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## Janice P. Nimura

### “The Doctors Blackwell: How two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women - and Women to Medicine”



Five years ago, Janice P. Nimura gave a very well received presentation to the RMA about her book *Daughters of the Samurai*, an account of five young Japanese girls sent to the U.S. to absorb the best of western culture and who went back to Japan to introduce western ideas to Japanese society. Ms. Nimura returns to the RMA to discuss her second book, again about two pioneering nineteenth century women.

*The Doctors Blackwell* recounts the story of two sisters. Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman to get a medical degree in the United States. Her younger sister Emily was the third. Together they founded the New York Infirmary for Indigent Women and Children. The book has garnered excellent reviews. The New York Times' reviewer describes the author as an "enthraling" and "gifted storyteller." Ms. Nimura received a Public Scholar Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities for her work on *The Doctors Blackwell*.

Two years after graduating from Yale, Janice moved from her native Manhattan to her new husband's native Tokyo. After three years in Japan—where she worked as an editor and wrote for English-language newspapers—she became proficient in Japanese and comfortable in her role as a daughter-in-law in a Japanese family.

Upon returning to New York she earned a Master's degree in East Asian studies at Columbia University with a focus on 19th-century Japanese history. She continued to work as an editor and writer, contributing book reviews to newspapers including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and others.

**Next Week: April 28, The Rt Hon Jesse Norman, Ph.D., Conservative Member of Parliament, Government minister: Financial Secretary to the Treasury, writer and academic, “The Re-emergence of Global Britain: Brexit, Covid and Beyond**

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