Teaching Classical Japanese: A Practitioner's Workshop

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The Ohio State University, August 6, 2021

Morning Session (Zoom ID: 963 8700 0268, pass 711114; link below. For p.m. see p. 2.) https://osu.zoom.us/j/96387000268?pwd=OVJqQ3NIS2J3b2psenpSU0VrQ3dKQT09

9:10 Welcoming remarks

Mark Bender, Chair, Dept. of East Asian Languages & Literatures, OSU Naomi Fukumori, Director, Institute for Japanese Studies, OSU

Opening remarks, participants' introductions

Charles Quinn, workshop organizer

9:30 Presentations, Morning Session

9:30-10:05 Charles Quinn, The Ohio State University

- Classical Japanese Portal (CJP): an interactive pedagogical tool
- "What adept readers get: the rhetoric behind the rules, the context in the grammar", with illustrations from CJP.

10:05-10:15 Discussion

10:20-10:40 Catherine Ryu, Michigan State University

"Integrating Classical Japanese into the Undergraduate Japanese Curriculum: Challenges and Rewards"

10:40-10:50 Discussion

10:55-11:15 John Bundschuh, Swarthmore College (pre-recorded video)

"Predicate Morphology and Narrative Structure in Early Heian Japanese Renditions of Sinitic Buddhist Texts"

11:15-11:25 Discussion

11:30-1:00 Lunch break

Afternoon Session (Zoom meeting ID: 966 3741 3126, password 425567; link below.) https://osu.zoom.us/j/96637413126?pwd=WkRFL2F6bHNpYWZJSFhCSEFKNXIvdz09

1:00 Presentations, Afternoon Session

1:00-1:20 Gian-Piero Persiani, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

"Using Rare Books and Special Collection Materials for Teaching to
Read and Translate Classical Japanese"

1:20-1:30 Discussion

1:35-1:55 Elizabeth Oyler, University of Pittsburgh

"Conventions and wordplay: waka in the classical language classroom"

1:55-2:05 Discussion

2:10 Plenary Session: Issues for Discussion

Some starter topics:

- When to begin classical Japanese? Levels of instruction, prerequisites: leveraging and trade-offs. What's doable when?
- Performed activities: in-class recitation; manipulating text; performing aloud from memory; *uta karuta* and other gamifications ...
- Course sharing, collaborating
 - Motivations
 - o Incentives, opportunities
 - o How to: operationalizing
- Synergies across disciplines (literature, linguistics, language pedagogy, ...)
- Other topics?

3:30 (or earlier): Thank-you and closing remarks Charles Quinn, OSU

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Invited participant-discussants:

Erin Brightwell, University of Michigan John Bundschuh, Swarthmore College Beth Carter, Case Western Reserve University Charo D'Etcheverry, University of Wisconsin Naomi Fukumori, The Ohio State University
Elizabeth Oyler, University of Pittsburgh
Gian-Piero Persiani, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Joannah Peterson, University of Kentucky
Shelley Fenno Quinn, The Ohio State University
Charles Quinn, The Ohio State University
Noriko Tsunoda Reider, Miami University
Catherine Ryu, Michigan State University
Edith Sarra, Indiana University
Kendra Strand, University of Iowa

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