groups in the United States and included eight articles related to the topic: “Immigrants, Minority Groups, and Ethnic Groups: The Development of Minority-group Theory and the Idea of Ethnicity” by Tsuneo Ayabe; “Ethnicity and Egalitarianism” by Hitoshi Abe; “Negro Colonization in the *Ante Bellum* North” by Tadashige Shimizu; “The ‘Tempest in a Teapot’: The South and Its Reaction to the Roosevelt-Washington Dinner at the White House in October, 1901” by Takahiro Sasaki; “The Particular and the Universal in the Jewish-American Intellectual Scene” by Tetsu Kono; “*Ceremony* as Conducted by a Laguna Woman, L. M. Silko” by Konomi Ara; “Second-Generation Japanese Americans and ‘Americanism’ Prior to World War II” by Hiroshi Yoneyama; and “Feminists of Color and Their Diverse Participation in the U.S. Women’s Movement” by Kazuko Kawachi. Other articles included: “White Child Slavery: Anti-Child Labor Arguments in Late Nineteenth-Century America” by Natsuki Aruga; “America’s Japanese Problems: Summer 1954” by Osamu Ishii; “Universalizing the Monroe Doctrine: Its Attempt and Defeat” by Fumiko Nishizaki; and “Paper Money in the American Mainland Colonies” by Kenkichi Omi.

In addition, the quarterly JAAS *Newsletter* Nos. 77–80 were published during the year. As of March 31, 1986, the JAAS membership reached 633.

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The 21st annual meeting of the Association met at Doshisha University in Kyoto on March 30–31, 1987. Chaired by Yasuo Sakakibara of Doshisha University, four papers on individual topics were presented: “The Regional Development of Philadelphia” by Kenkichi Omi (graduate student, Doshisha University); “Methods for Oral History: Their Relationship with Women’s Studies” by Reiko Futami (International Budo University), “The Constitutionalism of the United States: Integration Through Universalism” by Kotaro Kanai (Nanzan University); and “The Typology in ‘Of Plymouth Plantation’” by Naoki Onishi (International Christian University).

The afternoon program was devoted to the issues surrounding the United States Constitution, commemorating the bicentennial year of its drafting. Session A, “The Emergence and the Development of the American Constitu-

tionalism," was chaired by Hitoshi Abe of the University of the Air. The panelists were Takeshi Kinoshita of Rikkyo University and Koichi Yokota of Kyushu University. Concurrently, Session B focused on "The Society and Culture of Revolutionary America." Chaired by Ken Akiyama of Sophia University, the panelists were Norio Akashi of the University of Tsukuba and Ichiro Hayashi of Doshisha University. These sessions were followed by a special lecture by guest speaker Stanley N. Katz (Princeton University; President, American Council of Learned Societies). Professor Katz's lecture, entitled "The Revolutionary Origins of American Constitutionalism," was chaired by Nagayo Homma of the University of Tokyo.

On the second day of the program, two symposiums were offered. Symposium A, "The Gilded Age: Its People and Culture," was chaired by Tatsuro Nomura of Aichi Prefectural University. The panelists included Koji Oi (Kansei Gakuin University), Yoshiko Takita (University of Tokyo), Yuko Matsumoto (Chiba University), and Yu Takeda (Kyoto Municipal University). Symposium B, featuring "Various Aspects of the U.S.-Japan Cultural Contacts," was chaired by Yoshimitsu Ide of the University of Tsukuba, with presentations by Rui Kohiyama (graduate student, International Christian University), and Tsuneo Ayabe (University of Tsukuba), Yoritaka Inoue (Kokugakuin University).

In the area of publication, Vol. 21 of the *Amerika kenkyu* [the American Review] was published in March, 1987. The volume contained six articles on the topic "The American Dream": "The Character of the American Dream" by Nagayo Homma; "H. Richard Niebuhr's *The Kingdom of God in America* Revisited: The Religious Dimension of the American Dream" by Shoichi Oshimo; "The American Dream: The Case of Woodrow Wilson" by Hidesaburo Kusama; "A Dream of 'the Great Society': LBJ's War on Poverty Revisited" by Wataru Omori; "Huck's Dream, Twain's Despair" by Shoji Goto; and "The Popular Magazine Called 'Success' in the United States and Japan: A Comparative Study" by Teruko Kumei. A special article, entitled "The Kingdom of God in America: The Influence of Religion in the U.S.A. Today," was contributed by Harvey Cox of Harvard University, who gave a lecture during the JAAS annual meeting in April, 1986.

Four other articles were: "A Comparative Analysis of the Eisenhower Administration's Responses to Two Taiwan Crises in 1954-1958" by Motoyuki Takamatsu; "Re-Examination of F.D. Roosevelt's China Policy: 1943-1945" by Shigehiro Yuasa; "Virginia State Politics and Party Realignment: The Collapse of the Byrd Machine and the Death of the Democratic Domination" by Kazumi Fujimoto; and "Belle C. LaFollette and the Peace Movement: A Proposal to the Re-Interpretation of the Progressive Movement in the 1920's" by Nagako H. Sugimori. Also for the year 1986-87, the JAAS *Newsletter* Nos. 81-84 were published.

The Association occasionally sponsors seminars and workshops to further stimulate American Studies in Japan. In the year 1986–87, seven such seminars were scheduled for three visiting scholars from the United States. They included “The U.S.-Japan Trade Tension: Its Impact on Japanese Americans” by Ronald Takaki of the University of California, Berkeley (May 28, 1986) and “The Watergate Affair After Twelve Years” by Stanley I. Kutler of the University of Wisconsin (June 2, 1986). Furthermore, five seminars were held in three different cities, featuring Stanley N. Katz of Princeton University: “Studies on the U.S. Laws” (March 16, 1987, Tokyo), “Studies on the American Revolution” (March 17, Tokyo), “Japanese Views on America” (March 18, Tokyo), “Comparative Studies on American Constitutionalism” (March 24, Sapporo), and “Programs for Scholar Exchange” (March 26, Kyoto).

As of March 31, 1987, the JAAS membership reached 691.

1987–88

The 22nd annual meeting of the JAAS was held at Tokyo Woman’s Christian University on March 30–31, 1988. Chaired by Kaname Saruya of Tokyo Woman’s Christian University, three papers on individual topics were presented: “Tocqueville as a Prison Reformer” by Chisako Hara (Junior College of Commerce, Nagasaki University); “Is a New History of the West Possible?” by Kazuhito Oshio (graduate student, University of Tsukuba); and “Ford and Deregulation” by Yasuo Sakakibara (Doshisha University).

The afternoon program began with a presidential address, entitled “American Studies: Challenges and Prospect,” by Nagayo Homma (JAAS President, 1986–88). The address was followed by a symposium “America as a Nation.” Chaired by Makoto Saito of International Christian University, four panelists presented their views. They included Keiji Tajima of Aoyama Gakuin University, Shoji Goto of Rikkyo University, Toyoomi Nagata of Ritsumeikan University, and Fujiaki Kubo of the University of Tsukuba.

The second day of the meeting had two group sessions and a symposium. Session A, “Atlanta,” was chaired by Yoshimitsu Ide of the University of Tsukuba. The panelists were Mineaki Kanno of Saitama University, Hisako Yanako of Toyo Women’s Junior College, and Yasuo Sakakibara of Doshisha University. Session B was entitled “Literature and Biography.” Chaired by Hiroko Sato of Tokyo Woman’s Christian University, presentations were given by Kiyohiko Tsuboi of Okayama University, Tateo Imamura of Tokyo Woman’s Christian University, and Kazuhiko Goto of the University of Tokyo. The afternoon symposium was held on “Today’s Japan-U.S. Relations.” Chaired by Nagayo Homma of the University of Tokyo, presentations were made by Takeshi Igarashi of the University of Tokyo, Soichi Shinohara of Doshisha University, and Hisao Iwashima of Iwate University.

Also during the annual meeting, the JAAS Board of Directors, which had been newly elected in January 1988, elected Yasuo Sakakibara as President, and Yoshimitsu Ide and Shoichi Oshimo as Vice-Presidents for the term 1988–90. The Board also elected five Executive Directors: Hitoshi Abe, Tadashi Aruga, Takeshi Igarashi, Shoji Goto, and Kensaburo Shinkawa.

As for the publication activities for the year 1987–88, Vol. 22 of the annual *Amerika kenkyu* [the American Review] came out in March 1988. This was a special issue on “Fin de Siècle.” Six papers related to the topic were included: “Henry Adam’s Fin de Siècle: Toward the Science of History” by Nobunao Matsuyama; “A Reconsideration of Ignatius Donnelly’s World” by Takashi Hirano; “Turner and Muir” by Yasuo Okada; “The Establishment of the Philippine Gold-Exchange Standard: A View of the Turn of the Century” by Isao Suto; “Josiah Strong and the End of the Nineteenth Century” by Koichi Mori; and “The Midway Plaisance and the World’s Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893: A Cultural History of an Origin of the Design Concept of Fast Food Restaurants” by Naohito Okude. Articles with individual topics were: “*Of Plymouth Plantation*: The function of Typology” by Naoki Onishi; “James Studies Reconsidered: Van Wyck Brooks and F. O. Matthiessen” by Reiko Maekawa; “Military or Economic Assistance: The Japanese Entry into the Mutual Security Program” by Yoko Yasuhara; and “Frontier Children: Childhood Experiences in Kansas, 1860–1900” by Yuko Takahashi. Also for the year 1987–88, the JAAS *Newsletter* Nos. 85–88 were published.

During the year, two seminars were held, inviting scholars from the United States. They included “U.S.-Canada Relations in the Kennedy Era” by Jack L. Granatstein of York University (May 12, 1987) and “The Origins of the American Revolution: A Constitutional Interpretation” by Jack P. Greene of Johns Hopkins University (July 1, 1987).

As of March 31, 1988, the JAAS membership reached 707.

1988–89

The 23rd JAAS annual conference was held at Kobe College on March 30–31, 1989. The program began with two sessions, in which papers on individual topics were read. Chaired by Yoshimitsu Ide of the University of Tsukuba, the first group of presentations included: “Dualism in the Black-American Identity and the Education Problem: The Cases of DuBois, Hannerz, and Valentine” by Masako Nakamura (Kanagawa University); “The Light and the Shadow of Japanese Immigrants: American Economy and the Japanese-American Issei, 1890s–1940s” by Yuzo Murayama (Kansai University of Foreign Languages); and “The Role of the Political Party in a “Divided Government”: The Case of the Democrats Under the Reagan Administration” by Chieko Otsuru (Osaka University of Education). The second group

of papers included: "Fiction and Reality in American Realism Literature: Boston and Howells, James, and Adams" by Shin Saito (Kokusai Gakuin Saitama Junior College) and "Measures Against Sexual Harrassment: With Particular Attention to the Cases in Educational Institutions" by Tetsuya Wada (Mukogawa Women's University).

The afternoon program began with a special lecture, "The Development of Women's Studies in the United States," by guest speaker Linda K. Kerber (University of Iowa; President, American Studies Association). The subject of the lecture was followed by a symposium on "American Studies and Women." Chaired by Natsuki Aruga of Saitama University, Hisako Yanaka (Toyo Women's Junior College), Tatsuro Nomura (Aichi Prefectural University), Chikako Uemura (National Women's Education Center), and Minako Baba (Kobe College) presented their papers. Naohito Okude of Nihon Women's University and Yoshiko Takita of the University of Tokyo served as commentators. Further comments were given by Linda Kerber and Allan M. Winkler of Miami University.

The program on the second day of the conference offered two group sessions and a symposium. Session A, "The Reaganomics and the Government," was chaired by Motoo Kaji of the University of the Air. The panelists were Soichi Shinohara (Doshisha University), Ichiro Sunada (Tokai University), and Toshihiko Hayashi (Osaka University). Session B was held on the topic of "The Family in American Literature." Chaired by Nobunao Matsuyama of Doshisha University, Keiko Beppu (Kobe College), Kiyomi Sasame (Tokyo), and Norioki Ariizumi (Shizuoka Prefectural University) presented their views. The final portion of the program was a symposium entitled "The American Dream and Its Reality: Issues Around Secondary Education." Shoichi Oshimo of Doshisha University acted as chairperson, and the panelists included Naohisa Ichimura (Waseda University), Michio Okamoto (Kobe College), and Tadahiko Abiko (Nagoya University).

As for the publication activities for the year 1988-89, Vol. 23 of the annual *Amerika kenkyu* [the American Review] came out in March 1989. This special issue on "American Heroines" included seven articles related to the topic: "Women with Voices of Their Own: A Study of Two Heroines in Nineteenth-Century America" by Hiroko Sato; "Prayer for the Heathen: Heroines of the Missionary Enterprise" by Rui Kohiyama; "The 'Americanization' of Immigrant Mothers and Daughters" by Yuko Matsumoto; "Class and Sex in the Female Labor Movement: Through the Activities of NWTUL in the Progressive Era" by Osamu Hatori; "Beyond the Virgin and the Temptress: The Hollywood Heroines of the 1930s" by Masako Notoji; "'Conservative Thought' of Justice O'Connor" by Noboru Kosaka; and "Identity and Sex in Contemporary Black Women's Novels: Toni Morrison's *Song of Solomon* and *Tar Baby*" by Naoko Urakawa. Two research notes on individual sub-

jects were also contributed: "Historical Development of the American West Through the Activity of Western Governors' Organizations" by Kazuto Oshio, and "Current Trends in Afro-American Studies: Afrocentric Ideas on Afro-American Culture" by Yasuko Takezawa. For the year 1988-89, the JAAS *Newsletter* Nos. 89-92 were published.

A total of eight seminars were held during the year, inviting the following foreign scholars: "On the Institute of Pacific Relations" by William L. Holland of British Columbia University (April 25, 1988); "Bellamy at One Hundred: Look Backward at How Americans Learned to See Utopia" by Kenneth M. Roemer of the University of Texas, Arlington (June 8, 1988); "American History and Historians in the 20th Century" by John A. Garraty of Columbia University; "Why Do Americans Vote As They Do?" by Raymond E. Wolfinger of the University of California, Berkeley (September 26, 1988); and "The Presidential Election of 1988" by William K. Hall of Bradley University (December 4, 1988). In addition to her special lecture at the JAAS annual meeting, Linda K. Kerber spoke at seminars in several different cities. They included: "The Trend and Problems Concerning American Studies in the United States" (March 20, 1989, Tokyo), "Problems and Prospects of Women's History in America" (March 22, 1989, Saitama), and "History Will Do It No Justice" (March 28, 1989, Kyoto).

As of March 31, 1989, the JAAS membership reached 754.

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