Extracurricular clubs (bukatsu) are widely believed to be an important part of education in Japan, but while stereotypes about athletes are prevalent, until now there have been very few academic studies empirically verifying either the content of that education or the extent to which it takes place. If extracurricular clubs are indeed ‘educational,’ then what is taught or learned in such clubs? Do students who join clubs really exhibit different behaviors or beliefs from non-club members? How do individual clubs compare with one another? This talk will present some of my findings from a large-scale national survey of Japanese high school seniors in an attempt to answer some of these questions.


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