

# Mioko Webster

## EDUCATION

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### Washington University in St. Louis

M.A., Japanese

Award: Masters Fellowship

St. Louis, Missouri

*August 2019*

### Illinois College

B.A., Communication Studies

Awards: Lambda Pi Eta and Phi Sigma Iota

Jacksonville, Illinois

*May 2010*

### Fort Scott Community College

A.A., Communication

Fort Scott, Kansas

*May 1991*

## ACADEMIC TEACHING

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### University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Full-time Japanese Instructor

Colorado Springs, Colorado

*August 2019 – Present*

#### Courses Taught:

Beginners Japanese II (JPNS 1020)

Intermediate Japanese I (JPNS 2110)

Intermediate Japanese II (JPNS 2120)

Advanced Japanese I (JPNS 3000)

Advanced Japanese II (JPNS 3010)

### St. Louis Community College

Part-Time Japanese Instructor

St. Louis, Missouri

*February 2019 – May 2019*

- taught Japanese language and culture to diverse population of adult learners and traditional college students

Course Taught: Modern Japanese I (JPN 101)

### Washington University in St. Louis, University College

Part-Time Japanese Instructor

St. Louis, Missouri

*January 2018- May 2019*

- taught Japanese language and culture to diverse population of adult learners and traditional college students

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Basic Japanese I (U36 JP1051)

Introduction to Basic Japanese II (U36 JP1052)

**Illinois College**

Jacksonville, Illinois

Instructor of Japanese

*2001-2017*

- first full-time Japanese instructor at Illinois College
- responsible for building the enrollment and academic stature of the program
- responsible for creating a Japanese Studies major degree beginning in 2010

Courses Taught:

Japanese for Global Citizens I (JP 101)

Japanese for Global Citizens II (JP 102)

Japanese for Global Citizens III (JP 111)

Japanese for Global Citizens IV (JP112)

Japanese for Living Abroad 1 (JP 201)

Japanese for Living Abroad 2 (JP 202)

Independent Study (JP 461/462)

Annual Guest Lecturer for the Intercultural Communication Class

Japanese Lecturer

*2012-2017*

- Gave a presentation on communication differences between Japanese and Americans and facilitated discussion

**GRANTS**

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**FAWC mini-grant award**

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Funded by The UCCS Faculty Assembly Women's Committee

*2020*

*Illinois College received two grants \$50,000 in 2013 and \$400,000 in 2015 from the Henry Luce Foundation's Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment (LIASE) due to the distinguished Japanese university exchange programs. The following projects were funded by the grant.*

**Luce Projects 1: Ritsumeikan Graduate Internship Program** *2014-2017*

Role: Faculty Adviser for Japanese Graduate Students from Ritsumeikan University

**Luce Projects 2: Ritsumeikan Science and Engineering Graduate Students and Faculty Group Visit** *September 2015*

Role: Facilitator and Communicator with Ritsumeikan Professors

**Luce Projects 3: International Symposium on Science, Sustainability and Teaching Hosted by Illinois College Science and Japanese Studies** *March 2014 and 2016*

Role: Coordinator and Facilitator for Science Professors of Ritsumeikan and Kanazawa University

**Luce Project 4: Curriculum Development Group** *Summer 2015*

Role: Group Member, Japanese Cultural Information Provider

- Assisting members from outside of Japanese program to incorporate Japanese content in their courses

**Luce Project 5: Summer Environmental Research Trip to Japan** *2016*

Role: Faculty Coordinator and Leader for Science Students

- Responsible for planning and coordinating with Ritsumeikan and Kanazawa University faculty for collaboration events
- Taught a ten-week preparatory course for participating students
- Supervised students during the three-week, research-focused trip
- Assisted students in giving a poster presentation at the science symposium hosted by Ritsumeikan graduate program
- Facilitated the collaboration research presentations with a Ritsumeikan undergraduate group
- Collaborated with Kanazawa University professors to visit the Kanazawa University Marine Research Center

**Luce Project 6: Japan Trip Preparation Course for Faculty Members**

*2012-2013 and 2016*

Role: Instructor of Japanese Language and Culture

- Responsible for teaching basic Japanese dialogue, culture, manners for upcoming travel to Japan

**Luce Project 7: Summer Research Abroad Internship at BKC (Biwako Kusatsu Campus) Ritsumeikan Laboratory for Students**

*2016 and 2017*

Role: Faculty Assistant for Science Students

- Communicated with Japanese faculty members
- Assisted with students' presentation and Japanese language skills
- Taught Japanese culture and manners to students preparing to live in Japan

Attended ASIANetwork 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Oak Brook, Illinois

*2017*

- Accompanied student poster presentation titled "Unconventional Gas Extraction in Japan"

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING**

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**Spring Workshop Hosted by Colorado Japanese Language Education Association** University of Northern Colorado in Denver *March 2020*

"Incorporation of Audio-Visual Materials in Intermediate Japanese Courses"

Presented by Hisaaki Wake, United States Air Force Academy

**ACTFL Annual Convention & World Language Expo.**

Washington D.C.

Hosted by The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

*November 22 – 24, 2019*

**Fall Workshop Hosted by Colorado Japanese Language Education Association**

University of Northern Colorado in Denver

*September 2019*

"Manga as a Multimodal Medium: Incorporating Manga in the Japanese Language Classroom"

Presented by Shige (CJ) Suzuki, The City University in New York

**Integrating Intercultural Competence in to**

Washington University in St. Louis

**Foreign Language Curriculum through Standards and Assessment**

*February 2019*

Presented by Dr. Jeeyoung Ahn Ha, Director Korean Language Program,  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Learned how to incorporate intercultural communicative competence (ICC) in language courses
- Learned how to assess students' ICC based on ACTFL's Integrated Performance Assessment (IPA)

**Pedagogy, Professionalization, and Diversity:  
A Practical Workshop**

Washington University in St. Louis  
*November 2019*

Hosted by the Association of Gender Minority and Women Graduate Students

- Learned how to address issues of race, gender, class, and politics in a classroom that is already politicized (racialized, gendered, classed)
- Learned and discussed practical strategies for classroom and departmental interactions related to issues of diversity

**Alex Foundation (Alliance for Language Learning and Educational Exchange) Japanese Teacher Training**

Washington University in St. Louis  
*Summer 2018*

- Trained the Performed Culture Approach (PCA) to teaching Japanese
- Observed PCA model class, rehearsed and gave demo teaching with PCA, reflected on my teaching demo
- Learned to develop skills for lesson plans, manage classroom activities
- Learned how to give feedback and assessments to students
- Learned how to explain Japanese grammar through Pedagogical Grammar course

**Japanese Teacher's Workshop Hosted by IATJ  
(Illinois Association of Teachers of Japanese)**

Elk Grove, Illinois  
*2010-2015*

- Gained ideas about class activities and creating supplemental teaching materials
- Discussed and shared issues related to teaching and classroom practices

**Summer Workshops hosted by Illinois College**

Civic Engagement and Service-Learning Workshop *2014*

- Incorporated community service as a part of class activities

SEE/WEE (Speaking Extensive and Writing Extensive Experience) Workshop *2013*

- Incorporated speech and writing projects in class to improve students' speaking and writing skills

Integrate Learning Workshop *2012*

- Connected courses outside of Modern Languages department through shared contents or activities

Computer Workshop

2011

- Learned how to incorporate computer technology into classroom such as creating video clips and enhanced PowerPoint, Google Drives and Moodle

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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**University of Colorado Colorado Springs**

**Japanese Club Adviser**

*February, 2020 - Present*

- Organized and assisted to create a Japanese Club

**Asian Studies Committee**

*January, 2020 – Present*

- Creating an Asian Studies minor at UCCS

**Illinois College Alumni, Local Host Families, and College President Trip to Japan**

*Summer 2017*

Role: Faculty Leader

- Led two-week adult group trip to Japan in commemoration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ritsumeikan and Illinois College relationship
- Taught eight-week trip preparation class

**Views of Japan Breakaway Trip to Japan**

*2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012*

Role: Faculty Leader and Coordinator

- Planned the itinerary and coordinated visit to Ritsumeikan and Kanazawa University
- Taught a ten-week preparatory course for participating students
- Supervised students during the three-week trip

**Intercultural Exchange Programs with Ritsumeikan University Program**

*2005-2017*

Role: Student Adviser

- Advised 27 Ritsumeikan students during their four-week stay at Illinois College

- Found Illinois College host students for Ritsumeikan students
- Planned and supervised events for the Ritsumeikan group
- Supervised Ritsumeikan students' day trip to St. Louis and a three-day trip to Chicago

**Committees Appointments:**

Diversity Advisory Board	2017
International Studies Committee	2015-2017
Instructor Search Committee for Intercultural Exchange Program with Ritsumeikan University	2012
Intercultural Search Committee (Communication Studies department)	2011

**DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

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Japanese House/ Floor/ Club

Role: Faculty Adviser 2009- 2017

- Organized, assisted and planned activities open for the entire campus, and supervised each event (an average of 15 events per semester)
- Hosted educational events and cultural presentations
- Hosted fun events such as Japanese cooking, games, movies, karaoke, and welcome and farewell parties for Japanese exchange students
- Organized an annual day trip to St. Louis and the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign for participation in tea ceremonies
- Set up volunteer work at local elementary schools and the public library to teach Japanese language and culture to children
- Organized an event called Japanese Story Day at the public library
- Set up a service at a local homeless shelter to serve Japanese curry rice each semester

***Awarded Student Organization of the Year in 2015-2016 academic year***

Japanese Tables 2003-2017

Role: Coordinator

- Coordinated a weekly lunch with Japanese language learners and Japanese exchange students

**Committees Appointments:**

Japanese Search Committee

*2009, 2015, 2016*

French Search Committee

*2011*

**MEMBERSHIP**

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American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

American Association of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ)

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

Colorado Japanese Language Education Association (CJLEA)