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**2019 IJS SPRING
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PRESENTS:**

**ENGINEERING PLENTY: NUTRITION,
ENVIRONMENT, AND FERMENTATION
CHEMISTRY IN INTERWAR JAPAN**

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A scientist of the early twentieth century once described the molds and yeasts kept in Japanese laboratories as being like “microbial gardens”—collections of useful objects, like plants, that could be cultivated for specific purposes. This talk looks at fermentation chemistry in imperial Japan: the ways in which it sought to alter the national-level relationships between resources and consumption, as well as vividly reflected the use of regional knowledge in practice.



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3:00-4:30 PM
Hagerty Hall 62