Japan’s Long Nineteenth Century
An Interdisciplinary Workshop and Practicum

Center for Japanese Studies
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The workshop will be structured around a series of pre-circulated working papers drafted by the hosts and invited faculty. The morning sessions will be devoted to the discussion of the papers while the afternoon sessions will involve hands-on work with a variety of materials drawn from U-M’s museums and libraries. These materials include: block-printed books, maps, photographs, and ukiyo-e, prints as well as archival and manuscript material related to early U.S. encounters with Japan.

Faculty Participants:
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Funding:
Lodging, breakfast, and lunch for all student participants will be provided. Graduate student participants are expected to seek funding to cover additional costs (such as airfare) through their home institutions. Five (5) fellowships of $500 each are available to help defray costs for undergraduate participants.

Eligibility:
This interdisciplinary workshop is open to advanced undergraduates (junior and senior standing), graduating seniors, and graduate students at all levels and in all fields. Preference will be given to students pursuing research related to the history and culture of 19th century Japan. A reading knowledge of Japanese is not required for undergraduate applicants, but some background in Japanese studies is expected.

Applications:
Please see the workshop’s website for more information: http://www.19cjapan.ii.lsa.umich.edu.
The application deadline is December 1, 2009.

Questions:
All queries should be submitted to Jonathan Zwicker (jzwicker@umich.edu). Include “Japan’s Long Nineteenth Century” in the subject line.

About the Center for Japanese Studies
Founded in 1947, the Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) at The University of Michigan is the oldest interdisciplinary center in the United States devoted exclusively to Japanese Studies. CJS serves as a home to graduate students, faculty from a variety of disciplines and professional schools, visiting artists and scholars, and community organizations pursuing Japan-related interests and activities at The University of Michigan.

Graduate Study in Japanese Studies at The University of Michigan
The Center for Japanese Studies offers an Interdisciplinary Master of Arts (M.A.) in Japanese Studies designed to develop competence in Japanese language, breadth of knowledge about Japan, and research and writing skills appropriate for a graduate student. In addition, doctoral degrees with a Japan focus are offered in a number of departments in the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.

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