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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, social psychology, nationalism, immigration, ethnic politics, identity

Education

Columbia University 2017 – 2025

Ph.D. candidate, M.A., 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

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. 2024 – 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
Prof. Thomas J. Christensen

Spring 2021

POLSUN3619: Nationalism and Contemporary World Politics
Prof. Jack L. Snyder

Spring 2020,
Spring 2019

Barnard College

POLSUN1601: International Politics
Prof. Kimberly Marten

Fall 2020

POLSUN3401: Democracy and Dictatorship in Europe
Prof. Sheri Berman

Fall 2019

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

Fall 2018

Working Papers

“Reconceptualizing the Social Identity Approach to International Status”

“Dispelling the Notion of Status as an Illusion”

“A Tale of Two Sentiments: 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)
Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University

2023 – 2024

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

2022 – 2023

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

Summer 2022

Nippon Foundation Fellows Program (\$33,000 tuition + 1,650,000 Yen stipend)
Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies. Stanford University

2021 – 2022

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

Summer 2018

GSAS Provost Diversity Fellowship (\$8,000) Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University	2017 – 2018
Goldsmith-Adamas Research Award (\$3,740) Office of Student Fellowships and Research, Bowdoin College	Summer 2014
Regional Scholar for Achievements in Community Outreach (\$10,000) The Coca Cola Foundation (Atlanta, GA)	Apr. 2011
National Match Scholarship: Bowdoin College (full tuition, room & board) QuestBridge (Palo Alto, CA)	2011- 2015

Leadership and Service

Programming Director, Students of Color Alliance (Columbia University)	2018 – 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
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- 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 Locus Analytics (New York, NY)	2015 - 2017
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Student Services Administrator English Language Center (Boston, MA)	Summer 2015
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Office Assistant Asian Studies Department, Bowdoin College	Sept. 2014 – May 2015
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Summer Intern Keio Academy of New York (Purchase, NY)	Summer 2013
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House Proctor and Residential Assistant Office of Residential Life, Bowdoin College	2012 – 2015
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T.A.S.K. (Teen Advocate Sharing Knowledge) Team Member YWCA Malden (Malden, MA)	2008 – 2011
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