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Research Interests: International relations theory, East Asian regional politics and foreign policy, Japanese culture and society, international status and national prestige, soft power, international image, the Olympics and other international mega-event hosting, political psychology, social psychology, nationalism, immigration, ethnic politics, identity

Education

Columbia University 2017 – 2025

Ph.D., Political Science

- *Dissertation:* Unpacking International Status in the Japanese Context
- *Committee:* Virginia Page Fortna, Jack L. Snyder, Andrew J. Nathan, Nikhar Gaikwad, Valerie Purdie-Greenaway

M.A., Political Science 2017 – 2019

Bowdoin College 2011 – 2015

B.A., Government and Legal Studies, Asian Studies (*magna cum laude*)

- *Thesis:* “The Lay Judge System: Following a Tradition of Maintaining the Status Quo or Forging a Path Towards More Reformation of the Justice System?”

Academic Employment and Appointments

Japan Foundation Postdoctoral Associate in East Asian Studies Aug. 2024 – Present
Council on East Asian Studies, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale University

Lecturer Jan. 2025 – Present
Dept. of Political Science, Yale University

Visiting Research Fellow Jan. 2023 – Sept. 2023
Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University

Teaching Fellow 2011 - 2015
Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University
Dept. of Political Science, Barnard College

Teaching

Yale University

EAST 419 / PLSC 131: International Status in East Asia Spring 2025

Columbia University

POLSUN3871: China's Foreign Relations Spring 2021

Prof. Thomas J. Christensen

POLSUN3619: Nationalism and Contemporary World Politics Spring 2020,
Prof. Jack L. Snyder Spring 2019

Barnard College

POLSUN1601: International Politics Fall 2020
Prof. Kimberly Marten

POLSUN3401: Democracy and Dictatorship in Europe Fall 2019
Prof. Sheri Berman

POLSUN3604: War, Peace, and International Interventions in Africa Fall 2018
Prof. Severine Autesserre

Working Papers

"Reconceptualizing the Social Identity Approach to International Status"

"Dispelling the Notion of Status as an Illusion"

"Clarifying the Relationship Between Nationalism, Patriotism, and International Status
Dissatisfaction"

"A Numbers Game: When Status Behaves Like a Club Good Versus a Positional Good"

"Immigration in the Age of Grey: How Japan's Population Crisis Impacts Attitudes Towards
Immigration"

Fellowships, Scholarships, & Grants

Junior Fellowship in Japan Studies (\$33,000) 2023 – 2024
Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University

Donald Keene Research Grant (\$27,000) 2022 – 2023
Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture, Columbia University

Toshiba International Foundation Summer Fellowship (\$5,000) Summer 2022
Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Stanford University

Nippon Foundation Fellows Program (\$33,000 tuition + 1,650,000 Yen stipend) 2021 – 2022

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies. Stanford University

Weatherhead Ph.D. Training Grant (\$4,000) Summer 2018
Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University

GSAS Provost Diversity Fellowship (\$8,000) 2017 – 2018
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University

Goldsmith-Adamas Research Award (\$3,740) Summer 2014
Office of Student Fellowships and Research, Bowdoin College

Regional Scholar for Achievements in Community Outreach (\$10,000) Apr. 2011
The Coca Cola Foundation (Atlanta, GA)

National Match Scholarship: Bowdoin College (full tuition, room & board) 2011- 2015
QuestBridge (Palo Alto, CA)

Leadership and Service

Programming Director, Students of Color Alliance (Columbia University) 2018 – 2020

- Organized the 3rd Annual SOCA Graduation, an event to highlight the achievements of any SOCA member or affiliate in GSAS receiving a degree within the current school year. This included getting a speaker (Boston Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola), getting funds for an honorarium, reserving a space, coordinating catering, and communicating with relevant Deans.
- Created and hosted “Co-Working Hour,” a weekly 3-4 hour event in which SOCA members can work in the company of each other as a form of solidarity and to aid productivity
- Created and hosted “Study Breaks,” a bi-semester self-care event that focused on providing a space for members to decompress around midterms and finals • Advocated on behalf of students of color facing issues of discrimination, representation, and bias at the university and in the broader community

Social Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Council (Columbia University) 2018 – 2019

- Created and hosted a bi-semester board game night as a non-alcohol focused social event
- Organized periodic happy hours at local restaurants and bars throughout the semester
- Organized a reception for “Mini-APSA,” a mock conference event mandatory to receive the M. Phil. where students present their own research

- Created an intra-department mentor system that links first year students with second-year students to promote peer-to-peer guidance and camaraderie across different cohorts

Student Task Force on Dept. Quality of Life Survey (Columbia University) 2018 – 2019

- Worked with the Department Chair to develop and administer a Quality-of-Life survey to better understand the reality and needs of doctoral students

Other Employment

Classification and Data Analyst 2015 - 2017
Locus Analytics (New York, NY)

Student Services Administrator Summer 2015
English Language Center (Boston, MA)

Office Assistant Sept. 2014 – May 2015
Asian Studies Department, Bowdoin College

Summer Intern Summer 2013
Keio Academy of New York (Purchase, NY)

House Proctor and Residential Assistant 2012 – 2015
Office of Residential Life, Bowdoin College

T.A.S.K. (Teen Advocate Sharing Knowledge) Team Member 2008 – 2011
YWCA Malden (Malden, MA)