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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*	2016
Study abroad program, Middlebury College*, Middlebury, VT*	*2010-11*

Summer Program

EITM Summer Institute*, Emory University, Atlanta, GA (proposal accepted)*	Jul. 2019
Institute for Political Methodology*, Acadmia 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

When Strategic Uninformed Abstention Improves Democratic Accountability	Apr. 2019

Under review

Social Information and Uninformed Voting Behavior: Delegating or Bandwagoning?	Apr. 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
Donor Competition and Public Support for Foreign Aid Sanctions	Jan. 2019

With Masaru Kohno, Gabriella R. Montinola, and Matthew S. Winters

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

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

Dissertation Improvement Award, *Department of Political Science, UC Davis ($2500)*   2019
Summer Collaborative Award, *Department of Political Science, UC Davis ($5000)*   Summer 2018
With 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
The Best Master Thesis Award, *Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University*   2015
Azusa Ono Memorial Award, *Waseda University*   2015
Okuma Memorial Scholarship, *Waseda University*   2014
125th Anniversary Scholarship, *Waseda University*   2013

Conference and Workshop Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting   2014, 2017
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference   2014, 2017, 2019
Japanese Political Science Association Annual Meeting *(proposal accepted)*   2019
Japanese Association of Electoral Studies Annual Conference   2015
Japan Association of Political Economy Annual Conference   2014, 2015
Asian Network for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference   2013, 2014
Conference Public Opinion and Foreign Aid, *Geneva, Switzerland*   Feb. 2019
International Metropolis Conference, *Sydney, Australia*   Oct. 2018
Migration Research Cluster Workshop, *UC Davis, Davis, CA*   Nov. 2017
GSDS Symposium Konstanz: Exploring Ignorance -- The Acquisition,   May 2016
Selection and Processing of Information, *University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany*

International Workshop: New Developments in Political Communication Research,   June 2015
Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

Research Assistance

EGAP Metaketa Initiative   2019

Member of third-party experiment replication team

Institute of Applied Social Psychology + connect*, Osaka, Japan*   2012-13, 2016

Assistant researcher

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

Research assistant for Professor Masaru Kohno

Social Science Research Institute, International Christian University*, Tokyo, Japan*   2012

Research assistant for Professor Christian Collet

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 *(applying for membership)*   2019-

Member, Japanese Association of Electoral Studies   2014-

Other Professional Service

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)*