



2011 ANTHROPOLOGY TALK

AFTER THE QUAKE: JAPAN RESEARCHERS DISCUSS JAPAN'S CURRENT CATASTROPHE AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR CANADA

Bruce White (Anthropologist from Doshisha University in Japan)

joins **UBC** and **Vancouver** based panel of

Millie Creighton, Kozue Matsumoto, Dada Docot, Larissa Dziubenko, and Greg Masuda

to discuss Japan's earthquake, tsunami and radiation disaster and researching on a fault line



The Fukushima area of Japan is famous for its wooden kokeshi dolls and similar wooden doll-like figurines. At this Buddhist temple, each small wooden figurine represents someone who has died (photo by Millie Creighton).

At this temple in the Fukushima area, famous for its kokeshi dolls and wooden human figurines, those grieving the loss of a loved one, write sentiments on small wooden doll-like figures before they are placed on temple shelves commemorating the dead (photo by Millie Creighton).



While the world watches and awaits further news of the extent of Japan's earthquake, tsunami, and radioactivity disaster in Northeastern (Tohoku region) Japan along with its impact on other areas of Japan, this panel presents insights from those with research or related experience in Japan on the current situation and on working, living, and researching in Japan as an earthquake prone country. The speakers include, Professor Bruce White an anthropologist and Japan specialist from Doshisha University, who was in Japan at the time of the earthquake, Professor Millie Creighton a Japan specialist in the Anthropology Department at UBC who has done research in the affected Sendai area and who was in Kobe directly following Japan's previous great earthquake there, Dr. Kozue Matsumoto, who recently received her Ph.D. from UBC and is from the Tohoku area—centre of the current great earthquake, resulting tsunami and nuclear concerns, Ms. Dada Docot a Ph.D. student focusing on Japan in the Department of Anthropology at UBC who lived in Tokyo, Japan while doing her MA work, Ms. Larissa Dziubenko, an undergraduate student at UBC, who recently spent a year at Keio University in Tokyo, Japan and is a current applicant to return to Japan, and Mr. Greg Masuda a volunteer for Tonari Gumi, the long-term NGO assisting Japanese Canadians and Japanese in the Vancouver area, and on the Executive Committee of the BC-Japan Earthquake Relief fund.

Panelists will share their stories of experiencing the earthquake in Japan, and/or the areas affected, and their knowledge and perceptions of working and researching in Japan with the awareness of possible earthquakes and other forces such as tsunami, and typhoons.

Everyone is welcome to attend and engage with the panelists in this interactive forum on the current crisis in Japan.

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