

CONFERENCE NOTES

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- *The Visual History of Korea* can be purchased at Campus Center 105 for \$39.99 plus tax for the book signing.
- Your name tag is your breakfast and lunch ticket.
- Bathroom locations are marked with arrows.
- Because of the packed schedule, anyone needing a brief break is welcome to step out for a few minutes. The Conference will aim to keep PM speakers in their scheduled time for those who want to transition from one room to another.
- Campus Center 106C will have coffee, tea, drinks, and snacks all day.
- Light lunch will be served at Campus Center 106ABC to all registered conference participants.
- Guests can opt to eat at Campus Center 106, outdoor area tables, or the Sand Bar dining areas.

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Second Asian Cultural Studies Conference

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9:30-10:00am Campus Center 106, Registration, Coffee & Pastries
10:00am Campus Center 105

WELCOME

Provost Kimberly Dudas, University of South Carolina Beaufort
Chancellor Al M. Panu, University of South Carolina Beaufort
Mr. John O'Toole, Executive Director, Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation

KEY PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Christopher Baker, Japan External Trade Organization, Los Angeles (JETRO)
Understanding the Basics of Japanese Business Culture
Dr. Olivier Chamel, Florida A&M University
Fulbright Specialist in Japan: Sharing Knowledge and Promoting Cultural Understanding
Ms. Leah Olson, JET Coordinator, Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta
Japan Exchange and Teaching Program, Atlanta JET Desk
Mr. William Fugate, Director of Business Development, The Nichibay Center
Japanese Industry in the State of South Carolina
Mr. Hyungwon Kang, Two-Time Pulitzer Prize Winner Photojournalist, Seoul, South Korea
Korean & Japanese History and Culture, 한국과 일본 역사와 문화
Dr. Greg Choy, Comparative Ethnic Studies Faculty, University of California, Berkeley
Korean and Japanese American Literature
Ms. Jin Cha, Vice President for Global Communications, Hyundai-Seoul
A Message from Hyundai, South Korea presented by Dr. Babet Villena-Alvarez
Mr. Bruce Kim, CEO, HL Mando USA
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12:00pm Light Lunch Served. Campus Center 106. Additional seating outdoors and at the Sand Bar
12:00pm Mr. Hyungwon Kang, Two-Time Pulitzer Prize Winner
Book Signing and Group Pictures. Campus Center 105
12:00pm Ms. Carol Weir, Senior Communications Director, USCB
Cooking Lunch Class: Japanese Sushi/Nori and Korean Kimbap
Campus Center 104, Lazy Lounge (15 limit)
1:00pm Afternoon Sessions
3:45pm Kimberly Dudas, USCB Provost
Ms. Carol Weir & Dr. Babet Villena-Alvarez, Conference Co-Directors
Honorary Ambassadors of Japanese/Korean Culture Certificates Awarded to All.
Swag Gift Bags Distributed and Gift Basket Winners Drawn. Campus Center 105

TIMES	CC 106 A, B, C South Korea - SKALE*	CC 105 Grant Awarded Japanese Culture Lessons 10-minute presentations
1:15-1:35	Ms. Beth Schlieger, <i>Korean Culture in Ceramic Classes: A Year in Review</i>	Prof. Joanna Angell, <i>Moku Hanga (Japanese woodblock Printmaking)</i>
		Dr. Serkan Catma, <i>Japan's Post-War Economic Transformation: A Miraculous Journey</i>
1:35-1:55	Dr. Elizabeth Clarke, <i>Asian Studies Across the Curriculum</i>	Dr. Edward D'Antonio, <i>Japanese Culture and Green Tea: Exploring the Role of the Phytochemical Epigallocatechin-3-Gallate against Dengue Fever Infection</i>
		Dr. Lauren Hoffer & Ms. Kerys Fitzgibbons, <i>Memory, Advocacy, & Artistic Exchange: British & Japanese Poetry on the Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Across Time</i>
1:55-2:15	Ms. Sharon Butts-Butler, <i>Poetry as an Icebreaker</i>	Dr. Cindy Lahar, <i>Living Meaningfully: Psychological Lessons from Japanese Culture</i>
2:15-2:35	Prof. Angela Nadeau, <i>Mukbang and Social Connection: Cultural and Developmental Perspectives in Young Adulthood</i>	Prof. Jeffrey McQuillen, <i>Narrative Structure and Hayao Miyazaki's Princess Mononoke</i>
2:35-2:55	Mr. Roman Czerwinski, <i>South Korea Living in 2084</i>	Dr. Kyle Messick, <i>Hikikomori; Religious Terrorism in Japan</i>
2:55-3:15	Ms. Celeste Cruz-Reyes, <i>Hangeul, the Language of Korea</i>	Prof. Keri Olivetti, <i>Blossoms Across Borders</i>
		Dr. George Pate, <i>Bunraku, Japan's Puppet Theater</i>
		Prof. Libby Ricardo, <i>Noh and the Dramatic Works of William Butler Yeats</i>
		Dr. Caroline Sawyer, <i>Japanese Documentary Film Module- Japanese Documentary: Aesthetics, Ethics, and Memory</i>
3:15-3:35	SKALE Gathering	Dr. Volkan Sevim, <i>Sangaku and Japanese Temple Geometry</i>
		Dr. Lawrence Shao, <i>Application of Japanese management philosophies, Kaizen and Genchi Genbutsu: Toyota's shift to a mobility company</i>

*Coffee and drinks served at the back of CC 106 C