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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).

*201*4 “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.