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Research Interests

General interests. American politics, Japanese politics, 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

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 Sep. 2019

Revise and Resubmit from the Journal of Theoretical Politics

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)

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

<i>Merk Prospectus Award</i> , Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$4,000)	2019
<i>Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship</i> , Graduate Studies, UC Davis (\$43,200)	2019-20
<i>Dissertation Improvement Award</i> , Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$2,500)	2019
<i>Summer Collaborative Award</i> , Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$5,000)	Summer 2018
<i>With Professor Adrienne Hosek</i>	
<i>Travel Award</i> , Department of Political Science, UC Davis (\$500)	Spring and Fall 2017, 2019
<i>Graduate Scholarship for Degree Seeking Students</i> , Japan Student Services Organization	2015-20
<i>Ijima Award</i> , Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University	2015
<i>The Best Master Thesis Award</i> , Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University	2015
<i>Azusa Ono Memorial Award</i> , Waseda University	2015
<i>Okuma Memorial Scholarship</i> , Waseda University	2014
<i>125th Anniversary Scholarship</i> , Waseda University	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</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

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)**