

Editor's Introduction

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From 2006 to 2011 Nanzan University and the Center for American Studies hosted the Nagoya American Studies Summer Seminars (NASSS). The seminars continued a half-century tradition of American studies summer seminars in Japan and included leading American studies scholars from the United States as keynote speakers and scholars from across the Indo-Pacific region who participated as panel presenters. The records of those seminars are recorded in issues of the *Review* from those years.

The NASSS was innovative, however, in its addition of a post-conference graduate student seminar. This seminar was organized to provide a new generation of American studies scholars with research support, the opportunity to connect with young American studies scholars from a variety of countries, and to learn how American studies scholarship is conducted in different countries. Having attended the main seminar students spent an additional three days in retreat presenting and discussing their own research under the supervision of academic mentors who included the conference keynote speakers, Center affiliates, and Nagoya area scholars.

2021 marked a decade since the closing of the last NASSS. Thinking that many graduate seminar participants would have completed their studies and entered academia, the editor put out a call to seminar alumni asking for contributions to a special issue of the *Review* that would introduce their current research. The following section introduces a sampling of that scholarship.

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