Dear JAG members,

Somewhat belatedly, here is the call for papers for the third, now-annual **JAG Works-In-Progress retreat** at Lake Arrowhead, **May 22-24, 2014** (again, Memorial Day Weekend). As the title indicates, the retreat is for intensive group discussion of well-formed works in progress, that is, substantial writings complete with appropriate scholarly apparatus etc. Once again we hope to have a balanced mix of graduate students and faculty for the event. And as always, 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 (to borrow from Miriam Wattles’ words from the inaugural 2008 event).

The previous iterations of the experience were highly successful for the 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 broad variety of perspectives—as indeed will faculty participants. I have 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). That is, those selected to participate will have their stays paid for by JAG (including lodging and meals); I hope also to reimburse reasonable travel expenses, but can make no guarantees at this time.

Qualifications: faculty and graduate student applicants will be considered from JAG member institutions; we will also consider participation requests from JAG alumni. Prospective JAG institutions are also welcome to apply, though they will have to self-fund (contact me for details). 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 5**; I will let successful applicants know of their status shortly 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 22rd; 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 24th.

**Time extension/ families:** Lake Arrowhead has many facilities for family members to entertain themselves while the JAG participants convene, and they are welcome; however, you would have to pay for their costs (rates on request). You can expect to be completely busy apart from meals during the Saturday intense session, but we’ll be done by the morning of the 24th. Lake Arrowhead will also let us know about a month in advance if they have space available for the following night (Sunday) in case you wish to enjoy the facilities for the full extended weekend. That cost would also be up to the individuals to pay, JAG members included.