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Research Interests

General interests. Political behavior, 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

<i>M.A. in Political Science, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan</i>	2015
<i>B.A. in Politics, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan</i>	2012
<i>Study abroad program, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT</i>	2010-11

Summer Program

<i>EITM Summer Institute, Emory University, Atlanta, GA</i>	Jul. 2019
<i>Institute for Political Methodology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan</i>	Jul. 2015
<i>ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI</i>	Jun.-Jul. 2014
<i>The Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA</i>	Jul.-Aug. 2012

Working Papers

(Single Authored)

<i>When Strategic Uninformed Abstention Improves Democratic Accountability</i>	Sep. 2019
<i>Revise and Resubmit from the Journal of Theoretical Politics</i>	
<i>Local Bandwagoning and National Balancing:</i>	
<i>How Uninformed Voters Respond to the Partisan Environment</i>	Sep. 2019
<i>Explaining Uninformed Participation in Referendum Voting</i>	Apr. 2017
<i>International News Coverage and Perception of Foreign States in Japan</i>	Nov. 2017

<i>Alternative Measurements of Political Knowledge and Uncertainty</i> (Co-authored)	Mar. 2015
<i>Higher Education and Acceptance of Immigrants: The Case of Japan</i> With Fan Lu	Aug. 2019
<i>Why Japanese Leftists Oppose Monetary Easing? (in Japanese)</i> With Susumu Annaka	Sep. 2019
<i>Donor Competition and Public Support for Foreign Aid Sanctions</i> <u>Under review.</u> With Masaru Kohno, Gabriella R. Montinola, and Matthew S. Winters	Jun. 2019
<i>Territorial Threat, Motivated Reasoning, and Twitter Network</i> With Takanori Fujiwara, Christian Collet, Tetsuro Kobayashi, and Takafumi Suzuki	Aug. 2017
<i>Candidate Selection Process Captured through Eye- and Mouse-tracking</i> With Ling Liu	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

<i>Provost’s Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Studies, UC Davis (\$43,200)</i>	2019-20
<i>Dissertation Improvement Award, Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$2500)</i>	2019
<i>Summer Collaborative Award, Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$5000)</i> With Professor Adrienne Hosek	Summer 2018
<i>Travel Award, Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$500)</i>	Spring and Fall 2017, 2019
<i>Graduate Scholarship for Degree Seeking Students, Japan Student Services Organization</i>	2015-20
<i>Ijima Award, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University</i>	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
<i>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference</i>	2014, 2017, 2019
<i>Japanese Political Science Association Annual Meeting (proposal accepted)</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 (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)**