Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

October 2021 Newsletter

Jane Austen in the Pan Pacific
Saturday, November 13
3 p.m. Pacific Time / 1 p.m. Hawaiian Time

Hear from six top speakers from five countries across 12 time zones in the first-ever Pan Pacific conference on Jane Austen. JASNA Southwest is partnering with JASNA Hawaii to create this very special meeting.

The event is free on Zoom and will begin at 3 p.m. Pacific/1 p.m. Hawaiian time on Saturday, November 13 (which will be Sunday, November 14 for our colleagues in Asia and Australia/New Zealand).

Each of the six sessions will be approximately 40 minutes (including the presentation and Q&A) followed by a five-minute break. All talks will be recorded and posted on the JASNA Southwest YouTube channel, so you won't miss a thing.

Register Now!

Schedule
Start time
3 p.m. Pacific (1 p.m. Hawaiian time)

Welcome
3-3:05 p.m. Pacific/1-1:05 p.m. Hawaiian
Bob Newell, JASNA Hawaii RC
Susie Wampler, JASNA Southwest RC

Opening Greetings
3:05-3:10 p.m. Pacific/1:05-1:10 p.m. Hawaiian
Liz Philosophos Cooper
JASNA President

"Jane Austen in Translation"
3:10-3:50 p.m. Pacific/1:10-1:50 p.m. Hawaiian
Dr. Juliette Wells
Professor of Literary Studies
Goucher College, Baltimore

"Jane Austen in Australia and New Zealand"
3:55-4:35 p.m. Pacific/1:55-1:35 p.m. Hawaiian
Dr. Joanne Wilkes
Professor of English
University of Auckland, New Zealand

"Reading Kazuo Ishiguro's KIara and the Sun as a Modern Interpretation of Mansfield Park"
4:40-5:20 p.m. Pacific/2:40-3:20 p.m. Hawaiian
Dr. Hatsuyo Shimazaki
Founding Member
Jane Austen Society of Japan

"Austen Passports: The Pacific and Beyond"
5:25-6:05 p.m. Pacific/3:25-4:05 p.m. Hawaiian
Ruth Williamson
New Zealand writer and editor

"Jane Austen in the Philippines"
6:10-6:50 p.m. Pacific/4:10-4:50 p.m. Hawaiian
Dr. Maria Lorena Santos
Assistant Professor
Department of English and Comparative Literature
University of the Philippines

"Jane Austen in Australia"
6:55-7:35 p.m. Pacific/4:55-5:35 p.m. Hawaiian
Susannah Fullerton
President
Jane Austen Society of Australia

Closing Remarks/Final Questions
7:35 p.m. Pacific/5:35 p.m. Hawaiian

Event Close
7:45 p.m. Pacific/5:45 p.m. Hawaiian
About the Speakers

**Juliette Wells** is professor of literary studies at Goucher College. Goucher holds the world's only collection of Austen novels in translation, including dozens of languages. She will share an overview of the collection and a show and tell of some of its treasures. Wells is the author of *Reading Austen in America* (2017) and *Everybody's Jane: Austen in the Popular Imagination* (2011). She serves on the editorial board of *Persuasions*. Wells created 200th anniversary editions of Austen’s novels *Persuasion* (2017) and *Emma* (2015). Beyond Austen, her writings include a co-edited book, *The Brontës in the World of the Arts* (2008), and numerous articles on topics ranging from George Eliot to chick lit.


**Hatsuyo Shimazaki** specializes in the representation of speech and thought in the novels of Jane Austen and 18th century fiction, including works by Frances Burney and Laurence Sterne. She completed a PhD at the University of Southampton, where she also taught an MA module: *Jane Austen’s Style*. She is a founding member of the Jane Austen Society of Japan and was twice granted a visiting fellowship at Chawton House. She has published a Japanese book on Austen’s narrative techniques (*Jiein ōsutin no katari no gihō o yomitoku*, 2008) and is currently preparing an English book on *Austen’s Free Indirect Speech*. Her talk will discuss the socially weaker status of two of Austen’s reserved protagonists, Fanny Price and Anne Elliot, and compare it with that of Kazuo Ishiguro’s new book, *Klara and the Sun*.

**Ruth Williamson** is a New Zealand writer and editor who has contributed to literary events and activities at home and also in Australia, Canada, California and the United Kingdom. She is an international member of JASNA and is actively involved with the Jane Austen Society of Australia as editor of its newsletter, the *Chronicle*, and as an active long-term member. Her articles and presentations include an assessment of the life and career of Austen’s first scholarly editor, R W Chapman, the legacy and lure of Austen’s letters, and the actual and virtual letters of *Persuasion*. 
Maria Lorena M. Santos earned her PhD at the National University of Singapore, where she wrote her dissertation on the cultural phenomenon of global fan communities surrounding the works of—and inspired by—Jane Austen. Santos has published and delivered talks based on her research on adaptation, translation and appropriation of Anglo-American texts in the Philippines. She is an associate professor of the Department of English and Comparative Literature at the University of the Philippines, teaching both language and literature courses.

Susannah Fullerton has been president of the Jane Austen Society of Australia, the largest literary society in the country, for more than 25 years. She is the author of several books about Austen, including Jane Austen and Crime, A Dance With Jane Austen, Happily Ever After: Celebrating Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, and Jane & I: A Tale of Austen Addiction. Fullerton regularly leads tours to places connected with Austen's life and novels, and she lectures on Austen around Australia. She publishes a free monthly email, "Notes from a Book Addict."

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Jane Austen and Shelley in the Garden
Event With Janet Todd Available Online

If you missed our Q&A with novelist, biographer and internationally renowned Jane Austen scholar Janet Todd, OBE, last month, you can watch the entire conversation on the JASNA Southwest YouTube channel.

We were among the first to hear from Todd about her brand-new novel, Jane Austen and Shelley in the Garden, which was released a few days before our meeting on Sept. 12.

Todd is a former president of Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge. Now a full-time writer and literary critic, she has published several books: Jane Austen's Sanditon, Don't You Know There's a War On?, Radiation Diaries, Aphra Behn: A Secret Life and A Man of Genius.

Watch now!

2021 Young Filmmakers Contest

We received entries from all over the country for this year's Young Filmmakers Contest, which concluded on October 1. The judges are now hard at work reviewing the submissions.

Winners will be screened and announced at a live
event at this year's JASNA Annual General Meeting in Chicago, on Saturday, October 16, at 8:15 p.m. Central time (6:15 p.m. Pacific). If you are attending the AGM, please join us for this exciting presentation!

We will post the winning entries on our YouTube channel after the conclusion of the AGM. Stay tuned! You can sign up to receive an alert as soon as videos are posted to our site!

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**Last Call for Southwest Board Nominations**

Would you like to get more involved in JASNA Southwest? At the end of the year, the region's membership will be voting on new officers and board members for 2022–23. To nominate yourself or someone else, or to learn more, contact Nancy Gallagher, chair of the nominating committee. We are also recruiting volunteers to serve on committees or to help with events. We also welcome suggestions for improvement in all aspects of the organization and our operations. Contact Regional Coordinator Susie Wampler if you'd like to volunteer.

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events from JASNA Southwest:

Saturday, Dec. 18, 11 a.m. Pacific: Jane Austen birthday celebration and game day (with prizes!). Lisa Brown, regional coordinator of JASNA Central and Western New York, and creator of Jane Austen Bingo, will lead us in six rounds of bingo (one for each of Austen's novels).

Saturday, Jan. 22, 11 a.m.: Acclaimed Austen scholar Juliette Wells will regale us with a presentation on her new work in progress.

Saturday, April 30: Our first in-person event since the pandemic—"Ms. Austen Goes to Washington: Jane Austen and Politics"—with Austen scholar Sheryl Craig (author of *Jane Austen and the State of the Nation*), who will discuss "Tories, Whigs and Who's Who in Jane Austen," and Congressman Mark Takano (D-Riverside), who launched a Jane Austen reading group in Congress. The event will be held at the beautiful and historic Mission Inn Hotel and Spa in Riverside (pictured right).

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**Reading/Film/Game Groups**

Saturday, October 16, 10:30 a.m.

**San Gabriel Valley Reading Group**
Lady Susan by Jane Austen and chapters dealing with Lady Susan in Matters of Fact in Jane Austen by Janine Barchas
For more information, contact Kelly Duir.

Saturday, October 16, 10:30 a.m.
**Ventura Reading Group**
*A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens.
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Phyllis Michaels.

Sunday, October 17, 6 p.m.
**Santa Monica Reading Group**
*Jane Austen and Shelley in the Garden* by Janet Todd
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Diana Birchall.

Saturday, October 23, 10:15 a.m.
**North Orange County Reading Group**
*Charlotte Collins* by Jennifer Becton (chapters 13–end of book)
Location: Panera Bread, 1028 S. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton
For more information, contact Melissa Buell.

Sunday, October 24, 1:30 p.m.
**West Los Angeles Reading Group**
*Persuasion* by Jane Austen
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Katie Boeck.

Thursday, November 4
**Janeites Reading Trollope**
*Orley Farm* by Anthony Trollope
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Katie Boeck.

Saturday, November 6
**Long Beach Reading Group**
*The Brontës* by Juliet Barker
For more information, contact Sherwood Smith.

Sunday, November 7
**South Bay Reading Group**
*Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen
For more information, contact Jeanine Holguin.

Sunday, November 7, 1:30 p.m.
**Riverside Reading Group**
*What Matters in Jane Austen* by John Mullan
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Vicki Broach.

Sunday, November 14
**San Fernando Valley Reading Group**
*The Fossil Hunter* by Shelley Emling
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Catherine Hayes.

Sunday, November 14
**Westside/405 Reading Group**
*Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont* by Elizabeth Taylor
This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact Karen Berk for more information.

Sunday, November 14, 7 p.m.
**Pasadena Area Reading Group**
Mansfield Park by Jane Austen
This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members.
Current members may contact Susan Ridgeway for more information.

Saturday, November 20, 10:30 a.m.
Ventura Reading Group
The Regency Years by Robert Morrison
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Phyllis Michaels.

Sunday, November 21, 12:30 p.m.
Orange County Reading Group
Jane Austen: A Life by Claire Tomalin
For more information, contact Maryann Pelensky.

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