

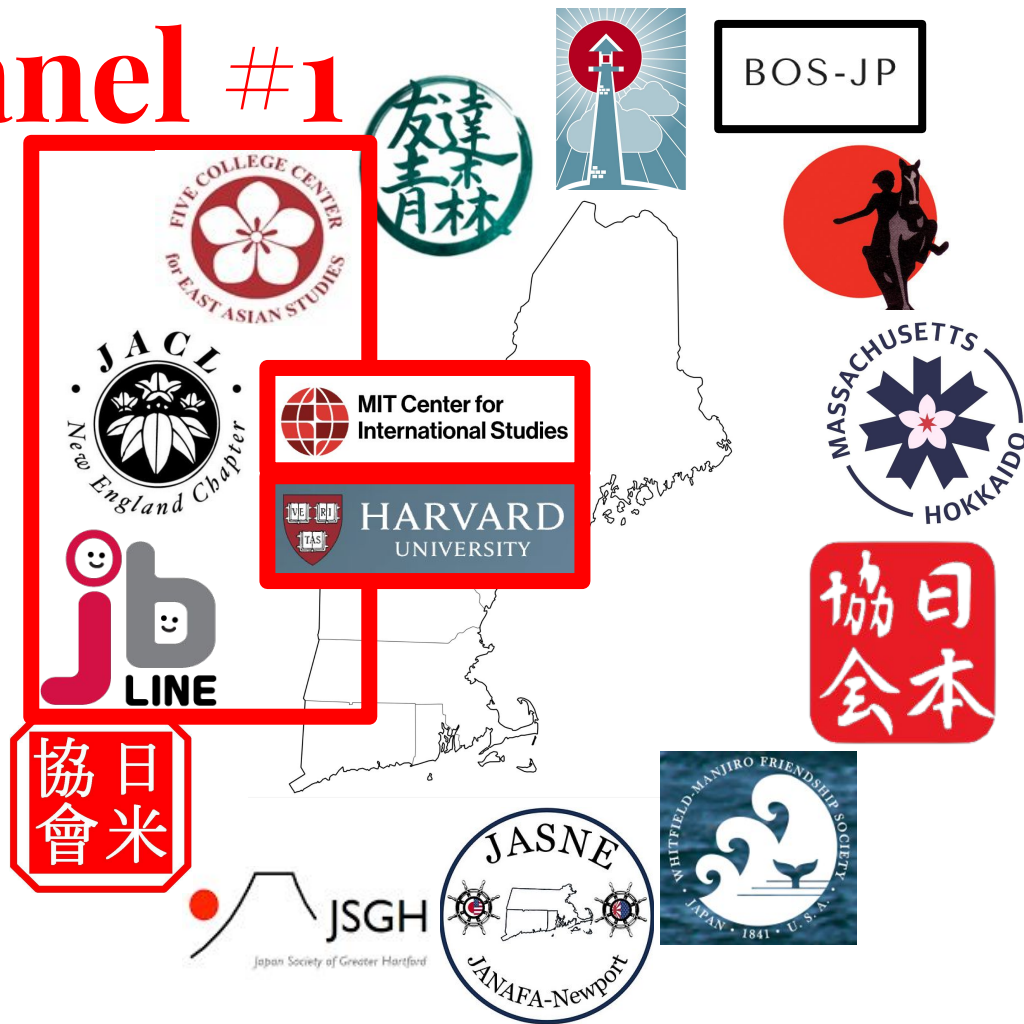


Panel #1

Education and Resources Panel

(FCCEAS, Harvard Weatherhead, MIT Japan, NEJACL, JB Line)

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2025 Conference of New England Japan-focused Nonprofits

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NAJAS

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Center for East Asian Studies

Promoting East Asian Studies throughout the Northeast by supporting the teaching of East Asian cultures in K-12 schools and higher education.



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Working with educators in elementary, middle, and high schools, and in colleges and universities, the Five College Center for East Asian Studies provides tools supporting the teaching of and learning about East Asian cultures. The Center draws on the resources of the Five College member campuses to conduct seminars, institutes, conferences, and workshops.

2025-2026
Webinars

Archived Webinars

FCCEAS Resource
Library

JAID - Japan Artists
Information
Directory

Japan 1945
O'Donnell Photos

Japanese Tea
Ceremony

Walking the
Tōkaidō

Tie That Bind: US
and Asia

Teaching East Asia
Videos

Mass-Hokkaido
35th Anniversary
Events



TIES THAT BIND: US AND ASIA

Ties That Bind: US and Japan





The Way of Tea



JAID

Japan Artists Information Directory



Japan 1945

A U.S. Marine's Photographs from Ground Zero,
by Joe O'Donnell



The Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Harvard University

- Established in 1980 by three distinguished members: Edwin O. Reischauer, Samuel Huntington, and Hisashi Owada.



Owada Hisashi



Edwin O. Reischauer



Samuel Huntington

The Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Harvard University

- ▶ Founded with the vision of creating a dedicated social science research program focused on contemporary U.S.-Japan relations.
- ▶ Located to facilitate scholar-practitioner collaboration, ensuring policy-relevant research.
- ▶ The intellectual mandate has been broad.

Faculty Directors



Ezra Vogel, 1980-87

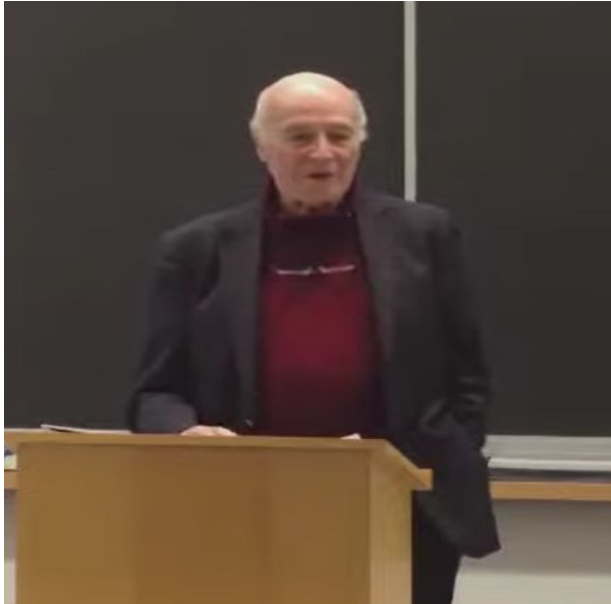


Susan Pharr, 1987-2019



Christina Davis, 2020-

Driving Collaboration and Outreach



Joseph Nye,
“A Life in the American Century”

- ▶ USJP sponsors approximately 40 events annually, fostering collaboration among affiliates, Harvard faculty, and students.
- ▶ Key Events Include:
 - Seminar Series
 - International Conferences
 - Distinguished Visitors Program
 - Harvard Japan Internship Program

Global Impact and Affiliates Network

- ▶ The program boasts an influential network of roughly 700 former affiliates around the world.
- ▶ Alumni have held distinguished roles, including former cabinet members.



The Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFIA)

A World Better Understood

- ▶ USJP is housed in WCFIA to foster collaboration between leading scholars and practitioners.
- ▶ Programs & Projects / Research Clusters



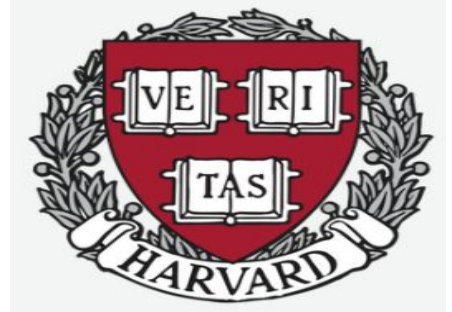
Robert R. Bowie



Henry A. Kissinger

From Campus to Community : Impact Beyond Campus

- ▶ Public Engagement: Numerous annual events fully open to the public.
- ▶ High-level global analysis accessible to all.
- ▶ Empowering the Community: Sharing global expertise with local non-profits and citizens.



MIT JAPAN PROGRAM



- Mission: Engaging with Japan to address real world problems
- Involvement in Global Education
- Primary Activities
- Contributions to Japan-related community
- How Japan-related nonprofits can support
- Strengths brought to wider US-Japan network

ENGAGEMENT WITH GLOBAL EDUCATION

The MIT Japan Program was established by Richard Samuels in 1981 as a program of the Center for International Studies and is now led by Christine Pilcavage.

The program serves students, faculty and staff at MIT and universities, research institutes, traditional companies, and start ups in Japan through internships and research activities.

The program serves the larger Japan oriented community in New England through outreach activities.

PRIMARY ACTIVITIES

- Provides fully funded internships and research opportunities that allow MIT students to tackle real world problems with traditional firms, start ups, research institutes and universities in Japan. Students can also participate in more traditional study abroad programs with the University of Tokyo and the Institute of Science Tokyo.
- Administers the Hayashi-ULVAC Seed Fund to supports collaboration between faculty and researchers at MIT and at universities and research institutions in Japan. Maximum award of \$30,000

CONTRIBUTIONS TO JAPAN RELATED COMMUNITY

- MIT Japan Program provides cultural, political and economic programming on Japan and on Japan-US relations.
- Programming features a mix of films, music and speakers and is typically open to the larger Japan oriented community.
- These events are sometimes done in partnership with other organizations.

HOW JAPAN RELATED ORGS CAN SUPPORT

- The MIT Japan Program and other Japan related nonprofits may cooperate by co-listing events and sharing information.

STRENGTHS BROUGHT TO US-JAPAN NETWORKS

- MIT Japan Program node in transnational S&T network.
- MIT Center for International Studies hosted diplomats Okamoto Yukio and Mori Yusuke and trained educators, technologists and journalists including Inoguchi Takashi, Suzuki Tatsujiro and Fukumoto Yoko



- MIT Japan Program faculty and staff writings and speeches on historical and current developments in Japan



NEW ENGLAND JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE



- Mission: Defending rights of JAs & others victimized by injustice
- Involvement in Global Education
- Primary Activities
- Contributions to Japan-related community
- How Japan-related nonprofits can support
- Unique strengths brought to wider US-Japan network

MISSION

- JACL is oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the US.
- JACL is a membership based organization with 113 chapters, 8 regional districts and 24000 members in 23 states.
- JACL mission is to defend human and civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and others victimized by injustice.



INVOLVEMENT IN GLOBAL EDUCATION

- The Kakehashi Project builds relationships between Japan and Japanese Americans through an 8 day trip featuring visits to historical sites, cultural activities, lectures, workshops and a home stay.
- Alumni become effective advocates in improving US-Japan relations.
- Project is a partnership of the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) and JACL with funding from MoFA
- Eligibility: Students and professionals 18 to 27 years old, Japanese Americans by heritage or adoption.



CIVIL LIBERTIES

- 1940s focus on mass imprisonment of Japanese Americans.
- 1950s reforming immigration and citizenship laws.
- 1960s joined in Civil Rights movement
- 1970s and 80s redress for those imprisoned during WWII.
- Post 9-11 defense of civil rights of Arab Americans and Muslims
- 2000s joined in struggle to advance LGBT rights
- 2025 JACL opposing xenophobic refugee and migration policies



2025 RESPONSES TO THREATS TO CIVIL LIBERTIES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

Joint Response from JACL National and JACL Chicago Chapter Regarding Immigration Raids and Possible National Guard Deployment

[JACL.ORG/STATEMENTS](https://jACL.org/statements)

JACL and 60+ Asian American Organizations File Amicus Brief Supporting the Fight Against the Alien Enemies Act

History, Responses to Hate, Immigration • 8/28/25

New ICE Detention Center at Fort Bliss Dishonors Japanese American History

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

Court's Rejection of the Alien Enemies Act is a Cautious Victory

[JACL.ORG/STATEMENTS](https://jACL.org/statements)



JACL National Youth/Student Council Statement

JACL National Youth/Student Council Condemns Revocation of Student Visas

HISTORICAL WORK AND JAPAN ACTIVITIES

HISTORY: Civil rights work legitimated by past mass incarceration.

- Support legislation preserving physical sites.
- Recount personal histories of relocation and internment
Day of Remembrance – Nobuko Miyamoto with Arts Emerson
- Honor those who challenged unjust imprisonment
“Korematsu Day” Bill -- Erika Uyterhoven (27th Middlesex)

JAPAN ACTIVITIES

Cultural events on food, music, and art.

Talks on US Japan relations and developments in Japan



CULTURAL AS POLITICAL

Day of Remembrance February 2025

Nobuko Miyamoto: A Song in Movement

Dance and music as politics – Nobuko Miyamoto

Legislation as politics – State Representative Erika Uytterhoven



CONTRIBUTIONS TO JAPAN RELATED COMMUNITY

NEJACL Newsletter editors Margie Yamamoto and Janet Gee compile a comprehensive list of events of interest to the Japan related and Asian American communities, with listings and circulation extending far beyond Chapter members.

HOW JAPAN RELATED NONPROFITS CAN SUPPORT

Joint sponsorship and co-listings of events. Sharing information.

STRENGTHS BROUGHT TO WIDER US-JAPAN NETWORKS

Broad orientation, including Sansei, Yonsei and Shin Issei.

Varied strengths of members including:

- Deb Samuels, Globe food writer, Japanese cookbook author
- Margie Yamamoto, expert on history of internment
- Dick Samuels and Christine Pilcavage, MIT Japan experts
- Paul Watanabe, director Asian American studies UMass
- Steve Nishino and Janet Gee, AARW
- Erin Hashimoto and Chris Martell, social studies educators
- Ken Oye, IR & US Japan.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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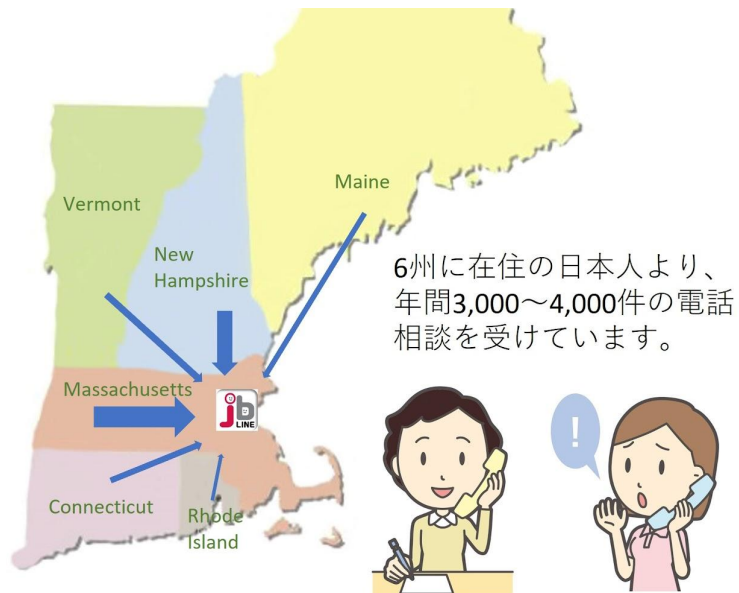
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Who We Are

A social services organization which addresses the problems of Japanese and Japanese Americans, in the New England region.

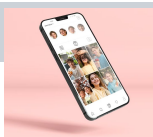
6 New England States



We handle 3,000 to 4,000 telephone contacts per year through our support line, in addition to many face-to-face meetings.

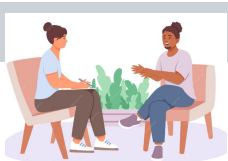
※6州には、約1万8,500人の邦人が在住

Our Activities



Support Line

- Bilingual consultation
- Confidential, anonymous



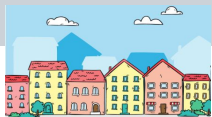
Social Worker Case Management

- In person consultation
- Licensed social workers on staff



Divorce & Domestic Violence

- Contract with the Japanese Consulate under the Hague Convention



Regional Outreach

- Support groups
- Create connections

Our Activities



Senior Visits

- Volunteers visit seniors in their home or facility



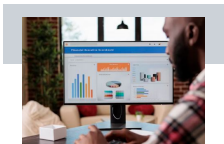
Young Family

- Specialized support for parents, from pregnancy through high school



Senior Support Groups

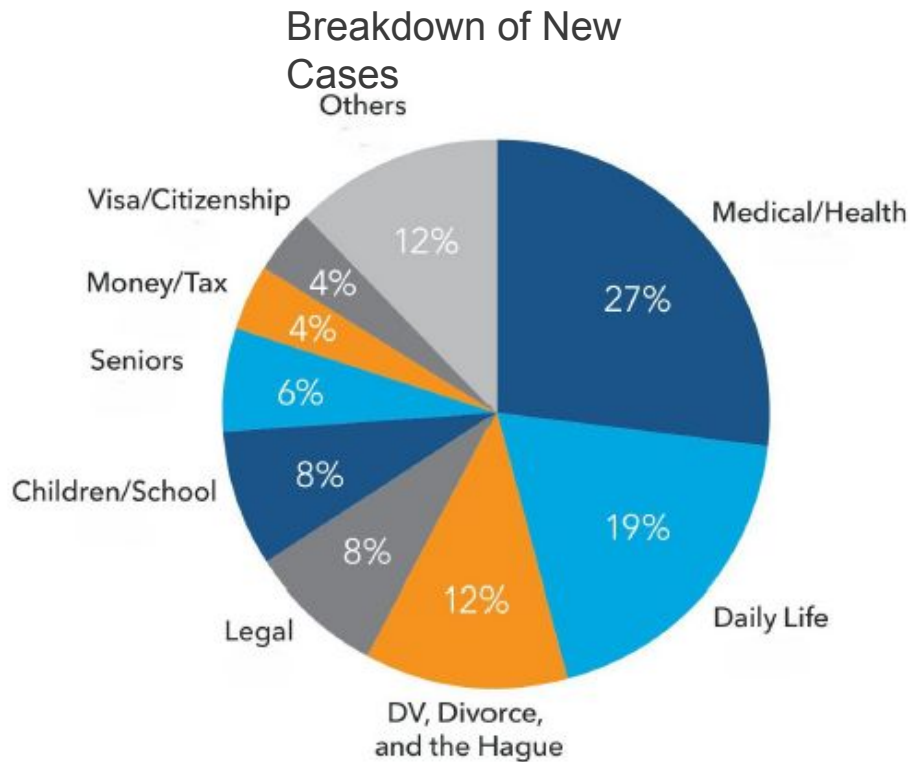
- Exercise
- Sing Along
- Chat



Information in Japanese

- Extensive website in Japanese
- Useful local information such as general retirement information

Our Activities





Expansion Plans

- As a part of our Regional Outreach
 - We aim, in time, to expand our Senior programs into other New England states.
 - Likewise, we aim to grow our Young Family support program geographically in other New England states.



We Want to Connect

- Please help us spread the word about JB Line's services.
- We would love to increase our volunteer team to support our expanded activities.
- Donations help us help people.
- For more information and donations see: jbline.org

Questions?