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Appointments

New York University, Department of Politics

Associate Professor

2022–

Assistant Professor

2016–2022

Australian National University, Department of International Relations

Research Fellow

2012–14

Harvard University, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations

Postdoctoral Fellow

2011–12

Visiting Appointments

Princeton University, Department of Politics

Visiting Research Scholar

2023–

New York University, Department of Politics

Visiting Assistant Professor

2015–2016

Harvard University, Department of Government

Visiting Assistant Professor

2014–15

Education

Harvard University

Ph.D., Government

Cambridge, MA

2011

University of Tokyo

Research Student in International Relations

Tokyo, Japan

2003–05

Victoria University of Wellington

B.A. (Hons), Political Science

Wellington, New Zealand

May 2003

University of Otago

B.A., Political Science and Japanese

Included AIKOM program at University of Tokyo

Dunedin, New Zealand

May 2002

2000–01

Books

3. *Dominance Through Division: Group-Based Clientelism in Japan* (under review).
2. *Winning More With Less: How Parties Win More Votes Without Winning Over More Voters* (with Lucia Motolinia, in progress).
1. *Electoral Reform and National Security in Japan: From Pork to Foreign Policy*, Cambridge University Press, New York: NY, 2016.
 - Reviewed in *Foreign Affairs* (March/April 2017), *Social Science Japan Journal* (15 July 2017), *Journal of Asian Studies* (August 2018), and *The Journal of Japanese Studies* (Summer 2019).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

13. [How Incumbent Politicians Respond to the Enactment of a Programmatic Policy: Evidence from Snow Subsidies](#) (with Taishi Muraoka), *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 24, 1, 2023 (special issue in honor of Susan J. Pharr).
 - Richard E. Matland Award for best paper by an emerging scholar in representation, elections, or voting, MPSA 2022.
12. [Workshops Without Borders: Building an Online Community of Japan Scholars](#) (with Charles Crabtree, Christina L. Davis, Shinju Fujihira, Yusaku Horiuchi, Phillip Y. Lipsy, Frances McCall Rosenbluth, Daniel M. Smith), *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 55, 3, 2022.
11. [Capturing Vote-Seeking Incentives and the Cultivation of a Personal and Party Vote](#) (with Brian Crisp, Benjamin Schneider and Taishi Muraoka), *Electoral Studies*, 72, 102369, 2021.
10. [Geographically-Targeted Spending in Mixed-Member Majoritarian Electoral Systems](#), *World Politics*, 73, 4, October 2021 (with Lucia Motolinia)
 - Honorable Mention, APSA's Democracy and Autocracy Section Best Article Award, 2022.
 - Leon Weaver Award for best paper at a panel sponsored by APSA's Representation and Electoral Systems Division, 2020.
9. [Why Geographically-Targeted Spending Under Closed-List Proportional Representation Favors Marginal Districts](#), *Electoral Studies*, 71, 102329, 2021 (with Lucia Motolinia)
8. [A Tournament Theory of Pork Barrel Politics: The Case of Japan](#), *Comparative Political Studies*, 53, 10-11, 2020, pp. 1619–1655 (with Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Alastair Smith).
7. [Nihongo no Ryoteki Tekisuto Bunseki](#) (“Quantitative Text Analysis in Japanese”, in Japanese) *Waseda Institute for Advanced Study Research Bulletin*, No. 11, March 2019 (with Kohei Watanabe).
6. [Positioning Under Alternative Electoral Systems: Evidence From Japanese Candidate Election Manifestos](#). *American Political Science Review*, 112, 1, 2018, pp. 31–48.
 - Leon Weaver Award for best paper at a panel sponsored by APSA's Representation and Electoral Systems Division, 2015.
5. [From Pork to Policy: The Rise of Programmatic Campaigning in Japanese Elections](#), *The Journal of Politics*, 2016, 78, 1. Online Appendix.
 - Republished in *Critical Readings on the Liberal Democratic Party*, Brill: Leiden, Netherlands, 2018.
4. [Why New Zealand took itself out of ANZUS: Observing “Opposition for Autonomy” in Asymmetric Alliances](#), *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 2010, 6, 3.
3. [Identity Theory and Foreign Policy: Explaining Japan's Responses to the 1991 Gulf War and the 2003 U.S. War in Iraq](#), *Politics and Policy*, 2007, 35, 1.
2. [Japan, the West, and the Whaling Issue: Understanding the Japanese Side](#), *Japan Forum*, 2005, 17, 1, March (with Gerald Chan).
 - Prize for best article in journal in 2005.
1. [The Establishment and Subsequent Expansion of the Waitangi Tribunal: The Politics of Agenda Setting](#), *Political Science*, 2004, 56, 1, June.

Other Publications

9. [Japan in 2023: Signature Policies Are Reigned in Without Electoral Pressures](#), *Asian Survey*, 2024, 64, 2, pp. 182–196.
8. [What Suga's election means for democracy in Japan](#), *East Asia Forum*, 13 October 2020 (reprinted in *Hong Kong Journal of Law and Public Affairs*, January 2021).
7. [Japan's Current Interest in National Security is Not \(Only\) Made in China. It Is Also Homegrown](#), *Expert Voices on Japan: Security, Economic, Social and Foreign Policy Recommendations*, Arthur Alexander (ed.), Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation: Washington, DC, June 2018.
6. [Japan's elections are on Sunday. Prime Minister Abe's party faces brand-new opponents](#), *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage), October 21, 2017.

5. [Koike has conquered Tokyo. What next?](#), *East Asia Forum*, 11 July 2017. (Reprinted in *Australian Financial Review*, 17 July 2017 and *Policy Guidance from the U.S.-Japan Network for the Future Cohort IV*, June 2018).
4. [Quantitative Text Analysis with Asian Languages: Some Problems and Solutions](#), *Polimetrics* (Newsletter of the Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science), 2014, 1, 1.
3. [Not made in China: Japan's home-grown national security obsession](#), *Australia and Japan in the Region*, 2013, 1, 1, February. (Reprinted in *East Asian Forum*, 6 March 2013).
2. [China's Relations With Latin America: Shared Gains, Asymmetric Hopes](#), *Inter-American Dialogue*, 2006, 1-59 (with Jorge Dominguez and others)
1. [Explaining Recent Changes in Japan's Security Posture. A Role for Nationalism?](#) *Tsushin* (Newsletter of Harvard's Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies), 2007, 12, 1, Fall.

Awards and Fellowships

- Richard E. Matland Award for best paper by an emerging scholar in representation, elections, or voting, MPSA 2022.
- Honorable Mention, APSA's Democracy and Autocracy Section Best Article Award, 2022.
- Leon Weaver Award for best paper at a panel sponsored by APSA's Representation and Electoral Systems Division, 2020.
- Leon Weaver Award for best paper at a panel sponsored by APSA's Representation and Electoral Systems Division, 2015.
- The Mike and Maureen Mansfield Foundation's U.S.-Japan Network for the Future, Cohort IV, 2016-2018.
- Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center, Harvard University 2010.
- Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Dissertation Supplementary Grant, Harvard University, 2009–2010.
- Japan Foundation Fellowship for Doctoral Students (twelve months of funding), 2008–2009.
- Mid-Dissertation Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2008.
- Harvard Merit Fellowship, Harvard University, 2007.
- Akiyama Award, from the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University, 2007.
- Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Summer Research Grants, Harvard University, 2005–2007; 2010.
- Toshiba International Foundation Prize for the best article published in *Japan Forum* in 2005, 2006.
- Graduate Student Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2006–2009.
- Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship, Harvard University (five years of funding) 2004–2011.
- Japanese Ministry of Education Research Scholarship, University of Tokyo, 2003.
- Prize for 1st in Political Science Honors Class, Victoria University of Wellington, 2003.
- Prize for Academic Excellence, University of Otago, 2000.
- Scholarship for study on the AIKOM program at the University of Tokyo, 2000–2001.

Invited Talks

- Stony Brook University (Department of Political Science), February 21, 2024.
- Temple University (Department of Political Science), November 15, 2023.
- Yale University (Council on East Asian Studies), November 7, 2022.
- Victoria University of Wellington, (School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations), August 4, 2022.
- University of Tokyo (Center for Contemporary Japanese Studies), June 22, 2022.
- University College London (Department of Political Science), November 22, 2021.
- Columbia University (Weatherhead Center for International Affairs), October 26, 2021.
- Harvard University (Program on U.S.-Japan Relations), October 26, 2020.
- University of Michigan (Center for Japanese Studies Speaker Series), October 22, 2020.
- Australian Institute for International Affairs, June 9, 2020.

- University of California, Berkeley (Political Science Department), February 27, 2020.
- New York University Abu Dhabi (Division of Social Science), February 7, 2020.
- University of Pennsylvania (Word Lab, Price Lab for Digital Humanities), November 21, 2019.
- University of Southern California (Center for International Studies), January 10, 2019.
- University of Tokyo (Contemporary Japan Group), June 21, 2018.
- Chuo University (delivered in Japanese), Tokyo, June 18, 2018.
- Hiroshima University, June 14, 2018.
- Japanese Economic Association, Tutorial on Text Analysis (delivered in Japanese), June 9, 2018.
- University of Pennsylvania, November 17, 2017.
- University of Maine, October 19, 2017.
- Kings College London, June 26, 2017.
- University of Tokyo, June 9, 2017.
- Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan May 30, 2017.
- United States Air Force Air War College, April 17, 2017.
- Yale University (Comparative Politics Speaker Series), February 7, 2017.
- Columbia University (Political Science and SIPA), January 26, 2017.
- Victoria University of Wellington, (School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations), July 13, 2016.
- Princeton University (Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance), February 8, 2016.
- Yale University (Yale Project on Japan's Politics and Diplomacy), November 13, 2015.
- New York University (Politics Department), November 12, 2015.
- Harvard Kennedy School (23rd Annual U.S.-Japan Symposium), October 28, 2015.
- University of Pennsylvania (Center for East Asian Studies), April 2, 2015.
- Harvard University (Comparative Politics Speaker Series), March 26, 2015.
- University of Melbourne (Applied Statistics Workshop and Melbourne Institute Series), May 22, 2014.
- Australian Institute of International Affairs, Canberra, Australia, February 27, 2014.
- University of Washington, Seattle (Jackson School for International Studies), November 14, 2013.
- University of Sydney (Department of Government and International Relations), May 15, 2013.
- Columbia University (Weatherhead Center for International Affairs), November 14, 2012.
- Harvard University (Department of Government), October 31, 2011.
- Boston University (Asia Center), November 18, 2009.
- Royal Institute for International Affairs, London, United Kingdom, September 10, 2007.

Conference Presentations and Participation

- Visions in Political Methodology, May 24, 2024.
- Asia Polmeth, NYU Abu Dhabi, January 11-12, 2024.
- Political Economy of Europe APSA Pre-Conference (PEEP), USC, August, 2023.
- Political Economy Workshop, Norwegian Business School, Oslo, Norway, May 22-24, 2022.
- Yale Conference on Japanese Soft Power in East Asia, March 25, 2021.
- Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series, October 22, 2020.
- Dartmouth Northeast Workshop on Japanese Politics, August 26-27, 2019.
- Yale University (Workshop on Japan's Politics and Diplomacy), May 9-11, 2019.
- University of Southern California Text Analysis Workshop, January 11-12, 2019.
- Harvard University Symposium on Japanese Politics, August 29, 2018.
- Waseda University, Tokyo (Workshop on Text Analysis in Asian Languages), June 27, 2018.

- Regions in a Multipolar World, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, September 27-28.
- 24th Annual U.S.-Japan Security Seminar, CSIS, Washington, D.C., March 19, 2018.
- Association for Asian Studies, 2017 and 2018.
- Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science, Wellington, New Zealand December 10–11, 2017.
- Mt. Fuji Dialogue, Tokyo, Japan, October 27-28, 2017.
- North Korea and Japan: a Troubled Relationship, Stockholm, Sweden, October 12, 2017.
- Yale Conference on Japanese Politics and Diplomacy, Yale University, May 13-14, 2017.
- Japan's Economic and Security Policy in the Trump Era, University of Michigan, February 3, 2017.
- Impact of the Digital on Japanese Studies, University of Chicago, November 11-12, 2016.
- Stanford University Summer Juku on Japanese Political Economy, 2013, 2015, and 2016.
- East Asian Security Workshop, Kobe University, May 8–9, 2014.
- Australian Society for Quantitative Political Methodology, December 6–7, 2013.
- International Studies Association, 2011, 2012, 2014.
- Midwest Political Science Association, 2013 and 2015.
- Middle Power Workshop, Center of Excellence in Policing and Security, Canberra, Australia, March 7–8, 2013.
- Rise of China Conference, Keio University and Seoul National University, Tokyo, Japan, December 7–8, 2012.
- Collective Memory, Identity, and International Relations in East Asia, Lund, Sweden, November 6–7, 2012.
- Rise of China Conference, Keio University and Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, March 16–17, 2012.
- Asian Electoral Systems Conference, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan, February 5–6, 2012.
- New Directions in Text Analysis Conference, IQSS, Harvard University, May 21–22, 2010.
- Managing the Med-USA Conference, Japan Berlin Center, December 9–11, 2008.
- Graduate Student Conference, East-West Center, University of Hawaii, February 14–16, 2008.
- Japanese Politics Colloquium, Oxford University, United Kingdom, September 11–12, 2007.
- American Political Science Association, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2022, 2023.

Teaching

Instructor:

9. [Distributive Politics in Advanced Democracies](#) (PhD student seminar, NYU, Spring 2021).
8. [Politics and International Relations Senior Seminar](#) (full-year thesis-writing seminar, NYU, Fall 2022, 2021, and 2018, Spring 2019).
7. [Politics and Government of Modern Japan](#) (undergraduate seminar, NYU, Spring 2022, 2021, 2018, Fall 2018).
6. [Comparative Politics Core: Industrialized Democracies](#) (core course for PhD students, NYU, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, 2021).
5. [War and Peace: Actors, Institutions, and Foreign Policy](#) (graduate seminar, NYU, Fall 2015, Spring 2018 & undergraduate seminar, Harvard, 2014).
4. [International Conflict and Cooperation](#) (undergraduate lecture course, Harvard, 2015).
3. [Politics and Government of Modern Japan](#) (undergraduate lecture course, Harvard, 2012).
2. [Japan's Security Dilemmas](#) (undergraduate lecture course, Australian National University, 2013 and 2014).
1. [Making Foreign Policy](#) (graduate seminar, Australian National University, 2013 and 2014).

Teaching Fellow:

4. [Security in the Asia-Pacific](#), Harvard, 2010.
3. [Politics and Political Economy of Japan](#), Harvard, 2009 and 2006.
2. [Japan in the Social Sciences](#), Harvard, 2007.
1. [Japanese Language 111 and 112](#), Victoria University of Wellington, 2002.

Professional Service

- Editorial Board, *Asian Survey*, since 2022.
- Editorial Board, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, since 2021.
- Founder and Organizer, Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia, since 2023.
- Co-Founder and Organizer, Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series, since 2020.
- Chair, APSA's Autocracy and Democracy Best Article Prize Committee, 2023.
- Co-Chair, Comparative Politics of Advanced Industrial Societies Division, APSA, 2019.
- Coordinator of NYU Politics Department's Comparative Politics Speaker Series, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2022.
- Convener, "Overcoming Barriers to Women's Advancement in Political Science" (session for PhD students in NYU Politics).
- Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Science Research Methods*, *Political Analysis*, *Electoral Studies*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Behavior*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Social Science Japan Journal*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *The Pacific Review*, *Government and Opposition*, *Political Science*, *Japan Forum*, *Asian Affairs*, *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Government and Opposition*, *European Political Science Review*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Economics and Politics*, *Contemporary Japan*, *Asian Survey*, *Asian Studies Review*, *Asian Politics and Policy*, *Millennium*, *Oxford University Press* (book reviewer), *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies* (book reviewer), *Palgrave* (book reviewer), *Sage* (book reviewer).

Other Research-Relevant Employment

- Intern, Liberal Democratic Party Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan, 2004.

Languages

- Japanese (fluent in reading, writing, speaking, 10 years of formal training)
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