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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

<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 (proposal accepted)</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

<i>When Strategic Uninformed Abstention Improves Democratic Accountability</i>	Apr. 2019
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Under review

Local Bandwagoning and National Balancing:

<i>How Uninformed Voters Respond to the Partisan Environment and Why It Matters</i>	Jun. 2019
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<i>Explaining Uninformed Participation in Referendum Voting</i>	Apr. 2017
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<i>International News Coverage and Perception of Foreign States in Japan</i>	Nov. 2017
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<i>Alternative Measurements of Political Knowledge and Uncertainty</i>	Mar. 2015
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<i>Donor Competition and Public Support for Foreign Aid Sanctions</i>	Jun. 2019
<i>With Masaru Kohno, Gabriella R. Montinola, and Matthew S. Winters</i>	
<i>Territorial Threat, Motivated Reasoning, and Twitter Network</i>	Aug. 2017
<i>With Takanori Fujiwara, Christian Collet, Tetsuro Kobayashi, and Takafumi Suzuki</i>	
<i>Candidate Selection Process Captured through Eye- and Mouse-tracking</i>	May 2016
<i>With Ling Liu</i>	

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>	Summer 2018
<i>With Professor Adrienne Hosek</i>	
<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 (proposal accepted)
<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>	November 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>	June 2015

Research Assistance

<i>Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis</i>	2019
<i>Research assistant for Professor 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)

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

<i>POL155: Judicial Process and Behavior, UC Davis</i>	Spring 2017, Winter 2018
<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Ryan Hübert</i>	
<i>POL100: Local Government and Politics, UC Davis</i>	Fall 2016
<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Scott MacKenzie</i>	
<i>POL148B: Government and Politics in East Asia: Japan, UC Davis</i>	Spring 2016
<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Ethan Scheiner</i>	
<i>POL142C: Comparative Political Development: Democracy, UC Davis</i>	Winter 2016
<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Gabriella Montinola</i>	
<i>Undergraduate Research Seminar, Waseda University</i>	2014-15
<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Aiji Tanaka</i>	
<i>POL101: Introduction to Political Methodology, International Christian University</i>	Spring 2012
<i>Lab assistant for Professor Christian Collet</i>	
(Other)	
<i>Online (Japanese) Academic Writing Course, Waseda University</i>	2013-15
<i>Academic writing adviser</i>	
Professional Activities	
<i>Member, American Political Science Association</i>	2014-
<i>Member, Midwest Political Science Association</i>	2014-
<i>Member, Japanese Political Science Association</i>	2019-
<i>Member, Japanese Association of Electoral Studies</i>	2014-
Other Professional Service	
<i>Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference</i>	2019
Other Skills	
<i>Computing. SPSS, Stata, R, Python (including oTree) and LaTeX</i>	
<i>Languages. Japanese (native) and English (highly proficient)</i>	