

Class name: Reading Research Articles: Journal Club 輪講 Thur.

Instructor: Dr. Rick Weisburd

**Advanced level Journal Club (輪講) to be held on nine Thursdays from 18:15 to 20:15  
from 26 September through 21 November 2019 at Kenkyu Koryu Center**

Journal clubs (輪講) are regular gatherings of interested readers to critically discuss academic papers that all members have read. Journal clubs are one of the most common practices of highly successful research laboratories. Journal clubs are among the most effective activities to improve critical thinking and research writing. This workshop will require participants to read a short research paper before each weekly session to prepare for in-class discussion of both the research content and the writing. The papers will be distributed the previous week along with a list of the key terms, preferably translated into Nihongo. In class, we will analyze and discuss the papers for strong and weak scientific reasoning and for particularly effective and ineffective writing techniques. We will also discuss reading strategies to increase reading speed, efficiency, and comprehension. The instructor will provide the research paper and lead the discussion for the first session on 26 September, but for subsequent sessions, participants will be expected to take turns nominating the research papers and leading the discussions. To stimulate discussion, reports of interdisciplinary studies of short to moderate length and of interest to a broad scientific audience will be preferred; provocative research is particularly appropriate. Questions, comments, and critical discussion of the research papers will be expected from every participant in every session they attend. In addition, aspects of research communication techniques will be presented by the instructor in the final half hour of each session. A TOEIC score of 750 or higher is recommended for participants.

The 9 sessions will be held from 18:15 to 20:15 on Thursdays from 26 September to 21 November 2019: September 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31; and November 7, 14, and 21.

参考) Wikipedia 「輪講」 : <https://ja.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E8%BC%AA%E8%AC%9B>  
Wikipedia 「Journal Club」 : [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Journal\\_club](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Journal_club)

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American (permanent resident of Japan)

PhD: Oceanography. University of Hawaii

BSc cum laude: Biological Sciences (minor in chemistry).

State University of New York at Albany.

ELSS, Inc. (株式会社E L S S), Founder, President, and Editor-in-Chief.

<http://www.elss.co.jp/> April 2006 to present.

Associate Professor of Biology at the College of Biological Sciences, University of Tsukuba.

April 1997 to March 2006.

Career Objectives: Facilitate the publication of research through excellence in both teaching about research communication and provision of scientific editing and translation services.

Encourage, facilitate, and implement transition to sustainable human activities through individual, corporate, educational, governmental, and intergovernmental action.

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September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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November

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