

SJS The Southern Japan Seminar  
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# Southern Japan Seminar

Saturday, March 1, 2008  
Florida International University  
Graham Center, Room 243

**Light Breakfast 8:30-9:15**

**Intro 9:15-9:30**

**Panel 1: End of Tokugawa History 9:30-11:30**

- Laura Nenzi, Florida International University, *Shock and Awe: Popular Reactions to the 1858 Comet*
- John Tucker, East Carolina University, *Confucian-Style FEMA: Ninomiya Sontoku's (1787-1856) Philosophy of Disaster Relief*
- Gregory Smits, Penn State University, *Bakufu Responses to the 1855 Ansei Edo Earthquake*
- Respondent: Kenneth Holloway, Florida Atlantic University

**Lunch 11:30-12:30 (Invited Guests Only)**

**Panel 2: Education and Culture 12:30-2:15**

- Yuki Miyamoto, DePaul University, *Sacred Pariahs: Hagiographies of Alterity, Sexuality, and Salvation in Atomic Bomb Literature*
- Steven Heine, Florida International University, *Zen and American Popular Culture*
- Xuexin Liu, Spelman College, *Lexical Borrowing through Globalization in Japan and China*

**Afternoon Break 2:15-2:30**

**Panel 3: Beauty, Sexuality, Agency: Entertaining Women in Japan 2:30-4:30**

- Kinko Ito, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, *New Trends in the Production of Japanese Ladies' Comics*
- Yuki Watanabe, University of Texas at Dallas, *Erokawa: An Analysis of Changing Images of Female Idols in Contemporary Japan*
- Jan Bardsley, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, *Export Models: The Miss Universe Pageant in Postwar Japan*
- Respondent: Carol Gould, Florida Atlantic University

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