



2016 JETAA USA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

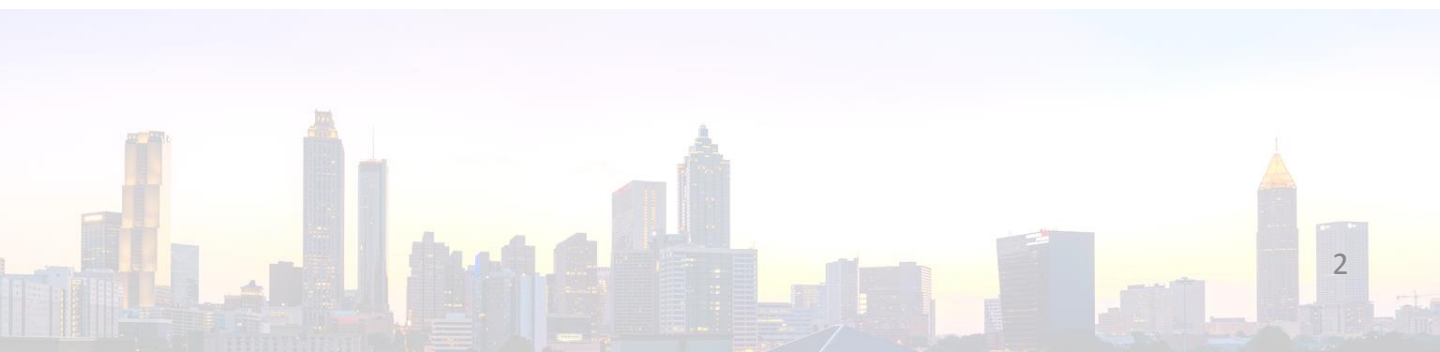
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February 26, 2016

Dear JETAA USA Conference Attendees,

On behalf of the City of Dunwoody, I am delighted to welcome the Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association to our beautiful city.

We are pleased you chose Dunwoody as the location to hold your conference and we congratulate you on 25 years of the Southeast Chapter's existence.

As you celebrate this milestone and share your experiences and plans together, please know we extend an open invitation to enjoy all Dunwoody has to offer. The citizens of Dunwoody have a great deal of pride in our thriving business community, unique retail and restaurant offerings as well as our tree-lined residential areas, and our many wonderful parks.

Dunwoody is a city where organizations and families celebrate and learn. We take pleasure in providing a safe and welcoming place for all who live and visit. The city plays host to a wide range of premier events, top dining, shopping, and recreation destinations. We are confident the 2016 JETAA USA Regional Conference will provide wonderful memories and connections to last a lifetime.

We hope you enjoy a wonderful and rewarding conference experience in the great City of Dunwoody.

Sincerely,



Denis Shortal
Mayor of Dunwoody

Denis Shortal Mayor
Eric Linton, ICMA-CM City Manager
Sharon Lowery, CMC City Clerk

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Jim Riticher City Council Post 2
Doug R. Thompson City Council Post 3

Terry Nali City Council Post 4
Lynn Deutsch City Council Post 5
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CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN

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I am pleased and honored to welcome members and supporters of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program Alumni Association (JETAA) to Atlanta for the 2016 Regional Conference.

There is certainly reason to celebrate this year as the JETAA Southeast Chapter celebrates its 25th anniversary. Since the inception of the JET Program, I am proud to say that the Southeast has sent more than 700 participants to Japan. Many of these JETs return to play important roles in the local Japanese community through their work with Japan-related businesses, organizations, government entities, and grassroots cultural exchanges.

This year also marks the 30th anniversary of the initiation of the JET Program. I am particularly pleased and proud with the program's success, as I can recall the exact moment when my colleagues first envisioned the program during my time at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo 30 years ago. Since then, more than 62,000 JETs from 65 countries have called Japan home and have left positive impacts on the local communities.

As we mark the fifth year since the Great East Japan Earthquake, we reflect not only the many lives lost—including two American JETs—but also on the world-wide support Japan received for the recovery effort. The JET community came together during this crisis and offered their time and effort to help Japan recover from this tragedy. This assistance included the help of many JET alumni who returned to their *furusato* to contribute to the recovery. This show of friendship further strengthened the reputation of the JET Program and left an everlasting impression on the hearts of the Japanese people. And now, the JET Program is expected to increase the number of participants to 6,000—an increase of more than 20 percent compared to the current 4,786 JETs—in preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

I wish you all a successful Conference and look forward to watching the JET Program and JETAA grow even more over the next 30 years. On behalf of the Japanese people, allow me to thank you for your friendship and love.

Takashi Shinozuka
Consul General of Japan in Atlanta



Welcome from Japan Local Government Center, CLAIR, New York

Dear JETAA Representatives,

I'm Yasuo Tatsuta, Executive Director of Japan Local Government Center in New York (CLAIR NY).

First of all, I would like to say thank you to all of you who are involved with this conference, especially JETAA South East and the CRs. I'm sorry but I can't be with you there. However, I'm confident that the conference will be a great success because of your dedication.

Secondly, aside from this conference, I also would like to express our gratitude to all of the JET alumni who are supporting recovery from the damage done by the big earthquake in Tohoku. Almost five years has passed since it happened and the JETAA Alaska will hold a 'Tohoku Tomo' screening event and a kickoff of upcoming 'Tohoku Week' for the fifth anniversary, as you may know. Furthermore, some of the other chapters are planning to hold the screening events such as this as well. I really do appreciate it that the circle of support is still expanding.

Finally, this conference will be a good opportunity for us to talk with each other directly. If you have any questions for us or requests to us about your activities, we are happy to listen to you.

Thank you again for all of your support for JETAA activities!

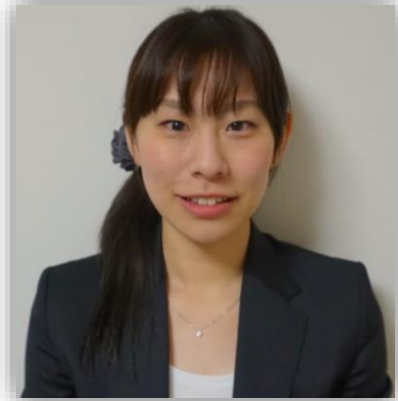
Sincerely,

Yasuo Tatsuta
Executive Director

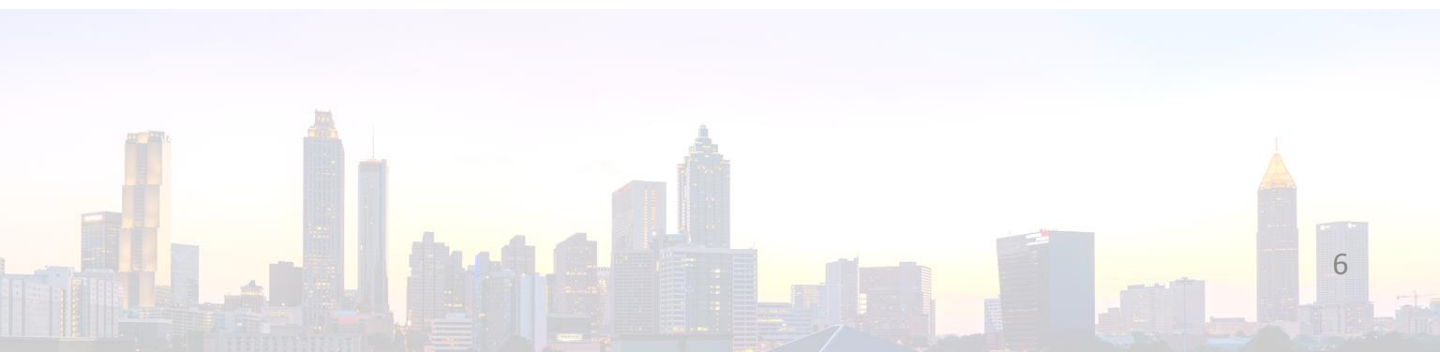




Matthew Gillam
Senior Researcher



Arisa Maruno
Assistant Director





Laurel Lukaszewski (Kagoshima 1990-1992)

Project Director, JETAA Initiative, US-Japan Bridging Foundation/Acting Executive Director, USJETAA
Laurel Lukaszewski is the Project Director for the United States-Japan Bridging Foundation's Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme Alumni Association (JETAA) Initiative., funded by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP) She has been working with JETAA chapters nationwide since July 2013, to create a national nonprofit organization to strengthen the network and promote US-Japan relations. In August 2015, the Founding Board of the newly incorporated United States Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme Alumni Association (USJETAA) appointed Ms. Lukaszewski Acting Executive Director.

Ms. Lukaszewski is concurrently a professional artist who shows her ceramic sculpture throughout the United States. She has exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions nationwide and in international art fairs in Miami, Palm Beach, New York and London.

Before becoming a professional artist, Ms. Lukaszewski served as the Executive Director of the Japan-America Society of Washington, Inc. in Washington, DC and as Program Director for the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington in Seattle. She has been involved in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme since participating as an assistant language teacher on the rural island of Tanegashima in 1990-1992. She is a member of the JET Programme application review committee and interview panel.

Ms. Lukaszewski holds a Master's degree in Asian Studies and a Bachelor's degree in International Affairs from Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL. She is on the board of directors of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, and has served on the Washington Sculptors Group board and the Washington Project for the Arts Artist Council.

The JETAA Initiative is generously supported by CGP, CULCON and the US-Japan Bridging Foundation through financial and in-kind support.



Welcome from the JETAA USA Country Representatives

Dear 2016 Regional Conference Delegates,

Welcome to Atlanta, GA! We are very pleased to have all of you participating in this important gathering of JETAA USA leadership. We thank you for traveling from near and far and we look forward to the weekend ahead.

We would like to give specific thanks to the JETAA South East chapter for hosting the JETAA USA Regional Conference this year. It has been a pleasure working with Valerie Stewart, Stephen Haverfield, Yeu-Li Huang and the entire JETAA South East team.

We would also like to thank the Atlanta Consulate, MOFA and CLAIR New York for their continued support of the JET Program and JETAA USA.

This year's Regional Conference focuses on membership and reaching JET Alumni, especially those who do not reside near a main chapter. We are excited to learn & share how JETAA can engage, support and communicate with alumni across the U.S.. We hope you can take key information back and share it with your home chapters.

If you have questions throughout the conference or comments you would like to share, please feel welcome to talk to one of us. We are also happy to speak with you following the conference.

We look forward to spending a great weekend with all of you!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Hou, Monica Yuki and Xander Peterson
JETAA USA Country Representatives

Speakers



Mary Eberhardinger, Emerson College

As a Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) alumnus, Freeman Asia recipient, and Kansai Gaidai alumnus, Eberhardinger mentors students for the JET Program. Eberhardinger's research interests include semiotics and critical intercultural communication. She is also interested in feminist methodology and public diplomacy. Eberhardinger has been the recipient of multiple external and internal grants including The Tomodachi Kakehashi Inouye Scholars grant from the U.S.-Japan Council as well as the Emerson College School of Communication Davis Foundation Innovation Grant (2014). She was a recipient of The Presidential Fund for Curricular Innovation Grant (2015). Eberhardinger teaches multiple sections of the Fundamentals of Speech Communication course and serves on the Basic Course Committee as a full time Lecturer in the Department of Communication Studies at Emerson College.



Jacqueline Grant, RCP Limited & Chosen Entertainment Group

Jacqueline E. Grant a native of Philadelphia is the founder and CEO of Chosen Entertainment Group LLC. Jacqueline is Graduate of the American Academy of Broadcasting also in Philadelphia. Since then CEG has grown in size and expertise to become a leader in the entertainment and marketing industries. Every year CEG entertains over 25 to 35 thousand people at concerts, festivals corporate and private events and soon to come stage plays. Jacqueline has worked as management for musicians, as well company manager for various plays touring the US. Now Chosen Entertainment Group has been awarded exclusive rights, by various play writes to produce their work.

Jacqueline is a highly specialized producer of public, private and corporate events. In 2004 she joined RCP, an event planning company focusing on large scale events, including the Department of Defense Education Symposium and the National Park Service Civil Rights National Conference.

Panel



Ebonie Cleaves, Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta



Bob Gorzoff, Atlanta Area Returned Peace Corp Volunteers

Friday, February 26, 2016

- 3:00 PM Arrival and Registration at the Staybridge Suites Atlanta Perimeter Center
- 5:00 PM Meet in Staybridge Lobby
- 5:15 PM Travel by shuttle bus from hotel to Consul General Residence
- 6:00 PM Dinner Reception hosted by Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta
- 8:00 PM Shuttle bus to Georgia Aquarium for Nijikai
- 10:00 PM Delegates return to Hotel

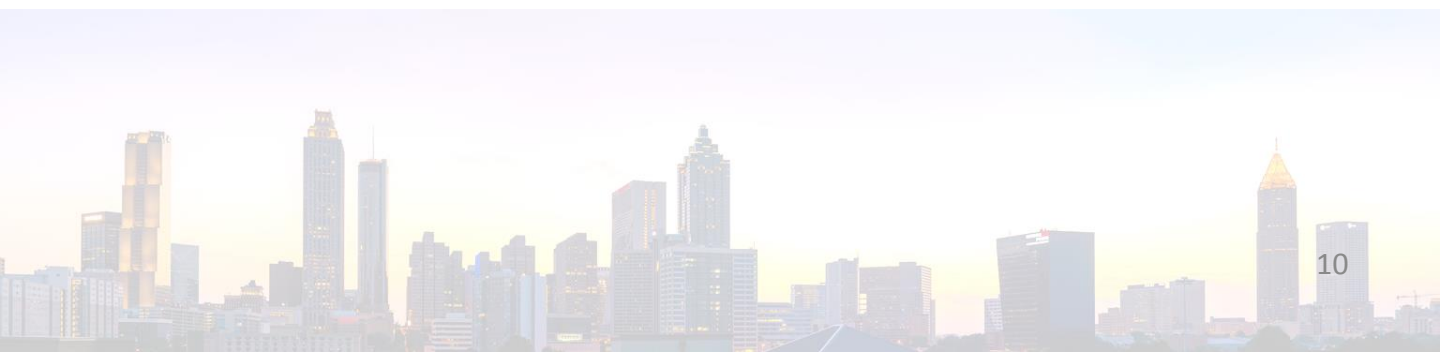
Evening Event

Welcome Reception

Dinner & Cocktails hosted by Consul General Shinozuka will be held at his residence. We will travel by shuttle bus together.

Nijikai Event

Georgia Aquarium – Sips Under the Sea
We will travel by shuttle bus together.



Saturday, February 27, 2016

- 8:00 AM Breakfast – Staybridge Suites Lobby
- 9:00 AM Opening remarks -- Stephen Haverfield, JETAASE President
- 9:10 AM Opening remarks -- Cheryl Hou, Monica Yuki & Xander Peterson, JETAA USA Country Reps
- 9:20 AM Strengthening Subchapters -- Monica Yuki, JETAA Country Rep
- 10:20 AM Break
- 10:30 AM The JETAA Initiative & Membership -- Laurel Lukaszewski, CULCON & USJBF & USJETAA
- 11:30 AM MOFA Funding Grant Writing Brainstorming Session - Mary Eberhardinger, Emerson College
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 PM Panel Discussion: How to Engage Membership in Alumni Organizations --
Moderated by Valerie Stewart, JETAASE Treasurer
Atlanta Area Returned Peace Corp Volunteers,
Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta
- 2:40 PM Break
- 2:50 PM Manage Knowledge: Save Time & Stress: Running an Internal Board Site on Google – Adam Lisbon, JETAA Rocky Mountain
- 3:50 PM Break
- 4:00 PM JETAA 30th Anniversary: Feasibility of a 30th Year Reunion - Jacqueline Grant, RCP Limited
- 5:00 PM Wrap Up - Evening Instructions
- 5:10 PM Break
- 5:30 PM Meet in Lobby and travel to Reception via MARTA
- 6:40 PM CLAIR Reception at Mary Macs
- 8:40 PM Nijikai

Sunday, February 28, 2016

- 8:00 AM Breakfast – Staybridge Suites Lobby
- 9:00 AM Cross Chapter Collaboration - Valerie Stewart, JETAASE Treasurer
- 10:00 AM How to Plan & Implement a Career Forum or Event – Stephen Haverfield, JETAASE President
- 10:50 AM Break
- 11:00 AM JETalk - Everything you wanted to ask and share -- Yeu-Li Huang, JETAASE Secretary
- 11:50 AM Conference Wrap up - JETAASE Executive Board
- 12:00 PM Regional Conference officially concludes

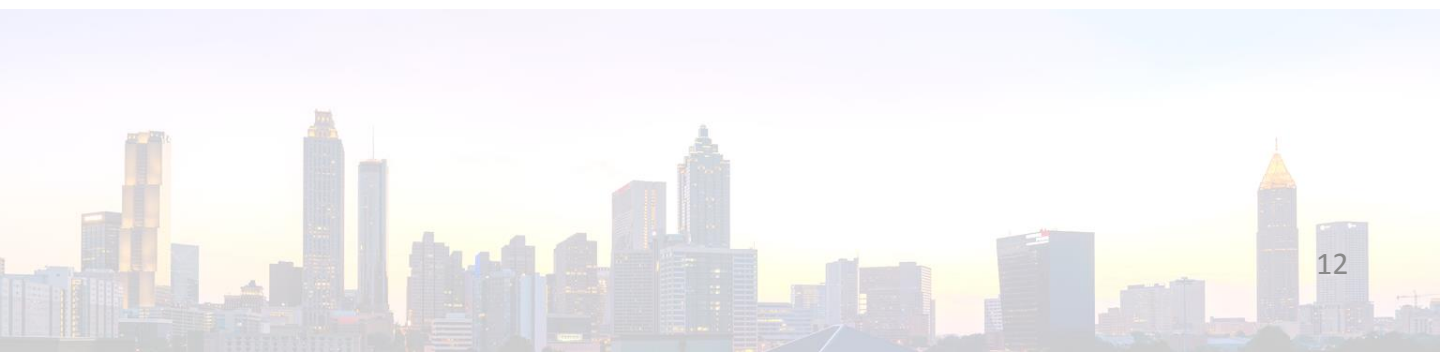
Unofficial Events Following the Conference

Lunch

Delegates that have later flights are encouraged to continue cross-chapter collaboration over lunch at a nearby restaurant

Sightseeing

JETAASE can offer many great suggestions to take in the sights in Atlanta



Country Representatives



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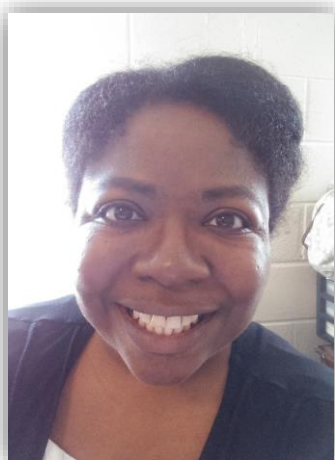
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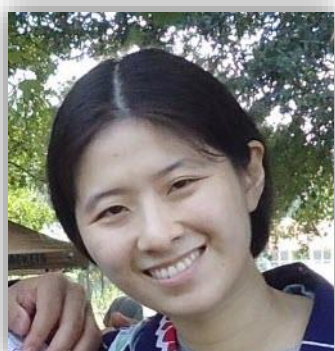
STEPHEN HAVERFIELD

President
Niigata, 2002-2005



VALERIE STEWART

Treasurer
Saga, 1999-2002



YEU-LI HUANG

Secretary
Yamanashi 2007-2010

US 1 -- JETAA Washington DC



DAVID BAASCH

Technology and Communications Chair
Hokkaido, 2008-2013

US 2 -- JETAA New York



MAY TSUN

Philadelphia Chair
Ehime, 2008-2010

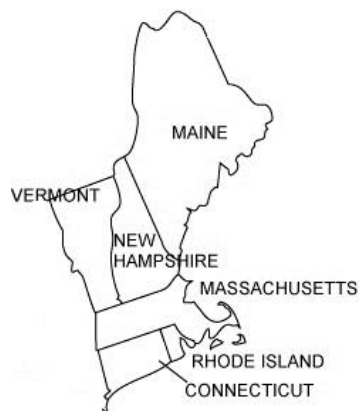
US 3 -- JETAA North East



DAN LOWE

President

Chiba, 2011-2013



US 4 -- JETAA South East



GORDON ROONEY

South Carolina Chair

Chiba, 2011-2013



US 5 -- JETAA Mid-South



GERALDINE WAYCIE

Secretary

Fukushima, 2006-2008

US 6 -- JETAA Florida



JENNIFER HWANG

Vice President (Tampa)

Shizuoka, 2008-2012

US 7 -- JETAA Chicago



BRIANA COX

Philanthropy Chair
Aichi, 2008-2009



US 8 -- JETAA Heartland



JOHN MACKEY

Newsletter Coordinator
Toyama, 2006-2011



US 10 -- JETAA Rocky Mountain



ADAM LISBON

Secretary
Kobe, 2004-2007



LAUREN MASO

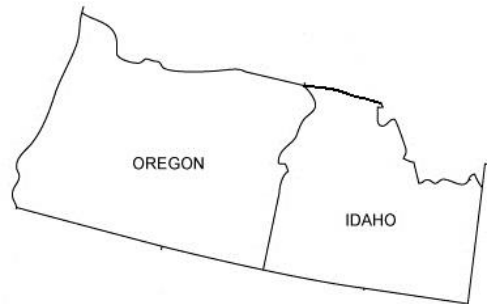
Webmaster
Saitama, 2007-2010

US 12 -- JETAA Portland



JEFFREY HOUSER

President
Wakayama, 2004-2008



US 13 -- JETAA Northern California



JENNIFER MURAWSKI

Membership Chair
Wakayama, 2005-2007

US 17 -- JETAA Great Lakes



DANIEL STONE

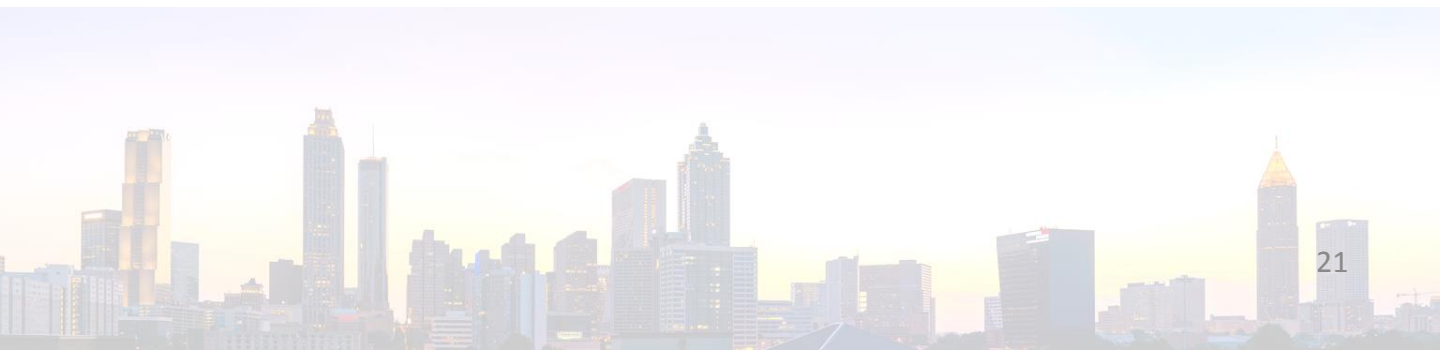
Vice President – Ohio Region
Saitama, 2004-2007

US 18 -- JETAA Minnesota



MICHAEL BARLOON

Social Media Coordinator
Kobe, 2011-2014





Thank You to all the JETAA Southeast Local Volunteers



AJ Corner
Kyoto-fu, 2003 - 2004



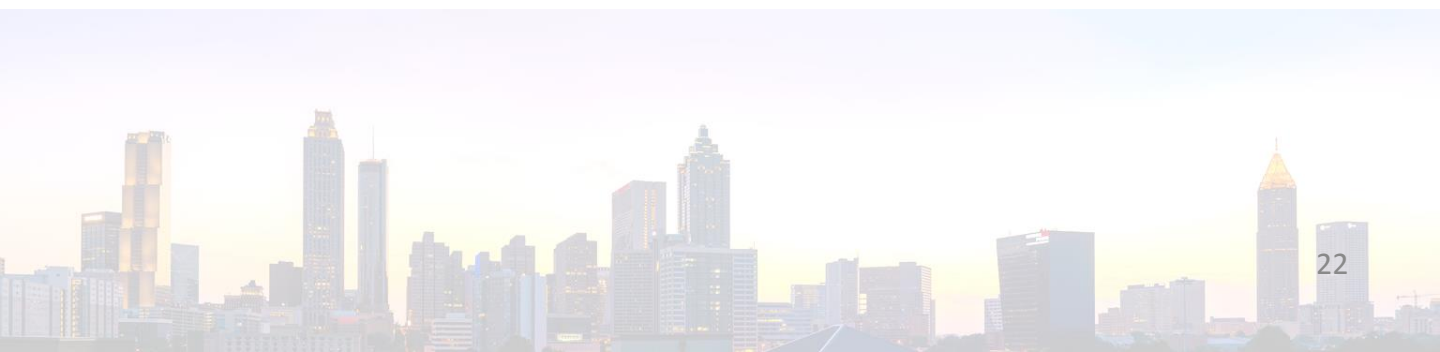
Mellissa Takeuchi
JET Program Coordinator
Hyogo, 2004 - 2009



Mary J. Eberhardinger
Emerson College
Hyogo, 2008 - 2010



Kimberley-Ann Phillips
Oita, 2010 - 2013



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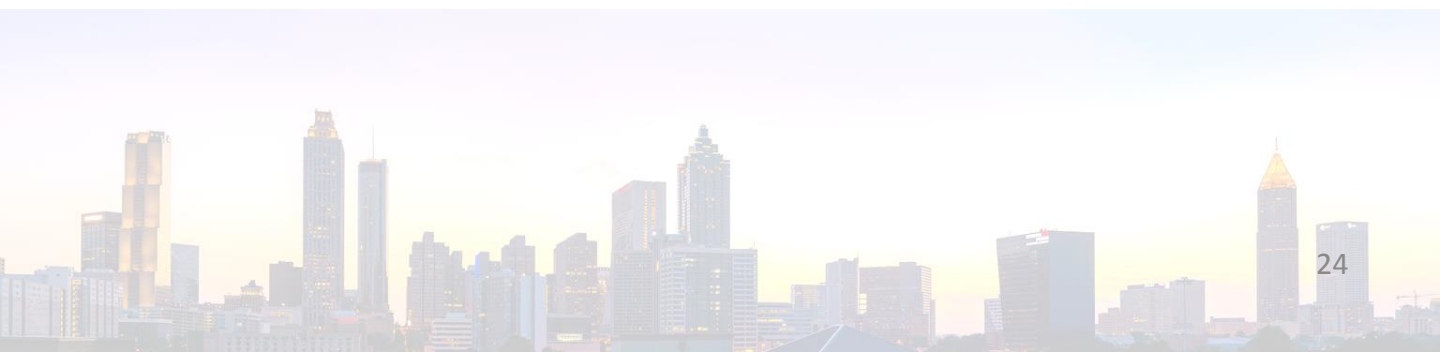


The Sasakawa Peace Foundation

GEORGIA AQUARIUM



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