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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, 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

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

<i>Selection and Processing of Information, University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany</i>	
<i>International Workshop: New Developments in Political Communication Research,</i>	June 2015
<i>Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan</i>	

Research Assistance

<i>EGAP Metaketa Initiative</i>	2019
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Member of third-party experiment replication team

<i>Institute of Applied Social Psychology + connect, Osaka, Japan</i>	2012-13, 2016
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Assistant researcher

<i>Waseda Institute of Advanced Study, Tokyo, Japan</i>	2014-15
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Research assistant for Professor Masaru Kohno

<i>Social Science Research Institute, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan</i>	2012
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Research assistant for Professor Christian Collet

Teaching

(Graduate Level)

<i>POL213: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science II, UC Davis</i>	Spring 2019
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Teaching assistant for Professor Scott MacKenzie

<i>POL212: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science, UC Davis</i>	Winter 2019
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Teaching assistant for Professor Christopher Hare

<i>POL211: Research Methods in Political Science, UC Davis</i>	Fall 2018
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Teaching assistant for Professor Adrienne Hosek

<i>Empirical Methodology Summer Seminar, Waseda University</i>	Summer 2014
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Teaching assistant for Professor Masaru Kohno

(Undergraduate Level)

<i>POL051: Scientific Study of Politics, UC Davis</i>	
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<i>Graduate student instructor</i>	Spring 2018
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<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Benjamin Highton</i>	Fall 2018
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<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Christopher Hare</i>	Winter 2017
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<i>POL155: Judicial Process and Behavior, UC Davis</i>	Spring 2017, Winter 2018
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Teaching assistant for Professor Ryan Hübert

<i>POL100: Local Government and Politics, UC Davis</i>	Fall 2016
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Teaching assistant for Professor Scott MacKenzie

<i>POL148B: Government and Politics in East Asia: Japan, UC Davis</i>	Spring 2016
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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)