

The 23rd Science in Japan Forum
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

Memory and the Museum

Date: June 15, 2018

Place: National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C.

Museums used to be considered as places for preservation and exhibition of the tangible cultural heritages. But now museums are becoming places for people to meet and transmit collective memories from one generation to another. The concept of memory is one of the central focuses in museum activities including researches. The Forum will examine various aspects of 'memory and the museum' and thus clarify the function of the museum as an institute for transmitting and creating 'memories'.

Program

8:30am - **Registration**

9:00am - 9:30am **Opening Remarks**

9:30am - 10:30am **Keynote Speech**

Kenji Yoshida, *Director-General, The National Museum of Ethnology*
"The Museum, A Place of Transmitting and Creating 'Memory'"

Steven Lubar, *Professor, Brown University*
"Objects and Memories"

10:30am - 10:50am **Coffee Break**

10:50am - 11:50am **1st Session: History & Memory**

Isao Hayashi, *The National Museum of Ethnology*
"Remembrance and Recording of the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster"

Carl Lindahl, *University of Houston*
"Hurricane Katrina and 3/11: Embodying Memory and Healing through Survivor Narration"

11:50am - 12:50pm **2nd Session: Body & Memory**

Nobuhiro Kishigami, *The National Museum of Ethnology*

“Inupiat Dance and Embodied Memories”

Mary Jo Arnoldi, *National Museum of Natural History*

“Encoding Histories and Identities in Mali’s Puppet Masquerades”

12:50pm - 2:10pm **Lunch (prepared for registered participants)**

2:10pm - 3:10pm **3rd Session: Things & Memory**

Atsushi Nobayashi, *The National Museum of Ethnology*

“Evoking the memory and creating a new lineage in the museum: handicraft of Taiwan indigenous peoples”

Michael Pahn, *National Museum of the American Indian*

“Changing the Narrative of History: The Enduring Value of Community Collaborations.”

3:10pm - 4:10pm **4th Session: Community & Memory**

Yuji Seki, *The National Museum of Ethnology*

“Incorporation of the Social Memory with the Cultural Heritage Management in the Peruvian Highlands”

Aron Crowell, *Alaska Office, Arctic Studies Center, National Museum of Natural History*

“The Truth of Oral Tradition: Archaeological Confirmation of Northern Indigenous Histories”

4:10pm - 4:30pm **Coffee Break**

4:30pm - 5:30pm **Panel Discussion (All Speakers)**

5:30pm - 5:40pm **Closing Remarks**