SHIGERU MIYAGAWA:

Guest lecturers are an important part of "Visualizing Japan," the residential course. Each time I teach it, I have Professor John Dower guest lecture at least once, sometimes twice. So I also invite Dr. Ellen Sebring, who is a specialist on visual culture and history.

And to prepare for these lecturers, I ask the guest lecturers to give me some assignment to give the students. In the case of Professor John Dower, he gave me a series of questions about the MOOC content. What did they think about this? What do they think about this? How do they improve the MOOC?

And the students wrote a single page single spaced. And I gave that to Professor Dower ahead of time. And he read it. And I think he spent almost half the class talking about what the students wrote. These students are very, very engaged with the class.