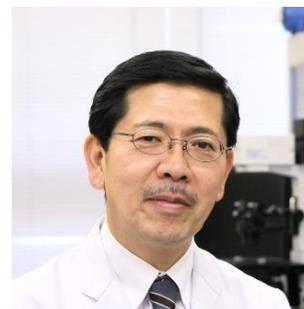


Lecturers' Bio-sketch

Prof. Jun Nishihira, M.D., PhD

Dr. Jun Nishihira graduated from Hokkaido University School of Medicine (1979). After he obtained Medical Degree (MD) from the Hokkaido University (Sapporo, Japan), he received a clinical training at the Hokkaido University hospital, where he specialized in Hematology and Immunology. Following the clinical training, he joined a basic medical research, focusing on infectious diseases and immunology in Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake-Forest University, Winston Salem, NC (1984-1985). After returning to Japan, he obtained his Ph.D. (Biochemistry) from Hokkaido University and became a lecturer and later Associate Professor of the Department of Biochemistry of the Medical School, specializing in Inflammation and Immunology.



During his entire research career, he has been involved in a broad spectrum of life science from molecular biology to protein structure. He is currently Professor at Hokkaido Information University (2006-current). He has published more than 200 hundred peer-reviewed papers relevant to a wide variety of basic and clinical medicine: e.g., cytokines, inflammatory bowel diseases, inflammatory skin disorders, and rheumatoid arthritis.

He has also contributed to the establishment of a clinical trial system for functional foods in Hokkaido. In this field, he is profoundly involved in the research of nutrition and health, mostly for diabetes, obesity, hypertension and digestive tract disorders.

Asst. Prof. Shoko Okumura, RD

Ms. Shoko Okumura graduated from the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, Fuji Women's University (1998). Following university she worked in a public health center as a Registered Dietitian (RD) in the northern fishery town, Esashi (1998-2002), and then as an RD at Tsukigata Prison (2003-2004). Since 2004 she has been training dietitians as a lecturer at Rakuno Gakuen University (2004-2007 and 2010-2014). Her special areas of interest were Nutrition Education and Public Health. While teaching at Rakuno Gakuen University, she began working on rural community development in north India. With her experience of public health she organized a training system of village health volunteers to work in rural areas to support mothers and children for their health (2006-current). The system has now expanded into other areas. With her Master's degree at the Graduate School of Medicine, Hokkaido University (2007-2009) she started her research career in Global Health. She is presently continuing her work on infant and young child feeding in rural areas of northern India for her doctoral course. She is currently Associate Professor at Hokkaido Information University (2014-current). She is teaching Food Science and Human Nutrition for students who will be Functional Food Consultants.



Dr. Anthonette Gibson, Ph.D.

As a native of Washington, D.C., Dr. Anthonette Gibson is a social scientist who teaches sociology and anthropology courses at Lakeland University in Tokyo, Japan. With a 150 year history in America, Lakeland has been recognized as a foreign university with a Japan Campus by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology for 25 years. Dr. Gibson is also a lecturer with the Foreign Service Training Institute (FSTI) within the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Gibson is a graduate of Howard University which is a private, doctoral and research extensive university in Washington, D.C. (2002). She has conducted research and published in the areas of ageing, aging in Japan, globalization, health disparities, child labor policy, aging and social inequality. Professionally, Dr. Gibson recruited for a congressionally mandated study on child abuse and neglect with a U.S. social science research firm (2005). Her professional experience also includes having served as a Research Associate and Project Director for the federally funded 'DC-Baltimore Center for Childhood Health Disparities' in the Department of Pediatrics at the Howard University School of Medicine. In this capacity, Dr. Gibson planned, organized and managed the day-to-day operations for the research study entitled 'The Study of Psychosocial Factors Influencing Substance Abuse in Low Income, African American and Latino Women' (2002-2005). Outside of academia, Dr. Gibson was employed with the U.S. Federal Government, specifically for the Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Peace Corps (1989-1997).



Prof. Marshall Smith, Ph.D.

Dr. Marshall Smith has been on the teaching staff of Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine since April 2002. He also teaches at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Obihiro School of Nursing, and Obihiro Prison. Presently, the bulk of his courses are related to human health, environmental issues, and food hygiene policy. Before coming to Hokkaido, he taught at Tokyo Metropolitan University's Faculty of Health Sciences for several years while finishing his Doctor of Health Science Degree at The University of Tokyo, School of Medicine, Department of Health Policy and Planning. He also has a Master degree (MBA) in international management from Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University, and has done volunteer work and held teaching positions in various countries throughout Asia including Indonesia, Taiwan, Thailand refugee camps, Myanmar and Cambodia. He is still active with development/education projects in Myanmar among the low-income segments. During his time with the World Health Organization, he was in charge of developing tobacco control policy and other health measures for the Cambodian Ministry of Health. Having a father who was specialized in the health field, he has always had an interest in nutrition and promoting a healthy lifestyle.



Dr. Taichi Inui, Ph.D.

Taichi Inui holds PhD in natural products chemistry from University of Illinois at Chicago. While starting his career as a chemist in pharmaceutical science, he has transitioned to a broad areas of science including nutritional science, veterinary nutrition, oral health, salivary diagnostics, veterinary dentistry, preventive medicine, and food oral processing through 10 years industrial experience. He had lived in US (Chicago) and UK (Nottingham) in total of 16 years before he moved back to Japan in end of 2018. Currently he is APAC Regional Manager for Nutrition Science & Advocacy at DSM Nutritional Products.



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Ms. Katherine Mansoor, MA. AAM

Accredited Admitting Manager (NAHAM, Washington, DC), Ms. Mansoor brings to GHIL 2018 a background of research, international business, education, hospital/medical fields. Formerly Asst. Prof. of Modern Languages at Xavier University, USA; past President of SWOHAMA; she worked to organize/add English language help for foreign hospital patients, as Supervisor of OP Registration at Univ. of Cincinnati Medical Centre; also later at FHH Memorial Medical Center (w/staff of 21 in Admitting, ER, OP OP Clinic). Her RN Mother's death from food choking motivated her to volunteer and teach the Heimlich Maneuver (HM) to save choking victim lives, and present it at a Medical international conference in Mexico. As Research Associate, Heimlich Institute, with the late Prof. Henry Heimlich MD, she lectured private groups on choking prevention/rescue. Teacher of English, Spanish, German, etc. all school levels and various international universities in the Middle East, US and Japan. Having studied at Univ. of Heidelberg, became Asst to the Exec.VP/CFO of North American HQ of Thyssen Inc., (German steel co. in Detroit, 1991-2002). In Japan, 2003-to 2017 was lecturer at HIU, Fujijoshi (Hanakawa), Hokusei Gakuen. Now an ALT (2015 to date), assists in Tobetsu-cho, Hokkaido Junior High Schools. She writes/researches on aging, caregiving needs of elder populations, how to facilitate socialization/encourage active aging, as well as teaching individuals of all ages to empower themselves through better health literacy to have--and enjoy--life.



Dr. Hidenori Yoshihashi, DC., BS (bonesetter)

Hidenori Yoshihashi graduated from Tokyo College of Chiropractic (TCC) 2016. In 2017, he returned to Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, to continue the practice in the family clinic as a third generation chiropractor.

Born in the USA in 1978, raised in Japan until he was fifteen, he returned to the US for high school. In 2008, returned to Japan to become a Judo Therapist, earning a national license. In 2012, as a qualified Judo Therapist (bone setting), moved to Tokyo and enrolled in Tokyo College of Chiropractic. In 2016 after finishing TCC, Hidenori became a Doctor of Chiropractic (DC). After working as a DC, sports trainer and Pilates instructor in Tokyo, in 2017 he returned to Sapporo to continue as the third generation of the family clinic, Hokkaido Chiropractic Center.



In 1994, he returned to America where he was a professional Taiko Drum (Japanese Traditional Drum) performer in Chicago IL, (1996~2008). In 1996, formed his own group, 司太鼓 (Tsukasa Taiko). Hidenori became the first independent taiko drummer. Encouraged by his success, he was a catalyst for this artistic direction and was an important contributor to Chicago taiko culture, performing at major venues, events, and artistic projects. State and theater events included the Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago Jazz Festival, Chicago Blues Festival, and the Asian American Jazz Festival. (More info at <https://www.taikolegacy.com/history/>)

Also a Pilates instructor, he gives exercise advice for modern active lifestyles for all ages, especially children and seniors wanting to keep active and overcome aches and pains of aging with proper exercise..

Yoshihashi's grandfather and father were also chiropractors (National College of Chiropractic; Chicago, Illinois, USA); his grandmother and mother also are therapists.