

One Year Later : The State of Mental Health in Tohoku, Japan

United Students for Disaster Relief / Recovery

Wednesday, April 4th, 6pm-8:30pm
The Cowin Center, Teachers College

To commemorate the one year mark of the March 2011 disaster in Japan, Consortium for Japan Relief is hosting an academic symposium with a series of world renowned speakers who will focus on mental health. Recovery in Tohoku, Japan is an ongoing process and some of the most significant issues still plaguing the area are the psychological state of the victims of the disaster and the evolving methods of care available to them. Subjects addressed in the symposium range from different types of treatment of disaster related mental health needs to on-the-ground reports on those receiving such care. There will also be a presentation by United Students for Disaster Relief/Recovery on their disaster relief/recovery wiki that provides ready-to-use information in case of an overseas natural disaster.

6:00PM – 6:05PM Introduction

Kirsten Homma, BA; Daiyu Suzuki, MA; May Uchida, MSN,GNP-BC.
(Shunichi Homma, MD; Jeanette Takamura, Ph.D)

6:05-6:20PM United Students for Disaster Relief/Recovery

Columbia students from various schools and countries

6:20-6:25PM Student Exchange Program – Update

Alisa Prager, BA, MD Candidate, Columbia University College of P&S

6:25-6:40 Political and Economic Background, 1-year Later

Gerald L. Curtis, Ph. D, Burgess Professor of Political Science
Director, Toyota Research Program, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University

6:40-6:55 Persisting Nuclear Issues in Japan

David Brenner, Ph. D, DSc, Higgins Professor of Radiation Biophysics
Director, Center for Radiological Research, Columbia University Medical Center

6:55-7:05 Break

7:05-7:20 Post Traumatic Stress – What Is It, and Complicated Grief

M. Katherine Shear, MD, Marion E. Kenworthy Professor of Psychiatry
Director, Complicated Grief Program, Columbia University School of Social Work

7:20-7:35 Disasters and Mental Health

Craig L. Katz, MD, Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Medical Education
Director, Program in Global Mental Health, Co-Founder, Disaster Psychiatry Outreach

7:35-7:50 Mental Health Care – New Programs in Tohoku

Mitsuru Suzuki, MD, Ph.D, Mental Health Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo, Japan
Adjunct Professor, Iwate Medical University, Japan

7:55-8:15 Mental Health Care for Small Children in Tohoku

Shizuko Kame Barnes, MS, Board Member, JAMSNET, Leader-Mental Health Network JAMSNET
Consultant, Japan Education Center, Greenwich, Connecticut

8:15PM – 9:00PM: Reception

We acknowledge the generous response and contributions of GSAS, The Japan Society and The Rockefeller Group.

Space is limited. Please register in advance!

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