

## PATRICIA YARROW

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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Visa: Professor. Expires 8 July 2011.  
 Passport: 209005614. Expires 7 September 2013.  
 Issuing Authority: National Passport Center.

Nationality: American. United States of America.  
 Health: Excellent. Birthday: July 1, 1952. Blood type AB-negative.  
 Disposition: Cheerful, outgoing, competent, and articulate.  
 Goal: University professor with published research papers.

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 ACADEMIC HISTORY
 

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Research Interests: Cultural *shitamachi* traditions and literature of Japan.

## PRESENTATIONS

1. "Everyday Way: Writing About Urban Walking Routes and Snapshots of Self." Presentation to the Japan Association for Language Teaching (JALT) 2007 CUE conference in Nagoya, Japan. June 24, 2007.
2. "Saké Labels: Looking and Longing." Presentation to Columbia University Graduate Student Conference, February 4, 2004 and at the University of Colorado at Boulder's Graduate conference (CUEAGA) on March 6, 2005
3. "Jizaké: Locality and Survival in Modern Japan." Presentation to the Colorado University East Asian Graduate Association, March 6, 2004.

## ARTICLES IN PROCESS:

1. "Japlish: The Hidden Conversation." The use of English for Japanese to read as a message and for décor. (In progress.)
2. "Saké Brewers in Japan: Collective Re-imaginings of Self and Place." The repositioning of traditional sake brewers within the context of associated localities. (In progress.)

## FIELD WORK

1. Visited Japanese saké breweries throughout Japan for first-hand experience of the location and people who craft saké. 2004.
2. Ongoing research in Japan regarding signage and representation; conceptualization of "the real Japan."
3. Life of Kotoku Shusei and Kanno Sugako, Japanese anarchists of the Meiji. (In progress.)

## ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP

1. Asiatic Society of Japan (ASJ) since February 2007.
2. Japan Association of Language Teachers (JALT) and the special interest group College and University Educators (CUE) since March 2007.
3. Association for Japanese Literary Studies (AJLS) since September 2008.

## EDUCATION

1. Bachelor of Landscape Architecture. University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. 1977.
2. Graphic Design certificate. University of California, Berkeley. 1996.
3. TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language). Two-year certificate. University of California, Berkeley. 1998.
4. M.A. University of Colorado at Boulder. East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Japanese. Completed: August 15, 2005. Thesis title: "Images of Japanese Sake: Snakes in the Glass."

## LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR (Academic)

1. Osaka Prefecture Office in San Francisco, California. English instructor. 1998.
2. University of Colorado, Boulder. Japanese instructor for Boulder faculty and staff, and English language partner to undergraduates and adults. 2002-2003.
3. Awaji-shima, Japan. English conversation teacher for a miniscule *eikawa* on the island of in the Kansai. Clients included elementary schools, group and private sessions. 2005-2006.
4. Kanagawa University High School. English TOEIC instructor and English writing teacher to private high school students. April 2006-March 2008.

## CURRENT (Academic)

5. Meisei University, Tokyo. English and writing instructor to undergraduates. April 2007-July 2008.
6. Kanto Gakuin University, Yokohama. English instructor to undergraduates students. April 2008-current.
7. Meiji Gakuin University, Yokohama. English instructor to Liberal Arts undergraduates students. April 2008-current.
8. National Defense Academy, Yokosuka. English instructor to Japanese naval undergraduates. April 2008-current.

## LANGUAGES

English: native.

Japanese: Intermediate conversational reading and speaking.

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 NON-ACADEMIC
 

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## WORK HISTORY

*OVERVIEW*

1. Ten years running my own landscape design company in the San Francisco. 1978-1988.
2. Thirteen years in IT. Technical writer, corporate internal help desk in San Francisco, Tokyo, and Boulder. 1988-2001.
3. Three years in graduate school, University of Colorado at Boulder. 2002-2005.
4. Language instructor since 2005, in Japan.

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS (Non-Academic)

1. Wells Fargo Bank, Internal Help Desk. San Francisco, Ca. 1995-1996.
2. GE Capital /Genstar Container, Senior Help Desk Analyst. San Francisco, Ca. 1996-1998.
3. Nextel Communications. Technical Writer. San Francisco, Ca. 1998-1999.
4. AXA Direct Insurance, Deutsche Bank, Charles Schwab Tokio Marine, Computer Support. Tokyo. 1999-2000.
5. UBS Warburg, E-Commerce Trainer. Tokyo. 2000.
6. Athene Software, Technical Writer. Boulder, Co. 2001.
7. U of Colorado Natural History Museum, Graduate student work study. Boulder, Co. 2003-5.

## MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR

1. Karate assistant instructor, Shotokan Karate Academy, Benecia, California. 1995-1998.
2. Aikido instructor, University Consortium of Atmospheric Research (UCAR) in Boulder, Colorado, 2000-2005.

## PART TIME ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR IN JAPAN SINCE 2006

1. GABA, Yokohama. Conducting one-on-one English sessions with numerous Japanese adults. August 2006-September 2007.
2. OBC. Technical Business English instructor to engineers and staff. July 2007-.

3. *LANGUAGE INTENSIVES*

- K-LINE. Prepare container shipping officers for English conversation with their international crew when they join their ship and see the world. April-May 2007.
- Yamanashi Teacher's Training. Three-day intensive to train Japanese high school English teachers. August 8-10, 2007. August 6-8, 2008.
- Oizumigakuen, Tokyo. Innovative intensives to Junior High School students. August 2006, 2007.

## MY WEBSITES

Written in HTML, I continue to maintain the following:

1. <personal> <http://www.well.com/user/pyarrow/tokyo/>
2. <memorial> <http://www.saitosensei.com/>
3. <business> <http://mroka.homestead.com/>

## HOBBIES

Aikido. Japanese language, literature, and history. Japanese *minyo* dancing. Photography, writing, and my websites.

## PHOTOGRAPHS:



University of Colorado at Boulder graduate, 2005



Tokyo, 2008