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Paul J. Otis, a visiting scholar in the Department of History at the University of California, San Diego, has received a Summer Seminar for School Teachers grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The four-week seminar, "Travellers in Meiji Japan," will begin July 6 on the UCSD campus and will focus on journals and writings of people present when Japan formally opened to the west in the 1860s. Otis is one of twelve teachers from across the country to participate.

Otis came to UCSD in 1992-93 as an NEH Teacher-Scholar in the Department of History concentrating on Tokugawa literature. He continues as a visiting scholar with duties including editing and contributing to *Education About Asia*, a journal of the Association for Asian Studies at the University of Michigan, and teaching UCSD Extension summer courses in history and literature.

Otis received his bachelor's degree in history from the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts and his master's in English from San Diego State University. He retired from San Diego City Schools in 1996 after 38 years of teaching. He serves on the Council for Teaching about Asia, Columbia University, and the California State Department of Education History- Social Science Instructional Resources Evaluation Panel.

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