

# Career Forum 2016

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

The Nippon Club  
145 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019

*Co-organized by the JET Alumni Association of New York, the  
Consulate General of Japan in New York and CLAIR, New York.*



## Schedule for Today

- 2:30 p.m.** Doors Open, Registration
- 3:00 p.m.** Welcome Remarks: David Son
- 3:15 p.m.** Writing Resumes for Results: Clara Solomon
- 3:50 p.m.** Interviewing with Confidence: Simon Chiew
- 4:20 p.m.** Break
- 4:30 p.m.** JET Alumni Panel Discussion with Q&A
  - Moderator: Caitlin McQuaide
  - Panelists:
    - o Christy Bahr
    - o Stacy Smith
    - o Reginald Spence
- 5:10 p.m.** Wrap up: Wendy Ikemoto
- 5:15 p.m.** Introductions of Japanese Recruiters
- 5:20 p.m.** Break-out Sessions: Meet Recruiters & JET alumni
- 6:00 pm** Welcome Back Reception

# Presenters' Biographies

## **Clara Solomon**

Tottori-ken, 1999-2001, CIR

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Clara Solomon is Director of Counseling & Career Development at the Office of Career Services at New York University's School of Law, where she oversees career counseling and programming and works as the primary career counselor for over 300 international students. She also devotes her time to developing employer relations with employers of law students worldwide. She has worked in the Office of Career Services since 2003. Ms. Solomon holds a Master's in International Education from NYU's Steinhardt School of Education. She also received her B.A., magna cum laude, in East Asian Studies from NYU. Ms. Solomon previously worked for the Japan External Trade Organization, specializing in trade relations between Japan and Latin America.

## **Simon Chiew**

ALT, Ibaraki-ken, 2002-2004

*Director of the Workforce Development Division for the Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc.*

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Simon Chiew is the Director of the Workforce Development Division for the Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc. (CPC), where he oversees an adult literacy program, various training programs and a Career Center. During his tenure, Simon worked with his team to increase student retention, educational gains, job placement and income boosts, as well as employer engagement. Prior to working at the CPC, Simon was an ALT in Sowa-Machi in Ibaraki Prefecture from 2002 to 2004. After leaving the Japanese public school system, he taught for 3 years in a large Japanese private language school.

Originally from Malaysia, Simon has lived and traveled around the world. He received his M.A. in Comparative Education from the Institute of Education, University of London in the United Kingdom and his B.A. in Economics from the University of Rochester in New York.

# Alumni Panelists & Moderator

## **Christy Bahr**

2008-2013, Aomori-ken, CIR and Prefectural Advisor

*Associate Program Officer at The Japan Foundation, Center for Global Partnership, New York*

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Christy Bahr returned to the U.S. in 2013 after five years in Aomori Prefecture. She spent the first year after JET sailing with Peace Boat as an interpreter, leading a group of 16 genki high school students on a trip to Japan, and welcoming Japanese visitors at a B&B in her home state of Washington. Christy moved to New York in 2014 to pursue a Master's degree in International Education at NYU. She then joined The Japan Foundation, Center for Global Partnership, New York as an Associate Program Officer and enjoys doing work that is a blend of her interests in Japan and higher education.

## **Caitlin McQuaide**

ALT, Oita-ken, 2012-2014

*International Student Advisor, New York Language Center*

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Caitlin taught as an ALT in elementary and junior high schools in Oita Prefecture for 2 years, before moving to the north of England for 1 year to get a master's in Philosophy at Durham University. After returning briefly to her hometown near Philadelphia, PA, she moved to New York City where she has been working as an International Student Advisor at New York Language Center since March. She hopes to continue her career in the field of International Higher Education.

## **Stacy Smith**

CIR, Kumamoto-ken, 2000-2003

*Japanese interpreter/translator/writer (freelance), Self employed*

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Stacy Smith began studying Japanese in high school, and fell in love with the language and culture. After studying abroad in Kyoto and being a JET in Kumamoto, she returned to the U.S. and worked for two years as a writer at Nikkei Business. Following a trip around the world on Peace Boat as a volunteer interpreter, she came back to NY and struck out on her own as an interpreter, translator and writer and has never looked back!

**Reginald Spence**

ALT, Miyagi-ken, 2009-20012

*Education Abroad Advisor, Pace University*

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Reginald received his undergraduate degree in East Asian Studies from the State University of NY at Albany, then spent the next three years as an ALT in Miyagi-ken. After returning to the US, he enrolled at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies to pursue a graduate degree in International Education Management at Monterey, California.

In lieu of finishing his master's, Reginald returned to NYC to work at the Pace University, Pace International Office as their Education Abroad Advisor where he worked on the creation, maintenance, and marketing of over 35 international and exchange programs around the world. Currently, Reginald is transitioning to new role as Program Manager for the Office of Global Affairs at NYU Steinhardt.

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**Connecticut:** shared subchapter with New England JETAA

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(10/23) Fall Hike

(1/10) JETAA Book Club: Narrow Road to the Deep North

TBD:

Nihongo Dake Activities

Bonenkai

Northeast JETAA's Annual Ski Trip

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN SOON.**