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### **Education**

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

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

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

### **Summer Program Participation**

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2015 *Institute for Political Methodology (Taipei, Taiwan, July)*

2014 *ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (June-July)*

2012 *The Summer Institute in Political Psychology at Stanford University (July-August)*

### **Research**

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2016, 2012-13 *Assistant researcher, institute of Applied Social Psychology + connect, Osaka, Japan;*

2014-15 *Research assistant, Waseda Institute of Advanced Study, Tokyo, Japan*

2012 *Research assistant, Social Science Research Institute, International Christian University*

### **Teaching**

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2016- *Teaching assistant, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis*

2014-15 *Teaching assistant, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University*

2013-15 *Academic writing adviser, Waseda University*

2012 *Lab assistant, International Christian University*

### **Honors & Awards**

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2015-18 *Graduate Scholarship for Degree Seeking Students, Japan Student Services Organization*

2015 *Political Science Department Fellowship, University of California, Davis (Fall 2015)*

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

2015 *The Best MA Thesis Award, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University*

2015 *Azusa Ono Memorial Award, Waseda University*

2014 *Okuma Memorial Scholarship, Waseda University*

2013 125th Anniversary Scholarship, Waseda University

### **Journal Articles**

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- 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. Second author with Christian Collet.

### **Conference Presentations**

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- 2017 “Threatening Event, National Identity and Network Dynamics of Motivated Information Communication: Exploring Japanese Twitter during the Rise of Territorial Disputes, April through October 2012,” *paper presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 31*. With Takanori Fujiwara, Christian Collet, Tetsuro Kobayashi, and Takafumi Suzuki.
- 2017 “When Do Uninformed Voters Vote? Exploring Rational Implications of Uninformed Participation in 2012 US Direct Democracy Initiatives,” *paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Apr. 6*.
- 2016 “Does the Election Context Matter? Candidate Selection Experiments with Eye-tracking and Mouse-tracking Methods,” *poster presented at GSDS Symposium Konstanz: Exploring Ignorance - The acquisition, selection and processing of information, University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany, May 18-20*. Second author with Ling Liu.
- 2015 “Long- or Short-Lasting Media Effects? Longitudinal Study of Newspaper Coverage Influence on Foreign States Perceptions in Japan,” *paper presented at International Workshop: New Developments in Political Communication Research, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, June 24*.
- 2015 “Newspaper Coverage Toward Foreign Countries and Public Opinion: Content Analysis of Newspaper Coverage towards US, China, South Korea and North Korea and the Change in Perceptions of Favorability and Importance,” *poster presented at Japanese Association of Electoral Studies Conference Poster Session, Kumamoto, Japan, May 17*. (In Japanese).
- 2015 “The Effect of Exposure Time on Evaluation and Memory of Political Information: Discussion on the Roles of Predisposition and Consistent Information Content,” *paper presented at Japan Association of Political Economy Conference, March 7*. Second author with Ling Liu. (In Japanese).
- 2014 “Shortcuts and Alibis: What Response Latencies Suggest about the Role of Party Identification in Japanese and American Political Decisionmaking” *paper presented at Asian Network for Public Opinion Research Conference, Niigata, Japan, Nov.30*. Second author with Christian Collet.

- 2014 “Opinion Uncertainty and Participation Willingness: Assessing the Power of Response Times and Don’t Know Responses as Predictors of Political Participation,” *paper presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, Aug.29.*
- 2014 “They ‘Don’t Know’ Their Opinions Matter: DK as a Knowledge Indicator,” *poster presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Apr.3.*
- 2014 “Fixation Rate and Voting Context as Predictors of Candidate Selection” *paper presented at Japan Association of Political Economy Conference, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, Mar.3.* With Shun Okazawa. (In Japanese) .
- 2013 “What They ‘Don’t Know’ May Help You: Assessing the Power of Two Knowledge Measures on Japanese Political Participation.” *paper presented at Asian Network for Public Opinion Research Conference, Seoul, South Korea, Nov. 22.* With Christian Collet.

### **Computer Skills**

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SPSS, Stata, R, Python and LaTeX