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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science Washington University in St. Louis	August, 2022–
M.A., Political Science Waseda University, Japan	April, 2019–March, 2021
B.A., Political Science Waseda University, Japan	April, 2015–March, 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: international relations, conflict, public opinion, social cohesion

Methodological: causal inference, survey experiments, text analysis

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Beyond the Battlefield: Localized Civilian Clashes and Political Attitudes in Violent Conflict.” with Carly Wayne, Sivan Hirsch-Hoefler, and Daphna Canetti. Accepted. *International Organization*.

“How Does War Affect Cultural Tolerance? Evidence from Concert Programs, 1900–60.” 2024. *Journal of Peace Research*. 61(2): 163–179. (Leading Article)

- Winner: 2024 Best Visualization Award, Journal of Peace Research.
- Runner-up: 2024 Nils Petter Gleditsch JPR Article of the Year Award.

“Politics of COVID-19 Vaccination in Japan: How Governing Incumbents’ Representation Affected Regional Rollout Variation.” 2023. with Seiya Ishihara and Masaru Kohno. *BMC Public Health*. 23: 515.

“How Asians React to Discrimination Does Not Depend on Their Party Identification.” 2021. with Charles Crabtree and others. *Socius*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“Legacies of the Atomic Bombings: Wartime Violence and Foreign Policy Attitudes.” Revise and Re-submit.

WORKING PAPERS

“Does War Unite or Divide? Unequal Sacrifice and Wartime Support in Russia.”

“The Spatiality of Public Goods: Borders and Support for Environmental Protection.” with David Carter, Tae Sung Oh, and Alma Velazquez.

“Media Polarization and Audience Costs: The Erosion of a Democratic Difference?” with Taylor Carlson and David Carter.

“The Domestic Politics of International Statebuilding: Evidence from Postwar Japan.” with Melissa Lee and Will Nomikos.

“A Tale of Experiment on Two-isms of International Relations: A Study in Japan.” with Yuji Masumura and Atsushi Tago.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Who Bears the Burden? War, Unequal Sacrifice, and Social Cohesion in the United States.”

“Distribution of War Costs and Social Cohesion: Evidence from an Expert Survey.”

“How the Origins of Territorial Claims Affect the Prospects for Violence or Peace.” with David Carter.

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“A Study on the Electoral Strategies of Governing Party: How Are Prime Ministers’ Visits to Candidates During the Electoral Campaigns Decided?” 2021. *Gekkan Senkyo* 74(5):3–10 (in Japanese) (with Masaru Kohno and Hikari Nogami)

“Natural Disaster and Politicians’ Accountability: The Effect of Great East Japan Earthquake on the Governor’s Election in Miyagi Prefecture.” 2020. *Gekkan Senkyo* 73(6):1–6 (in Japanese) (with Masaru Kohno and Makoto Kunioka)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Translations into Japanese

“Generational Differences in Attitudes Toward Authority: A Comparative View.” by Willy Jou. 2021. In *Measuring Democracy in Japan and Asia*, (Ken’ichi Ikeda ed.), Tokyo: Keisoshobo.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

The Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop (November 2026, scheduled)

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (2021, 2022, 2024, 2025, 2026, scheduled)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2024, 2025, 2026)

North American Meeting of the Peace Science Society (2023, 2024)

International Studies Association–Midwest (2024)

Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science (JSQPS) (2022 Summer, 2025 Winter)

Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series (February 2025)

Waseda-Essex Scientific PoliSci/IR Collaboration and Exchange (WE-SPICE) (Online, January 2022)

Asian Politics Online Seminar Series (Online, July 2021)

Japan Early Career Forum on Political Science, Spring 2021 (Online, April 2021)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

- Dr. William Nomikos (University of California, Santa Barbara) 2023.
- Dr. Yuko Kasuya (Keio University) 2022.
- Dr. Masaru Kohno (Waseda University) 2019–2021.
- Dr. Masaaki Higashijima (Tohoku University) Spring 2021, Spring 2022.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

- *Sports, Policy, and Politics* (Spring 2026)
Instructor: Dr. Zachary Bowersox, Washington University in St. Louis

- *International Politics* (Fall 2025)
Instructor: Dr. Carly Wayne, Washington University in St. Louis
- *Game Theory and Strategies of Conflict* (Spring 2025)
Instructor: Dr. Xiaoyan Qiu, Washington University in St. Louis
- *Computational Social Science* (Fall 2024)
Instructor: Dr. Christopher Lucas, Washington University in St. Louis
Co-led weekly lab sessions on statistical and computational methods.
- *Conflict and Security in International Relations* (Spring 2024)
Instructor: Dr. Xiaoyan Qiu, Washington University in St. Louis
- *Quantitative Analysis in Political Science* (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)
Instructor: Dr. Susumu Annaka, Waseda University
Tutored students and answered questions on the statistical software R.
- *Statistics I* (Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021), *Statistics II* (Summer 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2021), *Network Analysis* (Winter 2019)
Instructor: Dr. Yunkyu Sohn, Waseda University
Tutored students and answered questions on the statistical software R.
- *Introduction to Political Analysis* (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
Instructor: Dr. Ikuo Kume, Waseda University
Independently led two weekly discussion sections (approximately 20 students each, 45 minutes) and graded assignments and exams for an introductory course. (in Japanese)
- *Intensive Seminar on Research Methods (Empirical Analysis)* (Summer 2021)
Instructor: Dr. Atsushi Tago, Waseda University
Tutored students and answered questions on the statistical software R. (in Japanese)

TRAINING AND SUMMER COURSES

Essex Summer School Summer Research Course

September, 2019

Waseda University, Japan

Course(s): Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research

July–August, 2019

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

Course(s): Maximum Likelihood Estimation II: Advanced Topics, Causal Inference for the Social Sciences

FUBiS International Summer and Winter University

July–August, 2016

Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany

Course(s): The Making of Europe: The Long 20th Century

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Fellowships

- Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow (DC1), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2021–2022)

External Grants

- Grant for Groundbreaking Young Researchers, Suntory Foundation, JPY 1,000,000 (2024–2025)
- JASSO Student Exchange Program (Graduate Scholarship for Degree Seeking Students) (2022–)
- Travel grant, American Political Science Association, \$150 (2022)
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science: Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Research Fellow, JPY 1,500,000 (2021–2022)

- Scholarship, Japanese National Membership of ICPSR, JPY 100,000 (2019)

Internal Grants

- Seed grant, Washington University in St. Louis, \$815 (2026)
- LSQ Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis, \$5,000 (2025)
- Seed grant, Washington University in St. Louis, \$2,500 (2024)
- Travel grant, Washington University in St. Louis, \$900 (2022)
- Scholarships for JSPS Research Fellows, JPY 400,000 (2021, 2022)
- Scholarship, Positive/Empirical Analysis of Political Economy Unit, Waseda University, \$2,500 (2019)
- Travel grant, Positive/Empirical Analysis of Political Economy Unit, Waseda University, JPY 210,000 (2019)

Awards

- Winner, Best Visualization Award, Journal of Peace Research (2024)
- Runner-up, Nils Petter Gleditsch JPR Article of the Year Award, Journal of Peace Research (2024)
- Ono Azusa Memorial Award for Academic Studies, Waseda University (2022)
- Fine work, Essay Competition, The Waseda Society of Political Science and Economics, JPY 50,000 (2018)

SERVICE

Journal Referee

- *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Computer Skills	R, Python, Stata, L ^A T _E X, Arc/QGIS
Languages	Japanese (native), English (fluent)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Peace Science Society

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