

Fukuoka JALT Program Chair Report for 2020 Calendar Year

Due to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic, we were forced to cancel many of our events. Many of our scheduled presenters preferred not to make online presentations and it was difficult to find replacements on short notice during the pandemic. We were able to hold seven events from January to October, plus we are finalizing the details of a December presentation, giving a total of eight events for 2020:

1. January 18, 2020
A Call to Apps: Current best practices in digital pedagogy
Rab Paterson (Toyo University, Tokyo)
2. February 15, 2020
Essentializing Cross-cultural Communication Competencies in English Language Teaching
Aaron Hahn (Fukuoka University) and Chris Haswell (Kyushu University)
3. June 6, 2020
Labor rights education for education workers (Online presentation)
Chris Flynn, president of Fukuoka General Union.
4. August 11, 2020
"So,... What Have We Learned?" (Online meeting)
Hosted by Steve Paton (Fukuoka University)
5. August 20, 2020
"So,... What Have We Learned?" (Second session) (Online meeting)
Hosted by Steve Paton (Fukuoka University)
6. August 29, 2020
Basics of Kakenhi application (Online presentation)
Naomi Miki (Teikyo University)
7. October 31, 2020
Forging Educational Careers in Japan: Four Narratives from Tertiary Education (Online presentation)
Kathleen Brown, Kristie Collins, Jo Mynard, & Louise Ohashi
8. December 5, 2020
Task-based Learning related presentation (Title not yet confirmed) (Online presentation)
Alastair Graham-Marr, Justin Harris, Paul Leeming

Plans for 2021

I am starting on planning for 2021. As the pandemic is still raging, we will not be able to hold in-person meetings for the foreseeable future so all meetings are anticipated to be online.

I am finalizing details for a January meeting as follows:

1. January 22, 2021
Proposed changes to university entrance exams related presentation (Title not yet confirmed.)
David Allen (Ochanomizu University)

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