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### Research Interests

*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

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

*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)

*When Strategic Uninformed Abstention Improves Democratic Accountability* Apr. 2019

*Revise and Resubmit from the Journal of Theoretical Politics*

#### *Local Bandwagoning and National Balancing:*

*How Uninformed Voters Respond to the Partisan Environment and Why It Matters* Jun. 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)**

<b><i>Higher Education and Acceptance of Immigrants: The Case of Japan</i></b> <i>With Fan Lu</i>	Jul. 2019
<b><i>Why Japanese Leftists Oppose Monetary Easing? (in Japanese)</i></b> <i>With Susumu Annaka</i>	Jul. 2019
<b><i>Donor Competition and Public Support for Foreign Aid Sanctions</i></b> <i>Under review. With Masaru Kohno, Gabriella R. Montinola, and Matthew S. Winters</i>	Jun. 2019
<b><i>Territorial Threat, Motivated Reasoning, and Twitter Network</i></b> <i>With Takanori Fujiwara, Christian Collet, Tetsuro Kobayashi, and Takafumi Suzuki</i>	Aug. 2017
<b><i>Candidate Selection Process Captured through Eye- and Mouse-tracking</i></b> <i>With Ling Liu</i>	May 2016

### **Peer-reviewed Publications**

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**

<b><i>Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship</i></b> , Graduate Studies, UC Davis (\$43,200)	2019-20
<b><i>Dissertation Improvement Award</i></b> , Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$2500)	2019
<b><i>Summer Collaborative Award</i></b> , Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$5000)	Summer 2018
<i>With Professor Adrienne Hosek</i>	
<b><i>Travel Award</i></b> , Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$500)	Spring and Fall 2017, 2019
<b><i>Graduate Scholarship for Degree Seeking Students</i></b> , Japan Student Services Organization	2015-20
<b><i>Ijima Award</i></b> , Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University	2015
<b><i>The Best Master Thesis Award</i></b> , Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University	2015
<b><i>Azusa Ono Memorial Award</i></b> , Waseda University	2015
<b><i>Okuma Memorial Scholarship</i></b> , Waseda University	2014
<b><i>125th Anniversary Scholarship</i></b> , Waseda University	2013

### **Conference and Workshop Presentations**

<b><i>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i></b>	2014, 2017, 2019 (proposal accepted)
<b><i>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference</i></b>	2014, 2017, 2019
<b><i>Japanese Political Science Association Annual Meeting (proposal accepted)</i></b>	2019
<b><i>Japanese Association of Electoral Studies Annual Conference</i></b>	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 (proposal accepted)</i>	Nov. 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

### **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
<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)**

<i>POL213: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science II, UC Davis</i>	Spring 2019
<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Scott MacKenzie</i>	
<i>POL212: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science, UC Davis</i>	Winter 2019
<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Christopher Hare</i>	
<i>POL211: Research Methods in Political Science, UC Davis</i>	Fall 2018
<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Adrienne Hosek</i>	
<i>Empirical Methodology Summer Seminar, Waseda University</i>	Summer 2014
<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Masaru Kohno</i>	

**(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*****Assistant Coordinator for the Political Science Research Workshop, UC Davis***

2019

***Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference***

2019

**Other Skills*****Computing.* SPSS, Stata, R, Python (including oTree) and LaTeX*****Languages.* Japanese (native) and English (highly proficient)**