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Ph.D. Candidate

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Research Interests

General interests. Political behavior, Japanese politics, American politics, political methodology

Substantive interests. Low-information voting logic, political knowledge, cognitive heuristics, voter competence, motivated reasoning, social identity, media priming/framing, comparative behavior

Methodological interests. Formal modeling, EITM, machine learning, agent-based simulations, experiments, Bayesian statistics, measurements/scaling

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA 2020 (Expected)

Expected Defense: June 2020

Dissertation: The Logic and Social Consequences of Context-based Uninformed Voting

Advisers: Robert Huckfeldt, Ph.D., Cheryl Boudreau, Ph.D., Ryan Hübner, Ph.D.

M.A. in Political Science, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan 2015

Master's Thesis: Participate with Uncertainty? What "Don't Know" Responses and a Response Time Reveal About Political Awareness and Political Participation

Advisers: Aiji Tanaka, Ph.D., Airo Hino, Ph.D.

B.A. in Politics, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan 2012

Study abroad program, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 2010-11

Summer Program

EITM Summer Institute, Emory University, Atlanta, GA Jul. 2019

Institute for Political Methodology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan Jul. 2015

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI Jun.-Jul. 2014

The Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA Jul.-Aug. 2012

Working Papers (Single Authored)

Local Bandwagoning and National Balancing:

How Uninformed Voters Respond to the Partisan Environment Sep. 2019

Explaining Uninformed Participation in Referendum Voting Apr. 2017

International News Coverage and Perception of Foreign States in Japan Nov. 2017

Alternative Measurements of Political Knowledge and Uncertainty Mar. 2015

(Co-authored)

Can Non-Western University Education Cultivate Immigrant Integration?

The Case of Local Enfranchisement for Foreign Residents in Japan May 2020

Under review. With Fan Lu

Explaining "Twisted" Preferences Toward Monetary Easing in Japan (in Japanese) Dec. 2019

Conditionally accepted to Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies. With Susumu Annaka

Territorial Threat, Motivated Reasoning, and Twitter Network Aug. 2017

With Takanori Fujiwara, Christian Collet, Tetsuro Kobayashi, and Takafumi Suzuki

Candidate Selection Process Captured through Eye- and Mouse-tracking May 2016

With Ling Liu

Peer-reviewed Publications

Kato, Gento (Forthcoming) "When Strategic Uninformed Abstention Improves Democratic Accountability," *Journal of Theoretical Politics*.

Kohno, Masaru, Gabriella R. Montinola, Matthew S. Winters, and Gento Kato (2020) "Donor Competition and Public Support for Foreign Aid Sanctions," *Political Research Quarterly*.

Collet, Christian and Gento Kato (2014) "Does NHK Make You Smarter (and Super News Make You "Softer")? An Examination of Japanese Political Knowledge and the Potential Influence of TV News," *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 15(1), 23-50.

Honors & Awards

Merk Prospectus Award, Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$4,000) 2019

Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Studies, UC Davis (\$43,200) 2019-20

Dissertation Improvement Award, Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$2,500) 2019

Summer Collaborative Award, Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$5,000) Summer 2018

With Professor Adrienne Hosek

Travel Award, Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$500) Spring and Fall 2017, 2019

Graduate Scholarship for Degree Seeking Students, Japan Student Services Organization 2015-20

Ijima Award, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University 2015

<i>The Best Master Thesis Award, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University</i>	2015
<i>Azusa Ono Memorial Award, Waseda University</i>	2015
<i>Okuma Memorial Scholarship, Waseda University</i>	2014
<i>125th Anniversary Scholarship, Waseda University</i>	2013

Conference and Workshop Presentations

<i>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	2014, 2017, 2019, 2020*
<i>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference</i>	2014, 2017, 2019
<i>PolMeth (The Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting)</i>	2020*
<i>Japanese Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	2019
<i>Japanese Association of Electoral Studies Annual Conference</i>	2015
<i>Japan Association of Political Economy Annual Conference</i>	2014, 2015
<i>Asian Network for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference</i>	2013, 2014
<i>Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop</i>	Nov. 2019
<i>Political Science Research Workshop, UC Davis, Davis, CA</i>	Oct. 2019
<i>Conference Public Opinion and Foreign Aid, Geneva, Switzerland</i>	Feb. 2019
<i>International Metropolis Conference, Sydney, Australia</i>	Oct. 2018
<i>Migration Research Cluster Workshop, UC Davis, Davis, CA</i>	Nov. 2017
<i>GSDS Symposium Konstanz: Exploring Ignorance -- The Acquisition, Selection and Processing of Information, University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany</i>	May 2016
<i>International Workshop: New Developments in Political Communication Research, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan</i>	Jun. 2015

*Proposal accepted.

Research Assistance

<i>Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis</i>	2019
<i>Research assistant for Professors Lauren Peritz and Adrienne Hosek</i>	
<i>EGAP Metaketa Initiative</i>	2019-20
<i>Member of third-party experiment replication team</i>	
<i>Institute of Applied Social Psychology + connect, Osaka, Japan</i>	2012-13, 2016
<i>Assistant researcher</i>	
<i>Waseda Institute of Advanced Study, Tokyo, Japan</i>	2014-15
<i>Research assistant for Professor Masaru Kohno</i>	
<i>Social Science Research Institute, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan</i>	2012
<i>Research assistant for Professor Christian Collet</i>	

Teaching

(Graduate Level)

POL213: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science II, UC Davis Spring 2019

Teaching assistant for Professor Scott MacKenzie

POL212: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science, UC Davis Winter 2019

Teaching assistant for Professor Christopher Hare

POL211: Research Methods in Political Science, UC Davis Fall 2018

Teaching assistant for Professor Adrienne Hosek

Empirical Methodology Summer Seminar, Waseda University Summer 2014

Teaching assistant for Professor Masaru Kohno

(Undergraduate Level)

POL051: Scientific Study of Politics, UC Davis

Graduate student instructor

Spring 2018

Teaching assistant for Professor Benjamin Highton

Fall 2018

Teaching assistant for Professor Christopher Hare

Winter 2017

POL155: Judicial Process and Behavior, UC Davis Spring 2017, Winter 2018

Teaching assistant for Professor Ryan Hübert

POL100: Local Government and Politics, UC Davis Fall 2016

Teaching assistant for Professor Scott MacKenzie

POL148B: Government and Politics in East Asia: Japan, UC Davis Spring 2016

Teaching assistant for Professor Ethan Scheiner

POL142C: Comparative Political Development: Democracy, UC Davis Winter 2016

Teaching assistant for Professor Gabriella Montinola

Undergraduate Research Seminar, Waseda University 2014-15

Teaching assistant for Professor Aiji Tanaka

POL101: Introduction to Political Methodology, International Christian University Spring 2012

Lab assistant for Professor Christian Collet

(Other)

Online (Japanese) Academic Writing Course, Waseda University 2013-15

Academic writing adviser

Professional Activities

Member, American Political Science Association 2014-

Member, Midwest Political Science Association 2014-

Member, Japanese Political Science Association 2019-

Member, Japanese Association of Electoral Studies 2014-

Other Professional Services

<i>Assistant Coordinator, Political Science Research Workshop, UC Davis</i>	2019-20
<i>Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference</i>	2019
<i>Mentor, First Friends Program, UC Davis</i>	2016-17

Other Skills

Computing. SPSS, Stata, R, Python (including oTree) and LaTeX

Languages. Japanese (native) and English (highly proficient)