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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science Washington University in St. Louis	August, 2022–May, 2027 (Expected)
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, war, public opinion, social cohesion

Methodological: causal inference, experiment, text analysis

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“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*.

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

“Legacies of the Atomic Bombings: Wartime Violence and Foreign Policy Attitudes” (*Revise and Resubmit*)

“Beyond the Battlefield: Localized Civilian Clashes and Political Attitudes in Violent Conflict” (with Carly Wayne, Sivan Hirsch-Hoefler, and Daphna Canetti) (*Revise and Resubmit*)

“Unequal Sacrifice: The Distribution of War Burdens and Support for the State”

“Polarized Media and the Erosion of the Democratic Advantage: The Case of Audience Costs” (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”

“Border and Attitudes toward Environmental Protection” (with David Carter and Tae Sung Oh)

“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

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

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) (2025 Winter, 2022 Summer)

Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series (February 2025)

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

The Waseda-Hiroshima Joint Workshop (Online, December 2021)

The NCCU-Waseda Graduate Conference (Online, November 2021)

Asian Politics Online Seminar Series (Online, July 2021)

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

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

- *Conflict and Security in International Relations* (Spring 2024)
Instructor: Dr. Xiaoyan Qiu, Washington University in St. Louis
- *Statistics I* (Spring 2019–2021), *Statistics II* (Summer 2019–2021), *Network Analysis* (Winter 2019)
Instructor: Dr. Yunkyoo Sohn, Waseda University
- *Introduction to Political Analysis* (Spring, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
Instructor: Dr. Ikuo Kume, Waseda University
- *Quantitative Analysis in Political Science* (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)
Instructor: Dr. Susumu Annaka, Waseda University
- *Intensive Seminar on Research Methods (Empirical Analysis)* (Summer 2021)
Instructor: Dr. Atsushi Tago, Waseda University

TRAINING AND SUMMER COURSES

- Python Camp** August, 2023
Washington University in St. Louis
- 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

- LSQ Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis, \$5000 (2025)
- Travel grant, Washington University in St. Louis, \$900 (2022)
- Scholarships for JSPS Postdoctoral 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^AT_EX, Arc/QGIS
Language Japanese (native), English (fluent)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Peace Science Society (International)

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