Kennesaw State University is pleased to announce that the Year Of program for the 2013 Fall and 2014 Spring semesters will be focused on the Island Nation of Japan. Throughout the academic year Kennesaw State University will feature a series of lectures, performances, exhibits and films exploring Japan’s rich culture.

Please Note: Lectures held in Social Science 1019 every Thursday from 12:30-2:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

**JANUARY**

1/16  The Toroku Arsenic Mine, Citizen Activism, and the Asia Arsenic Network, Timothy S. George, Professor of History, University of Rhode Island

1/23  Women, Media, Consumerism & Popular Culture in Japan, Millie Creighton, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia

1/30  Japan and the United States from Commodore Perry to the Post War Occupation: A Macro Story of Empires in Conflict, Alan Lebaron, Professor of History, Kennesaw State University

**FEBRUARY**

2/6   Uncovering Kabuki: Innovation, Intrigue, and Scandal,” Julie A. Iezzi, Professor of Asian Theatre, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

2/13  Zen, Shinto and the Great Earth: Japanese Values and Environmental Consciousness, Jason Wirth, Professor of Philosophy, Seattle University

2/20  Colors of Confinement: Examining Rare Kodachrome Photographs of Japanese-American’s Incarcerated during World War II, Eric Muller, Professor of Law, UNC Chapel Hill

2/25  Roofs Overhead: Keeping Vanishing Folktales Alive, Takashi Takahara, Aichi University

2/27  Internationalism in the Art of Postwar Japan, Miwako Tezuka, Director, Japan Society Gallery, NYC

**MARCH**

3/6   The Bubble Economy and the Lost Decade: Learning from the Japanese Economic Experience, William M. Tsutsui, Dean and Professor of History, Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Southern Methodist University

3/13  The Japanese Miracle Revisited: Inside the Organizational Culture of Toyota, Honda and Nissan,” Business Panel organized by Darina Lepadatu, Associate Professor of Sociology, KSU

3/20 - 3/22  Humanitarian Responses to Crisis, Year of Japan Conference, Keynote Speaker - Mr. Kimio Takeya, Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

3/27  The Effects of Innovation on Mobile Application Adoption among Japanese and American Consumers, Research Panel organized by Don Amoroso, Professor, Information Systems, KSU

**APRIL**

4/10  Cyberpunk Ecologies: Manga, Anime, and the Posthuman, Keith Leslie Johnson, Associate Professor of English, Georgia Regents University

4/17  Math and Science Education in Japan,” Panel – Tad Watanabe, Professor of Mathematics, KSU, Catherine Lewis, Mills College and Blake Peterson, Brigham Young

4/24  The Tragedy of War: Japanese American Internment Traveling Schools Exhibit Opening Presentation – 4:00 p.m. at the KSU Center