

Dear JAG members,

At long last, I am issuing the call for papers for the JAG retreat to be held at Lake Arrowhead, May 23-25, 2014. The retreat will largely reprise the format of the 2008 conference organized by Miriam Wattles (and co-convened by Noriko Aso); this CFP thus once again requests well-formed works in progress, complete with the appropriate scholarly apparatus. Once again we hope to have a balanced mix of graduate students and faculty for the event, which will feature intensive discussions of each other's works. Peers will be primarily responsible for responding to each other's papers, but all will be welcome to comment in the groups. And as before, the goal will be to "create an atmosphere of constructive support and interchange among the group" in furtherance of the work and our intellectual exchange.

The previous iteration of the experience was highly successful for its participants, as attested to by the subsequent publications and dissertation chapters. Graduate student participants will find this an invaluable chance to get helpful, informed, attentive commentary on your work from a variety of perspectives—as indeed will faculty participants. I certainly benefitted from the prior experience, and am happy to provide it again to all successful applicants (courtesy of the Japan Foundation, the Terasaki Center, and our many supporting institutions).

Qualifications: faculty and graduate student applicants will be considered from JAG member institutions; we will also consider participation requests from JAG alumni. To be considered, please submit a one-paragraph summary, and a current draft of the paper or chapter to be considered. Time is short, so with apologies, I'm asking to receive your requests **by April 20**; I will let successful applicants know of their status within a few days after the deadline.

Accommodations: double and single occupancy rooms will be provided courtesy of JAG, along with meals. We will also reimburse for travel (contact me for details), but will ask for your help in arranging car pools etc. as possible to minimize costs.

Rough Schedule: people will arrive in the late afternoon of the 23rd; we'll have orientation and dinner that night, and get organized into groups. The next day will be the intensive group sessions, followed by a final morning get-together on the 25th.

Time extension: JAG cannot pay for extra family members; however, Lake Arrowhead will let us know about a month in advance if they have rooms that you may book yourself for the following night with anyone you would like (Sunday—it's Memorial Day weekend) in case you wish to enjoy the facilities longer than the conference.