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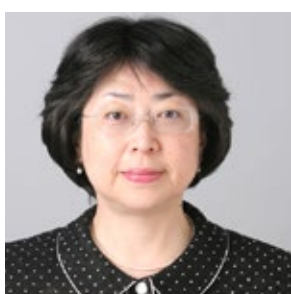
In undergraduate programs, I oversee social work theory and subjects under the training curriculum for mental health welfare professionals. In graduate school programs, I oversee lectures and research guidance for master's and doctoral programs. The role of social work is similar to that of a support group that identifies and draws out people's strengths. We hope to be a source of continuous assistance in your studies and learning as a support group for our students. Let's learn together.

**Specialization**

Mental health and welfare studies, social work theory

**Brief explanation regarding specialization**

I specialize in social work theory. My research covers community living support for disabled persons and issues surrounding medical care, public health and welfare for persons with mental disabilities.



**Makiko  
MIYAZAKI**

宮崎 牧子  
ミヤザキ マキコ

I engage in day-to-day education and interaction with students here at Taisho University with the hope that they will be able to look back fondly on their decision to enter this university after they have graduated.

**Specialization**

Elderly welfare, regional welfare, guarantee of residence in old age

**Brief explanation regarding specialization**

I specialize in the nature of housing that makes it possible to live in peace of mind in old age, particularly when one requires nursing care, and the nature of care systems in regional societies.



**Tomomi  
OKIKURA**

沖倉 智美  
オキクラ トモミ

Approach things that interest and concern you with honesty and be aggressive in meeting new people! After you have gained a wealth of emotions and questions through those experiences, please revisit our campus so that we can share them. I beckon you to a world of "knowledge" where I will support such "experiences" of yours!

**Specialization**

Disability welfare theory, social work

**Brief explanation regarding specialization**

(1) For social work, particularly the domain of disability welfare, I conduct practical implementation-based research on the establishment of drill programs aimed at consultation support specialists, etc. and the training of facilitators. (2) From the standpoint of the protection of rights, I conduct research on: (a) implementation pertaining to decision-making support and adult guardianship and (b) fieldwork intended to improve the quality of assistive efforts, such as preventing physical abuse at facilities for the disabled and preparing individual assistance plans.



**Hiromi  
KAMIYAMA**

神山 裕美  
カミヤマ ヒロミ

Social welfare work is wide-ranging in nature, going beyond simply assisting individuals to encompass the development of improvements for regional assistance and services for others with similar needs as well as the formation of systems for providing them. Together, let us study the fascination and spreading of social welfare that shapes the environment surrounding individuals while establishing on individual needs as the basics.

**Specialization**

Social work as regional infrastructure

**Brief explanation regarding specialization**

I specialize in generalist social work theory and methods of promoting regional welfare.



Coming to Japan was a significant turning point in my life. My countless encounters here have spanned Japanese culture, Taisho University, my mentors, friends and peers at the university, directors at foster homes, and foster children. In the course of those encounters, I have benefitted from the support of various people, and have learned through my experiences that the importance of connections with people constitutes the origins of welfare. Together with you, I hope to continue striving to become a person who possesses rich sensitivity and practical capability and is capable of creative ideas.

### Specialization

Child and family welfare, international welfare

### Brief explanation regarding specialization

I principally engage in international comparative research on child-rearing, facility nursing, and foster parent nurturing. Over time, while issuing recommendations for child and family welfare and indicating the direction of facility nursing, foster parent nurturing, etc. for facilitating the systemization of social nursing, I have continued my studies in disciplines such as consultive aid theory related to the concrete implementation of social work in child welfare and social nursing theory that requires specialization in those areas.

Jie  
JIN

金 潔

ジン ジェイ



Allow me to echo the words of my mentor, who said “A caterpillar becomes a pupa, and from there, a butterfly.” This phrase, which I treasure deeply, indicates how anyone has the potential to change from their current form to an unimaginable degree, just like how a caterpillar transforms into a beautiful butterfly. Take advantage of your time as a university student to absorb many things, mature, and grow to an astonishing extent. At the same time, change has the potential to occur in unfavorable directions as well. Never forget to always aspire to change in more positive directions.

### Specialization

Social work theory, medical social work

### Brief explanation regarding specialization

It goes without saying that knowledge, expertise and theory are crucial in the implementation of social work. At the same time, I feel that the core of social work lies in practical implementation based on value (such as respect for one's fellow man and social justice). In my research, my aim is to competently present how such value ties into practical implementation, going beyond concepts to provide a concrete yet easy-to-grasp explanation to the extent possible.

Yuko  
SHIMPO

新保 祐光

シンボ ユウコウ



**Ichiro  
MATSUMOTO**

松本 一郎  
マツモト イチロウ

While you are a university student, you will have more time on your hands than other periods in your life. In addition to those on social welfare, I advise you to try randomly and extensively reading books that may pique your interest in a variety of genres, from novels, documentaries and critiques to sociological classics, philosophy and history. The nature of people is such that unless they have an acute sense of just how narrow their horizons or just how limited their knowledge is, they will not become able to expand those horizons or see things from multiple angles.

#### **Specialization**

Social security, poverty issues

#### **Brief explanation regarding specialization**

My research centers on how social security should be vis-à-vis the issues of poverty and low income. Up to this point, I have surveyed many groups who tend to encounter social exclusion, such as homeless persons, people living in Internet cafés, day laborers, unemployed persons, the working poor class, single-parent households, low-income elderly households, and public assistance recipient households. Recently, I have been delving into the nature and history of the national minimum.



**Takanori  
SUZUKI**

鈴木 孝典  
スズキ タカノリ

From the time I first passed through the gates of Taisho University in April 1993 to the time I completed my doctoral program eleven years later, I studied at this university. If I include the time spent as a research student, a part-time instructor and so forth, my relationship with Taisho University has lasted close to thirty years. While savoring the joy that comes from engaging in social welfare education and research, which have a storied history at this university, I hope to continue to tackle the challenge of creating a “developmental cycle” for education, practice and research while carefully threading together my ties with undergraduate and graduate students, local residents, fellow faculty members and university secretariat members.

#### **Specialization**

Social welfare (mental health welfare theory, disabled persons' welfare theory)

#### **Brief explanation regarding specialization**

I engage in education and research based on the theme of exploring methods and mechanisms for assistance required by people with disabilities for them to acquire, restore and maintain an existence that suits them in the home or region that they are accustomed to living in. Within that theme, I especially have an interest in assisting people with disabilities with their “residency” and “self-care.”



**Keiko  
TABATA**

田幡 恵子

タバタ ケイコ

Pouring everything into your studies is more enjoyable than you think. A social worker qualification will serve as a powerful “passport” for you in your quest to become a social worker following graduation. Additionally, whether you find work with a general company or become a stay-at-home parent, having that passport will open up paths for you as a “welfare specialist” if and when you ever consider changing jobs. A broader range of options will be open to you. Fortunately, the National Qualification Examination for Certified Social Workers can be passed if you study. I am eager to learn alongside you.

### **Specialization**

Measures for National Qualification Examination for Certified Social Worker

### **Brief explanation regarding specialization**

I convey the knowledge required to obtain certification and ways of thinking as a social worker with respect to the nineteen subjects on the National Qualification Examination for Certified Social Worker. A social worker hears out consultations by all kinds of socially-vulnerable people and assists them while simultaneously coordinating helpers so that those people may live their lives easier. A social worker is also an all-mighty specialized profession in the implementation of welfare that is counted on to grasp welfare needs and form mechanisms necessitated by regions. Together with our students, we study measures for obtaining the national qualification for that profession.