



Five-year History of
Nagoya American Studies Summer Seminars

2007-2011

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Greetings from Director, NASSS

In the summer 2011, Nanzan University successfully carried out the fifth and the last sessions of Nagoya American Studies Summer Seminar (NASSS) which started in 2007. During the past five years, we at NASSS have achieved success in sharing awareness on globalization issues and tasks of American Studies among participating researchers of the Asian Pacific region as well as those from the United States. Further, we have contributed to finding a path in solving these issues and transmitted the significant accomplishment in and out of the country.

Every year at the “Professional Conference” which is open to the public and held on the first day of the seminar, we have received quite a number of participants from the local Chubu area, which we believe it to be one way of promoting ordinary citizens’ understanding on the Japan-U.S. relations as well as the increasingly-globalizing international community.

In addition to plenary sessions followed by specialists’ seminars, NASSS launched the “International Graduate Student Seminar.” This summer, we believe, must have contributed to bringing about cross-border network formation of graduate students who are expected to be the core and leading researchers of the next generation.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who have generously supported in bringing NASSS to a successful end on top of the magnificent output of the past five years. Especially, our appreciation goes to those foundations and respective corporations which have shown understanding on our principles and subsidized this project despite the recent severe economic conditions.

Nanzan University has been committed to play a key role in the Chubu area as a center in promoting research and education of American Studies. This commitment must have contributed to our successful execution of NASSS for the past five years. We hope that all the sponsoring organizations understand our aim and continue ongoing support for this purpose.

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Outline of NASSS

NASSS which Nanzan University hosted for five years from 2007 to 2011 is a successor of sixty-year long history of “American Studies Summer Seminar” series which have contributed to the development of American Studies in Japan after the war. The NASSS consisted of two main pillars: the “Professional Conference” (venue: Nanzan Nagoya campus) and the “International Graduate Student Seminar” (venue: Nanzan Seminar House) which was added by the NASSS Executive Committee in 2007. To this NASSS, a number of leading researchers and promising young graduate students from Japan, the U.S., and Asia and Pacific Area get together to hold multidimensional discussions on American Studies from a perspective of globalization. The ultimate mission of NASSS is to establish a new academic standard of American Studies based upon discussions at the seminar and we hope that this standard will help us with continuing American Studies in a globalizing age of the twenty-first century.



I Venue

Professional Conference: Nanzan University (Nagoya Campus)
International Graduate Student Seminar: Nanzan Seminar House

II Guidelines of NASSS for each fiscal year (professional affiliations at the time of NASSS)



- **Annual theme: "America and Religions"**
- **Schedule: Saturday, July 28 - Tuesday, July 31, 2007**
- **Guests**

Keynote Speakers

Gary Laderman (Emory University), Andrew Rotter (Colgate University), Hortense Spillers (Vanderbilt University)

Moderator

Mori Koichi (Doshisha University)

Commentators

Aruga Natsuki (Saitama University), Morimoto Anri (International Christian University), Osawa Masachi (Kyoto University)

Guests from Asia-Pacific region

Ai Xiaoming (China; Sun Yat-sen University), Renato Cruz De Castro (the Philippines; De La Salle University), David Goodman (Australia; The University of Melbourne), Park Ihn-hwi (South Korea; Ewha Womans University)

NASSS 2007



- **Special Lecture (on July 25): "American Presidential Election of 2008"**
by Kubo Fumiaki (The University of Tokyo)
- **Annual theme: "American Studies from Various Perspectives: Gender and Comparative Approaches"**
- **Schedule: Friday, July 25 - Tuesday, July 29, 2008**
- **Guests**

Keynote Speakers

Jennifer Lee (University of California, Irvine), Michael Mastanduno (Dartmouth College), Rey Chow (Brown University)

Moderator

Nishizaki Fumiko (Seikei University)

Commentators

Takemura Kazuko (Ochanomizu University), Takezawa Yasuko (Kyoto University), Yoshimi Syunya (The University of Tokyo)

Guests from Asia-Pacific region

Chris Dixon (Australia; The University of Queensland), Dinah Roma-Sianturi (the Philippines; De La Salle University), Yi Okyeon (South Korea; Seoul National University)

NASSS 2008



- **Annual theme: "Americanism and Social Justice"**
- **Schedule: Saturday, July 25 - Tuesday, July 28, 2009**
- **Guests**

Keynote Speakers

Eric L. Muller (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Marie Gottschalk (The University of Pennsylvania), Werner Sollors (Harvard University)

Moderator

Kihira Eisaku (Kyoto University)

Commentators

Furuya Jun (The University of Tokyo), Ara Konomi (Ritsumeikan University), Sakai Keiko (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

Guests from Asia-Pacific region

Kim Sung-ho (South Korea; Yonsei University), Rukhsana Qamber (Pakistan; Quaid-i-Azam University), Qian Mansu (China; The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)

NASSS 2009



- **Annual theme: "Toward a Common Memory of Our Past"**
- **Schedule: Saturday, July 24 - Tuesday, July 27, 2010**
- **Guests**

Keynote Speakers

Lisa Yoneyama (University of California, San Diego), Robert J. McMahon (The Ohio State University), Marianna Torgovnick (Duke University)

Moderator

Yui Daizaburo (Tokyo Woman's Christian University)

Commentators

Takahashi Hiroko (Hiroshima City University), Kan Hideki (Seinan Jo Gakuin University), Kondo Takahiro (Nagoya University)

Guests from Asia-Pacific region

Kousar J. Azam (India; Osmania University), Ricardo T. Jose (the Philippines; University of the Philippines), Lee Yu-cheng (Taiwan; Academia Sinica)

NASSS 2010



- **Annual theme: "American Studies in the Global Age"**
- **Schedule: Saturday, July 23 - Tuesday, July 26, 2011**
- **Guests**

Keynote Speakers

Paul A. Kramer (Vanderbilt University), Jeremi Suri (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Anita Patterson (Boston University)

Moderator

Endo Yasuo (The University of Tokyo)

Commentators

Okano Yayo (Doshisha University), Kitagawa Otsuru Chieko (Kansai University), Tatsumi Takayuki (Keio University)

Guests from Asia-Pacific region

Aparna Bhattacharyya (India; Gauhati University), Oscar V. Campomanes (the Philippines; Ateneo de Manila University), Park Tae-gyun (South Korea; Seoul National University)

NASSS 2011

III International Graduate Student Seminar

Outline of International Graduate Student Seminar

The “International Graduate Student Seminar” is a project newly added to the “American Studies Summer Seminar” by the NASSS.

Every year, the seminar requires graduate school participants, mainly from Japan, the U.S., and Asia Pacific Region to gather at the Nanzan Seminar House to give presentations of their research on either “History and Society,” “Politics and International Relations,” and “Literature and Culture,” under the supervision of the three NASSS keynote speakers. Participants have benefited a lot in continuing their long-term research through the four-day session, where opportunities were given to receive direct training from researchers active on the front line and to spend precious time with other peer graduate students of the same generation from different countries.

The number of graduate student participants

	International	Domestic
2007	18	32
2008	14	26
2009	15	15
2010	11	12
2011	12	9



Universities that participants belong to (listed alphabetically)



Host & Sponsors (listed alphabetically)

Host: Nanzan University

Co-host: The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership

Sponsors: Aichi America-Japan Society; Aichi Prefectural Board of Education; Nagoya City Board of Education

Supporting Organizations: The American Studies Foundation; Japan-United States Educational Commission; Japan-United States Friendship Commission; Nagoya American Center/the American Consulate Nagoya; Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Foundation; The Tokai Television International Foundation; United States-Japan Foundation

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