

## John D'Amico

### Education

**Yale University, New Haven, CT**

History, PhD. Program (Current)

East Asian Studies, B.A. Class of 2016 (Dec. 2015 completion)

Coursework in East Asian history, anthropology, and literature, with a focus on Japan.

3.87 GPA with honors in the major.

### Fellowships & Awards

September 2020 (planned)

**Japan Foundation Doctoral Fellowship - *Tōhoku University***

Dissertation research in Japan. Primary archives in Sendai, Ishinomaki, and Hikone.

September 2016 - July 2017

**Fulbright Fellowship - *Tōhoku University***

Research project on early modern land development under Professor Kagohashi Toshimitsu. Took undergraduate courses in paleography and early modern history in Japanese. Worked on document preservation with local volunteer groups.

May 2016

**Williams Prize, Honorable Mention - *Yale University***

Third place prize for the best paper written by a senior on a Chinese, Japanese, or Korean subject for an undergraduate thesis written on the role of an urban patrician family in the development of Ōsaka. Used thesis material for exhibit held in Sterling Memorial Library at Yale University.

May 2014 - August 2014

**Robert Lyons Danly Fellowship - *Ōsaka City University***

Fellowship from Yale University for research in preparation for an undergraduate thesis on the development of Dōtonbori canal. Studied under Professor Tsukada Takashi. Participated in research meetings, an undergraduate presentation course, and a class on *kuzushiji*.

January 2014 - May 2014

May 2012 - August 2012

**Richard U. Light Fellowship - *Kanazawa, Japan and Ōsaka, Japan***

Won twice for language and cultural study in 2012 and 2014.

### Languages

**Japanese**

Four years of modern Japanese study. Passed JLPT N1 Exam (2014). One and a half years of classical Japanese study, with reading ranging from *Genji monogatari* to *Ōku no hosomichi*. Extensive use of *sōrōbun* documents in undergraduate thesis and during Fulbright project. Several years of coursework in *kuzushiji* and *sōrōbun*. Convener and presenter at Yale's Kyoto Komonjo Working Group.

## Literary Chinese

Two semesters of literary Chinese, covering the fundamentals of grammar and a variety of texts from classical philosophy and thought. Coursework on documents from Dunhuang and other Silk Road sites.

## Publications

7/17/20 - "Kinsei Nihonshi kenkyū to gendai Amerika shakai." ("What is the meaning of researching early modern Japanese history in contemporary American society?") In *Kyōdō no eii to shite no rekishigaku*, edited by Tsukada Takashi Sensei Taishoku Kinen Ronshū Kankō Iinkai, 231-234.

6/15/20 - "Sonraku" in "Kaiko to tenbō - kinsei," *Shigaku zasshi* 129 no. 5 (May, 2020). (Review of all publications on early modern villages and rural society from 2019)

## Presentations and Conferences

10/3/2021 - 「近世後期石巻における質屋経営と出入りー近江商人中井源左衛門家を事例に」 ("Pawnbroking, Clientage, [and Gangsters] in the Port Town of Ishinomaki." Presented at the fall meeting of the Tōhoku Historical Society.

2021 - "What was a merchant house in early modern Japan? The case of the Nakai Genzaemon, 1734 - 1870." Paper presented as part of the panel "Family Capitalism: Family Business Empires around the Globe and the Shaping of the Early Modern Economy" at the American Historical Association Conference (Canceled due to COVID-19)

6/8/20 - "What was a merchant house in Tokugawa Japan? The case of the Nakai Genzaemon." Presented at the Business History Conference Doctoral Colloquium

11/14/19 - "Understanding the Firm in Early Modern Japan: The House of Nakai Genzaemon and Late Tokugawa Commercial Society." Presented at the Economic History Lunch at the Yale University Department of Economics.

8/18/18 - 「幕末期桃生郡の土地再開発における近江商人と地域」 ("Ōmi Merchants and Local Society, A Case of Land Redevelopment in Monō District in the Late Tokugawa Period"). Part of the series 「よみがえる北上河口の歴史」 ("Reviving the History of the Kitakami River Delta") held in Ishinomaki, Japan. Presenting to local community members and historians.

7/14/18 - 「町触の会ー京都古文書」 ("Reading Town Ordinances - Kyoto Documents at Yale University"). Held at Ōsaka City University, introducing and analyzing documents held at Yale on Kyoto's urban history.

1/28/17 - 「アメリカでの日本史研究の可能性」 ("On the Possibilities of Japanese History Research in America"). Held at the 三都市研究会 (Research Group on the Three Cities [Edo, Ōsaka, and Kyoto]) meeting at Ōsaka City University.

## Professional Experience

January 2016 - July 2016

**Dataminr, Seattle, WA- Domain Expert**

- Real time news coverage via Twitter using on the ground sources with a focus on East Asia
- Led the East and Southeast Asia research desk, directing the development of new search tools
- Extensive exposure to contemporary discourse and news patterns in Japanese on Twitter

May 2015 - August 2015

**Yale University East Asia Library, New Haven, CT- Research Assistant**

- Research, translation, and other projects in Yale University's collections related to Japan and East Asia
- Primary project related to the digitization of historian Asakawa Kan'ichi's correspondence

August 2014 - December 2014

**The Wall Street Journal, Tokyo, Japan- Reporting Intern**

- Worked on the Japan Real Time blog, publishing new pieces every day on a wide range of topics, from tech to the latest political developments
- Reporting work primarily consisted of calling sources in Japanese, attending events, and translating laws, press releases, and other written material

May 2013 - August 2013

**Asia Pacific Investment Partners, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia- Summer Analyst**

- Worked in web marketing for a local real estate and property development firm
- Wrote real estate guides, blog posts, and political analysis
- Established and worked on company's social media strategy

## **Writing and Translation**

"Towards a New Era: Reiwa and the Politics of the Classics in Japan." *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog*, 5/1/2019

"For Our Children #110 - Can We Bring Back History." subtitles. *Miyagi Shiryō Network*

"The Water Makes the Beer." *Roads & Kingdoms*, 7/15/2015

"Campaigning Begins for Japan General Election." *Wall Street Journal*, 12/2/2014

"Abe, Conservative Press Jump on Asahi Apology." *Japan Real Time - WSJ*, 9/12/2014

"Famous Sword Re-Emerges After 150 Years." *Japan Real Time - WSJ*, 9/12/2014