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Education

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

2012 *B.A. in Politics, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan*

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

Summer Program Participation

2015 *Institute for Political Methodology (Taipei, Taiwan, July)*

2014 *ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (June-July)*

2012 *The Summer Institute in Political Psychology at Stanford University (July-August)*

Research

2016, 2012-13 *Assistant researcher, institute of Applied Social Psychology + connect, Osaka, Japan;*

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

2012 *Research assistant, Social Science Research Institute, International Christian University*

Teaching

2018 *Associate instructor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis
(POL051: Scientific Study of Politics)*

2016- *Teaching assistant, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis
(Including Graduate Level Political Methodology Sequence: POL211, POL212, and POL213)*

2014-15 *Teaching assistant, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University*

2013-15 *Academic writing adviser, Waseda University*

2012 *Lab assistant, International Christian University*

Honors & Awards

2019 *Dissertation Improvement Award, Department of Political Science, UC Davis*

2018 *Summer Collaborative Award, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis*

- 2015-20 *Graduate Scholarship for Degree Seeking Students, Japan Student Services Organization*
- 2015 *Political Science Department Fellowship, University of California, Davis (Fall 2015)*
- 2015 *Ijima Award, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University*
- 2015 *The Best MA Thesis Award, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University*
- 2015 *Azusa Ono Memorial Award, Waseda University*
- 2014 *Okuma Memorial Scholarship, Waseda University*
- 2013 *125th Anniversary Scholarship, Waseda University*

Journal Articles

- 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. Second coauthor with Christian Collet.

Conference Presentations

- 2019 “When Strategic Uninformed Abstention Improves Democratic Accountability,” *paper accepted to Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April.*
- 2019 “Social Information and Uninformed Voting Behavior: Delegating or Bandwagoning?,” *paper accepted to Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April.*
- 2019 “Donor Competition and Public Support for Foreign Aid Sanctions,” *paper presented at Conference Public Opinion and Foreign Aid, Think Tank Hub, February 11.* Fourth coauthor with Masaru Kohno, Gabriella R. Montinola, and Matthew S. Winters.
- 2018 “Latina/o Metabeliefs about Status Misattribution,” *paper presented at International Metropolis Conference, Sydney, Australia, October 31.* Second coauthor with Bradford Jones, Natalie Martin-Rojas, Page Pellaton, and Dave Vannette.
- 2017 “International News Coverage and Foreign Image Building: Agenda Setting, Persuasion, and Framing in the Formation of Public Image toward Foreign States in Japan, 1987-2015,” *paper presented at Migration Research Cluster Workshop, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA, November 2.*
- 2017 “Threatening Event, National Identity and Network Dynamics of Motivated Information Communication: Exploring Japanese Twitter during the Rise of Territorial Disputes, April through October 2012,” *paper presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 31.* With Takanori Fujiwara, Christian Collet, Tetsuro Kobayashi, and Takafumi Suzuki.
- 2017 “When Do Uninformed Voters Vote? Exploring Rational Implications of Uninformed

- Participation in 2012 US Direct Democracy Initiatives,” *paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Apr. 6.*
- 2016 “Does the Election Context Matter? Candidate Selection Experiments with Eye-tracking and Mouse-tracking Methods,” *poster presented at GSDS Symposium Konstanz: Exploring Ignorance - The acquisition, selection and processing of information, University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany, May 18-20.* Second author with Ling Liu.
- 2015 “Long- or Short-Lasting Media Effects? Longitudinal Study of Newspaper Coverage Influence on Foreign States Perceptions in Japan,” *paper presented at International Workshop: New Developments in Political Communication Research, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, June 24.*
- 2015 “Newspaper Coverage Toward Foreign Countries and Public Opinion: Content Analysis of Newspaper Coverage towards US, China, South Korea and North Korea and the Change in Perceptions of Favorability and Importance,” *poster presented at Japanese Association of Electoral Studies Conference Poster Session, Kumamoto, Japan, May 17.* (In Japanese).
- 2015 “The Effect of Exposure Time on Evaluation and Memory of Political Information: Discussion on the Roles of Predisposition and Consistent Information Content,” *paper presented at Japan Association of Political Economy Conference, March 7.* Second author with Ling Liu. (In Japanese).
- 2014 “Shortcuts and Alibis: What Response Latencies Suggest about the Role of Party Identification in Japanese and American Political Decisionmaking” *paper presented at Asian Network for Public Opinion Research Conference, Niigata, Japan, Nov.30.* Second author with Christian Collet.
- 2014 “Opinion Uncertainty and Participation Willingness: Assessing the Power of Response Times and Don’t Know Responses as Predictors of Political Participation,” *paper presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, Aug.29.*
- 2014 “They ‘Don’t Know’ Their Opinions Matter: DK as a Knowledge Indicator,” *poster presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Apr.3.*
- 2014 “Fixation Rate and Voting Context as Predictors of Candidate Selection” *paper presented at Japan Association of Political Economy Conference, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, Mar.3.* With Shun Okazawa. (In Japanese) .
- 2013 “What They ‘Don’t Know’ May Help You: Assessing the Power of Two Knowledge Measures on Japanese Political Participation.” *paper presented at Asian Network for Public Opinion Research Conference, Seoul, South Korea, Nov. 22.* With Christian Collet.

Computer and Language Skills

SPSS, Stata, R, Python and LaTeX. Fluent in Japanese and English.