

# JETAA USA 2018 National Conference

Denver, Colorado  
September 14-16, 2018





# Welcome to Colorado!



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Program Designed by Teri Galvez

- 1 **Did You Know:** Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming are the only states whose boundaries are solely defined by lines of longitude and latitude.



## Letter from Acting Consul General Kazumasa Kondo

Greeting Message to the JETAA USA National Conference 2018

It is my great pleasure to offer this message of greeting to participants of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association of the United States of America 2018 National Conference. The Consulate-General of Japan in Denver and I warmly welcome you all to the Mile High City.

Our consulate's jurisdiction covers the Rocky Mountain region; encompassing the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, which have a variety of culture, beautiful scenery and much heartfelt hospitality. The region's historical and cultural ties with Japan run deep, as represented by various types of Japanese festivals organized by groups such as the Japanese American Citizenship League (JACL) and the Japan-America Society in the region, as well as by Japanese historic locations such as Sakura Square in downtown Denver, which features a statue of notable Colorado Governor Ralph Lawrence Carr.

Members of the JET Alumni Association of the Rocky Mountains have worked diligently to organize and host this national conference. JET alumni, current JETs and countless others who helped nurture the program's success should be proud of the three decade history JET Program. Real and meaningful grassroots exchange at an almost unparalleled scale have contributed to build a long lasting friendship between Japan and the U.S. and other participating countries. Individual JETs function as cultural ambassadors in their local communities in Japan in ways that are transformative for both sides.

I extend my deep appreciation to the JETAA USA chapters for your roles in promoting good relations and Japanese culture in your respective regions. Your events and programs profoundly enhance the robust friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S. Please accept my best wishes for a great and successful conference, and enjoy your time in Denver.

Sincerely,



Kazumasa Kondo  
Acting Consul General of Japan in Denver



## Letter from CLAIR Tokyo Executive Consultant Hiroaki Isobe

Dear JETAA Representatives and other Esteemed Alumni,

It is my great pleasure to join the JET alumni of the US and Canada for the 2018 JETAA USA National Conference.

Allow me to warmly thank the members of the organising committee, as well as USJETAA, for making this valuable opportunity available to all of us. It is an ideal time for us to share thoughts and exchange ideas alumni communities across the country, while celebrating and reflecting on the JET Programme's achievements.

We at CLAIR always appreciate the 19 JETAA chapters of America for giving their time and effort to support the Programme and take an active role in bringing Japan and the USA together. There are many ways the JET alumni of the US have actively contributed to the communities of their second homes in Japan.

As you may know, this year in particular has been devastating for western Japan as flooding and landslides caused by historic torrential rain claimed lives of over 200 people and left many homeless. In the wake of this disaster, American JET alumni and friends of JET helped raise over \$7,500 for relief efforts, setting a great example for future generations of the JET Programme.

To attract excellent candidates such as yourselves, we ask for your continued understanding and cooperation to promote the JET Programme. By holding a booth at a university job fair, organising an orientation for outgoing JETs, or volunteering time to offer career support and networking opportunities for new JET alumni, your engagement is indispensable for the evolution of the JET Programme.

At CLAIR, we strive to make the Programme a more meaningful and enriching experience for participants by organising and offering programs specifically for JET alumni. In cooperation with local governments, we are continuing the "JET Furusato Vision Project" for the second year. This project allows JET alumni to return to their former place of employment to make new and exciting contributions to their local community. By exploring opportunities to JET alumni globalisation and local revitalisation activities, CLAIR and the local governments of Japan hope to further expand the potential of the JET Programme and to broadly publicise its successes both in Japan and throughout the world.

We recognise our alumni efforts to add value to the JET Programme, and will continue to offer JETAA support for their activities as much as possible through our New York office, the Japanese Embassy, and regional Consulates.

In closing, allow me to send my best wishes for your continued good health, personal success, and the further prosperity of the National Conference of JETAA Chapters.

Sincerely,  
Hiroaki Isobe  
CLAIR, Tokyo

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## Letter from CLAIR New York Executive Director Yoshihiro Akagi

Dear JETAA Delegates and Guests,

I am Yoshihiro Akagi, the Executive Director of Japan Local Government Center in New York (CLAIR NY). I have been dispatched to this position since this April.

It's a great honor for JLGC to join the JETAA USA 2018 National Conference with all the other attendees, including Country Representatives from the U.S. and Canada, guests from MOFA, representatives from USJETAA, and all the delegates from the JETAA USA chapters. I deeply appreciate all the wonderful people who make this National Conference possible every year.

I also would like to express my gratitude to all the members of each JETAA chapter in the U.S. As you may know, the number of JETs and JET alumni from the U.S. always constitutes more than half of each total number. The JET Program and JETAA activities would never have succeeded without your participation and continued support.

On August 27th and 28th, 2018, the U.S.-Japan Governors Forum was held in Tokyo for the first time in 23 years. I'm sure that it was a big step for better relations between local governments in the U.S. and Japan. Moreover, I'm so glad to hear that the JET Program was introduced with its achievements and contributions over the last 32 years at the reception in the presence of governors from the U.S. and Japan. I'm so honored that the JET Program is recognized as one of the best practices of international exchange and worth being known by everyone who is concerned with local level exchange.

This is my first time to participate in the national conference of JETAA, so I'm really looking forward to hearing your chapter reports and talking with you directly over the next few days. We, JLGC, are always with you to support your energetic activity. I hope this conference will be a great opportunity for all chapters and us to learn from each other as well as make new relationships.

Finally, I would like to thank you all once again for your hard work, and I strongly believe this conference and your activities in the future will lead to even greater success.

Sincerely,

Yoshihiro Akagi  
Executive Director  
Japan Local Government Center (CLAIR NY)

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**September 14, 2018**

**Ms. Paige Cottingham-Streater**  
**Board Chair, US Japan Exchange & Teaching Program**  
**1201 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW**  
**Suite 330**  
**Washington, DC 20005**

**Dear Board Chair Cottingham-Streater and JETAA Attendees:**

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Denver for the 2018 JETAA National Conference, hosted by the JET Alumni Association of the Rocky Mountains. We are happy that you have chosen to spend this important weekend with us and I know that you will enjoy our city as much as we do.

Japan holds a special place in my heart and I cherish my leadership role in Congress where we work to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Japan.

Through the years our efforts in Congress have been reinforced by the commitment and activities of US JET alumni. Whether it has been raising funds for disaster relief in Tohoku and Kumamoto, teaching in Japanese schools, contributions in the private sector or as members of the US Foreign Service, your enthusiasm and dedication have been vital to achieving our common goal of bringing Japan and the United States closer together.

Thank you for the work that you do and I wish you the best of luck and continued success.

Sincerely,



**Diana DeGette**  
**Member of Congress**





# JETAAUSA

Welcome to Denver Colorado! 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 collaborating with you this weekend and throughout the year to strengthen our chapters, leaders, and membership.

We would like to give special thanks to the JETAA Rocky Mountain chapter for hosting the JETAA USA National Conference this year. It has been a pleasure working with Adam Lisbon, Michael Mattson, Teri Galvez, and the entire JETAARM team.

We would also like to thank the Denver Consulate, MOFA, and CLAIR New York for their continued support of the JET Program and all of the JET alumni chapters. Through their support, we have been able to grow not only in numbers but in what we can offer our JET alumni members and communities.

Speaking of communities, this year's National Conference focuses on our connection with our communities. We are excited to learn and share how JETAA can engage, support and communicate with communities across the U.S. We hope you can take key ideas and 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 us. We are also happy to speak with you following the conference.

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



Monica Yuki  
Saitama, 2002-2004



Faye Valtadoros  
Kagawa, 1998-2000



Mark Frey  
Kumamoto, 2002-2006

## Welcome from the JETAARM President

Dear 2018 National Conference Delegates and Friends;

On behalf of JETAA Rocky Mountain, welcome to the Mile-High city of Denver in the great state of Colorado. During what will be a busy national conference, I hope you all take a moment to enjoy sweeping views of the Rockies, catch a sunset, and try a (root) beer from one of our 348 breweries.

Wherever I have gone, I have always found kindness and friendship when connecting with my fellow alumni. I've been a member of three chapters: JETAANY, JETAANC, and finally became a chapter board member with JETAARM in 2013. Now I can finally give back to our community as the President of the host chapter for the 2018 JETAA USA National Conference.

JETAARM has grown a lot in the last few years thanks to the inspiring NatCons our board members have previously attended. I hope you all will find the same inspiration here that has helped me continue to serve my chapter for the past five years. Take advantage of the excitement and energy around you, form new friendships, and support each other.

I cannot thank everyone enough for all the hard work that has been done to make this NatCon happen, especially my fellow board members. They are far more deserving of credit than I am. Further, thank you to JETAA USA who gave us the confidence to host this conference. My deepest gratitude to the Denver Consulate of Japan for their support and kindness every step of the way. I extend further gratitude still to USJETAA for co-hosting this year's conference we could not have done it without them. Finally, many thanks to those at CLAIR, who so genuinely care about the JET program and the success of its alumni communities around the world.

Adam H. Lisbon  
JETAA Rocky Mountain  
President





## Board Members 2018-2019



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New Mexico Subchapter Rep





## What is USJETAA?

The United States Japan Exchange & Teaching Programme Alumni Association (USJETAA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational and cultural organization that promotes grassroots friendship and understanding between the United States and Japan through the personal and professional experiences of over 30,000 Americans who have participated on the JET Programme since its inception in 1987.

## Purposes

- Serves as a resource for individual JET alumni, JETAA chapters nationwide, and potential JET participants.
- Serve as a national clearinghouse for information on chapters, careers, educational opportunities, and U.S.-Japan relations.
- Supports the leadership of JETAA chapters with programming, membership recruitment, chapter management, leadership, professional development, and fundraising.
- Supports the JET Program(me) and engages with the U.S.-Japan community.
- Acts as a point of contact for organizations interested in partnering with JETAA chapters.
- Undertakes national charitable initiatives.
- Promotes cross-cultural understanding between Japan and the United States and supports the U.S.-Japan relationship.

## Programs

USJETAA partners with various organizations, including the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP), Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR), Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, and the U.S. State Department, to support programming and outreach for current American JETs in Japan and JET alumni in the United States. Our signature programs include:

- The Sasakawa USA/USJETAA Grant Program for JETAA Chapters and Subchapters
- The Leadership Program for JETAA Chapters and Subchapters
- The Microgrant Initiative for American JETs
- Webinar Series for JETAA Chapters and JET Alumni

## USJETAA Board of Directors



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Mie-ken, 1988-1989  
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Board Member; JETAA USA Representative - Monica Yuki (Saitama-ken, 2002-2004)

Board Member - Harry Hill (Gifu-ken, 1987-1988)

JETAA USA Representative (Current) – Mark Frey (Kumamoto-ken, 2002-2006)

Ex Officio - Bahia Simons-Lane (Gunma-ken, 2005-2007; USJETAA Executive Director)

## **A Note from the USJETAA Executive Director**

USJETAA is proud to be cosponsoring the JETAA National Conference in Denver, Colorado this year. The national conference is an opportunity for JETAA representatives to share and gain information about activities within the U.S. JET alumni chapter network, learn best practices for programming, financial management and outreach, understand how the JETAA chapters and affiliated organizations work, meet and collaborate with fellow chapter officers, and help progress national initiatives. I am excited to be returning to my first National Conference in my new role as Executive Director of USJETAA. I loved attending NatCon as president of JETAAFL and it's great to be here in this new capacity.

I'd like to take a moment to introduce a few of our wonderful programs that we provide to support the JETAA network. The Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA/USJETAA Grant for Chapters and Subchapters is currently taking applications for the second round of grants for chapters to hold events related to U.S.-Japan relations in their communities. We are also taking application on a rolling basis for our Leadership Program, which helps JETAA Chapters and Subchapters enhance governance, community outreach, programming, and other chapter-specific needs. We have expanded our Webinar Series to include the JETAA Chapter Toolbox and the Alumni Series. The chapter series provides helpful information on chapter leadership to engage all officers of JET alumni chapters and information for JET alumni on careers and professional development.

I would also like to let you know about some exciting changes to our membership, which is now completely free! We have updated the bio information within member profiles. Members now have the opportunity to indicate if they want to be a mentor to JET alumni or if they want to be considered as speakers at JETAA events. We hope this will be helpful for JETAA chapters looking for JET alumni speakers for events. We have also now rolled out our new chapter membership, which is also free! It's still in the beta stages, so I encourage you to sign up on behalf of your chapter (1 user per chapter) and let us know if we need to make any changes or if you have any ideas for the chapter memberships.

Lastly, I'd like to say thank you to all the JET alumni and JETAA chapters for mobilizing so quickly to raise funds to support the recovery after the western Japan floods. Thanks to you, we raised \$7,508 USD for the Japan Platform's recovery efforts in western Japan. Japan Platform told us how touched they were that JET alumni gave so much back to Japan.

Warmest regards,  
Bahia Simons-Lane  
Executive Director, USJETAA  
Gunma, 2005-2007



# Speakers



## **Bahia Simons-Lane, Executive Director, USJETAA**

Ms. Simons-Lane is the Executive Director of USJETAA. After teaching on the JET Program in Gunma Prefecture (2005-2007), Simons-Lane worked for one year as the Assistant Language Teacher Advisor for the Compulsory Education Division of the Prefectural Board of Education. When she returned to the United States, she worked in marketing for several years before moving to Florida and earning her Master's degree in International and Intercultural Education from Florida International University (FIU) in 2014. While in Florida, she held the role of president of the Florida JET Alumni Association for five and half years. In this capacity, Ms. Simons-Lane gained a deep understanding of the important role JET alumni play at the grassroots level to strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship and the challenges the 19

JETAA chapters face. She is currently earning her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Language, Literacy, and Culture, also at FIU.

## **Emily Freeman, Program Administrator, City & County of Denver's Environmental Management System (EMS)**

Emily utilizes the globally recognized ISO 14001:2015 EMS standard to continually improve Denver's environmental and sustainability performance by helping the city reduce environmental impacts, identify best practices, and develop strategic plans to achieve goals. She also concurrently serves as the Vice-Chair on Colorado's Pollution Prevention Advisory Board Assistance Committee where she encourages entrepreneurship and innovation in material diversion and end-market development by managing \$2.7 million in grants and creating 350+ new jobs across Colorado.

Emily lived in Miyazaki, Japan for three years while working on the JET Program where she developed a deep sense of kinship with Japan and witnessed Japan's commitment to the environment and waste management. She remains active in local Japanese-American organizations including RMJETAA where she served as past President and Vice President, and she volunteers with the Japan America Society of Colorado (JASC), and Takayama Sister Cities. Emily was one of ten U.S. delegates on the 2018 TOMODACHI-Mitsui & Co. Leadership Program, where she began bridging her career and passion for Japan by broadening her understanding of global issues and expanding her networks to strengthen US-Japan relations.

Emily holds a M.S. in Sustainability from Arizona State University. Outside work, she is an avid cyclist and she enjoys spending time in Colorado's great outdoors with her husband and their dog.





### **Steven Horowitz, Founder, JETwit**

Steven Horowitz (Aichi-ken, Kariya-shi, 1992-94) is the founder of JETwit and a member of the JETAA USA Board of Advisors. He has also previously served as JETAA NY Board Member and was the JETAA NY Newsletter Editor from 2002-2008. In addition to his long-time efforts to connect the dots in the JETAA-sphere and help JET alumni find work opportunities, Steven has a full-time job as the Director of Legal English Programs at St. John's University School of Law in New York City where he is fortunate to have two other colleagues who are JET alumni. He lives in Brooklyn, NY with his wife and three small children and still tries to play ultimate frisbee whenever he can.

### **Joy Champaloux, Program Officer, Education Program, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA**

Joy Champaloux joined Sasakawa USA in November 2016 and now serves as a Program Officer for the Education Program. Her portfolio includes Sasakawa USA's Views of Japan series, The Alliance Working in America series, and the U.S. JET Alumni Association (USJETAA) mini-grant program for JET alumni chapters. She also leads the planning and logistics for other Education Program public/private events, including Sasakawa USA's partnerships with educators and students.

Prior to joining Sasakawa USA, Joy worked for the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C. in its Political Section from 2013 to 2016. In this capacity, she provided logistical, administrative, and research support to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defense on policy issues pertaining to the U.S.-Japan security alliance. From 2009 to 2012, Joy taught English on the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program in rural Wakayama Prefecture. She has served five years on the board of the JET Alumni Association of Washington, D.C. (JETAADC), including two terms as President, where she led the organization's efforts to formally establish its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status in 2017. She serves on the JET Program application review and interview committees and is a member of the Japan-America Society of Washington, D.C.

Joy earned her B.A. in International Studies with a minor in Economics and Japanese language from Willamette University in Salem, OR. She interned at the Hawaii State Legislature and studied abroad at Tokyo International University in Saitama Prefecture.





# USA Chapter Delegates



## 1 Washington D.C.



Kevin Chen  
Nara, 2013-2015  
Secretary



Vishal Jani  
Mie, 2008-2011  
Treasurer



## 2 New York



Brenda McKinney  
Hyogo, 2006-2009  
President



Ronda Rutherford  
Osaka, 2008-2009  
Secretary



## 3 New England



Josephine Chong  
Kumamoto, 2015-2017  
Vice President



Jesse Kerstetter  
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Treasurer

Gordon Rooney  
Chiba, 2011-2013  
South Carolina  
Subchapter Chair



**4 Southeast**

Raven McKenzie  
Hyogo 2013-2015  
Social Chair



Simon Spadaro-Bliss  
Tochigi, 2011-2013  
Activity Chair



**5 Mid-South**

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Kagoshima, 1994-1997  
Secretary



Aiayana Victoria Mathews  
Miyagi, 2007-2010  
Florida Representative



**6 Florida**

Hartley Haft  
Nagano, 2003-2006  
Information Officer





## 7 Chicago



Ivonne Diaz  
Aomori, 2012-2014  
Treasurer



Patrick Finn  
Toyama, 2011-2016  
Marketing Coordinator



## 8 Heartland



Dustin Henrich  
Osaka, 2012-2014  
President



Sarah Cole  
Gunma, 2010-2012  
Vice President



## 9 Texoma



Andrew McCarthy  
Akita, 2005-2008  
President

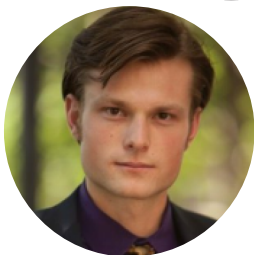


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Aomori, 2007-2010  
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Hokkaido, 2016-2017  
Event Coordinator



Charles St. John  
Tottori, 2015-2016  
Webmaster



Adam Ledyard  
Toyama, 2005-2007  
President



Michelle Kato  
Kagoshima, 2013-2016  
Vice President



11 Pacific Northwest

Rabia Shahab  
Tokushima, 2014-2017  
Secretary



12 Portland





### 13 Northern California



Anna Fung  
Iwate, 2011-2014  
Vice President



Dustin Wang  
Nagasaki, 2014-2015  
Treasurer



### 14 Southern California



Gregory Beck  
Hiroshima, 2010-2013  
Co-President



Caroline Yueh  
Fukui, 2016-2017  
Treasurer



### 15 Hawaii



Rich Kiyabu  
Hiroshima, 2010-2013  
President



Tiffany Yoshida  
Yamaguchi, 2009-2011  
Vice President

Christopher Vaughan  
Gifu, 1998-2001  
President



16 Alaska

John Smelter  
Miyagi, 2002-2004  
Member



Jennifer Sherman  
Mie, 2012-2016  
Ohio Vice President



17 Great Lakes

Bill Schlatter  
Hokkaido, 2012-2014  
Treasurer



Greg Schuneman  
Fukuoka, 2013-2017  
Events Coordinator



JETAAMN  
18 Minnesota

Virginia Kreisle  
Kyoto, 2015-2016  
Content Editor





19 Music City



Rebecca Closner  
Tokushima, 2007-2009  
President



Will Brewer  
Nagano, 1991-1992  
Treasurer

## JETAA Canada Representative



Dustin Reimer  
Hiroshima, 2011-2016

# Agenda

## Thursday

- 3:00 PM** Check into the hotel  
**6:00 PM** USJETAA Welcome Happy Hour  
Darcy's Bistro & Pub  
4955 S Ulster St, Denver CO 80237

## Friday

- 6:00 AM** Breakfast served in Club Lounge  
**9:00 AM** Welcome remarks  
Adam Lisbon, President, JETAA Rocky Mountain  
Hiroaki Isobe, Executive Consultant, CLAIR Tokyo  
Kotaro Ore, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan  
Paige Cottingham-Streater, Chair, USJETAA  
Monica Yuki, Country Representative, JETAA USA  
**9:30 AM** Chapter Delegate Introductions with Omiyage  
**10:00 AM** Tom Kelly, Colorado's 1st Congressional District  
Welcome to Denver from Diana DeGette,  
US Representative for Colorado's 1st Congressional District  
**10:10 AM** Strengthening the Network: Building USJETAA  
Paige Cottingham-Streater, Chair &  
Bahia Simons-Lane, Director, USJETAA  
**10:25 AM** Unlocking the Global JETAA Network: KenJETkai & Sister Chapter Programs  
Mark Frey, Country Representative, JETAA USA  
**10:55 AM** Break  
**11:00 AM** Bridging TOMODACHI Spirit: Career Opportunities  
Emily Freeman, Program Administrator, Environmental Management System (EMS),  
City and County of Denver  
**11:30 AM** Communicating with Everyone: How Our Digital Outreach is Engaging the Community  
Patrick Finn, Marketing Coordinator, JETAA Chicago  
**12:00 PM** Connecting with the Community through Events  
Dustin Henrich, President, JETAA Heartland  
**12:30 PM** Lunch in Headquarter Suite courtesy of CLAIR New York  
**1:30 PM** JETAA International Update  
Matthew Gillam, JETAA International Board of Advisors  
**2:00 PM** JETAA Canada Update  
Dustin Reimer, Country Representative, JETAA Canada  
**2:30 PM** JETAA USA National Initiatives  
Faye Valtadoros & Monica Yuki, Country Representatives, JETAA USA,  
Matthew Gillam, JLGC  
**3:30 PM** Break  
**3:40 PM** Chapter Presentations (6 Chapters)  
**4:40 PM** Instructions for evening events  
**4:45 PM** Office Hours - Opportunity to speak with CLAIR, Country Reps and USJETAA OR Free Time  
**5:45 PM** Meet in hotel lobby to depart hotel and travel by private bus to MOFA Reception  
**6:00 PM** Bus departs  
**6:30 PM** Reception hosted by Japan Consul General of Denver  
**8:30 PM** Reception Ends - Depart reception via private bus (2 stops)  
Nijikai - Tavern Platt Park  
1475 S Pearl St, Denver CO 80210  
21 Return to hotel directly

## Saturday

- 6:00 AM** Breakfast served in Club Lounge
- 9:00 AM** Country Representative Overview from Friday and run through of days agenda
- 9:10 AM** Everything You Ever Needed to Know About GIA But Were Afraid to Ask  
Satoshi Kuroki & Shinori Nagasawa, Assistant Director, CLAIR New York
- 9:40 AM** Building Chapter Reserve Funds  
Virginia Kreisle & Greg Schuneman, JETAAMN
- 10:10 AM** Strengthening Chapter Leadership and Membership  
Brenda McKinney, President, JETAANY
- 10:40 AM** The JETs: A Mountain West-Side Story  
Adam Lisbon, President, JETAARM
- 11:10 AM** Break
- 11:20 AM** JETwit and the Past, Present, and Future of the JET Alumni Community  
Steven Horowitz, Founder, JETwit.com, JETAA USA Board of Advisors
- 12:10 PM** Chapter Presentations (3 Chapters)
- 12:30 PM** Lunch in Headquarter Suite courtesy of CLAIR New York
- 1:30 PM** USJETAA Presentation on Grants and Chapter Visits  
Bahia Simons-Lane, Director, USJETAA
- 2:10 PM** Sasakawa USA/USJETAA Mini-Grant Program  
Joy Champaloux, Program Officer, Eductaion Program,  
Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
- 2:50 PM** Brainstorm Session on Mini-Grant Proposal Ideas
- 3:30 PM** Chapter Presentations (2 Chapters)
- 4:00 PM** Instructions for Evening Events
- 4:05 PM** Office Hours - Opportunity to speak with CLAIR, Country Reps and USJETAA OR Free Time
- 5:00 PM** Meet in Lobby to walk and take Light Rail to Denver
- 5:28 PM** Board Northbound E Train bound for Union Station, arriving downtown at 5:59
- 6:00 PM** Walk from Union Station to Wynkoop Brewery
- 6:30 PM** CLAIR Reception at Wynkoop Brewery
- 8:30 PM** Evening Social Event (3 options)  
Scavenger Hunt  
Wynkoop Brewery  
Return to hotel via Light Rail

## Sunday

- 6:00 AM** Breakfast served in Club Lounge
- 9:00 AM** JETAARM Scavenger Hunt Results
- 9:30 AM** Chapter Presentations (3 Chapters)
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- 11:50 AM** Closing Remarks by JETAARM & JETAA USA Country Representatives
- 12:00 PM** Conference Ends



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# Fun Facts About The Rocky Mountain Chapter States

Denver was named after a Kansas Territory governor: James W. Denver.

Wyoming is the 10th largest state yet has the smallest population. There are more people in Rhode Island.

1/4 of New Mexico is forested, and the state has 7 National Forests including the Nation's largest, the 3.3 million acre Gila National Forest which includes the Gila Wilderness.

The "Purple Mountain Majesty" in America the Beautiful is in fact, Pikes Peak, A 14'er in Colorado Springs.

In true Colorado fashion, there is a marathon up and down Pikes Peak every August. That's 26 miles with 7,615 ft. (2321 m) of elevation gain.

Much of Colorado used to be at the bottom of the ocean. Now at 12,000 ft. (3657 m) in Rocky Mountain National Park you can find sea floor limestone deposits.

The town in Deming, New Mexico is known for its annual duck races.

The town of Buena Vista, CO is often pronounced "byoo-NAH vis-ta" because German settlers who came to the region couldn't properly pronounce the Spanish name.

Colorado has two official state anthems: Where the Columbines Grow and John Denver's Rocky Mountain High.

Because of Utah's inland location the snow is usually dry. Earning it the reputation of having the world's greatest powder. 14 Alpine ski resorts operate in Utah.

Colorado is named after the Colorado river, which the Spanish called it for it's red ruddy color. Colorado is in fact just color red or "red color" in Spanish.

Before Colorado was a state, it almost became the state of Jefferson with slightly larger north and south boundaries.

The name Utah comes from the Native American Ute tribe and means people of the mountains.

The first Dude Ranch in Wyoming was the Eaton Ranch, near Wolf. The Eaton's also came up with the term "dude".

New Mexico has far more sheep and cattle than people. There are only about 12 people per square mile.