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APPOINTMENTS

Yale University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science Beginning July 1, 2024
 Research Fellow, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies
 Member, Council on East Asian Studies
 Japan Foundation Postdoctoral Associate, Council on East Asian Studies 2022–2024

University of Michigan

Toyota Visiting Professor, Center for Japanese Studies 2021–2022

Harvard University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations 2020–2021

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

Ph.D. Political Science 2020
 Subfields: Comparative Politics and American Politics, *with distinction*
 Committee: Kaare Strøm, Megumi Naoi, Daniel Butler, Margaret Roberts, Gordon Dahl

Harvard University

M.A. Regional Studies: East Asia 2011

Tufts University

B.A. International Relations and Japanese, *summa cum laude, highest honors* 2008

BOOK PROJECT

[Silver Democracy: Youth Representation in an Aging Japan.](#)

- Featured in [Asahi Shimbun](#), [National Public Radio \(All Things Considered, Morning Edition\)](#), [The Wall Street Journal](#)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. [Too Young to Run? Voter Evaluations of the Age of Candidates](#) (with Yoshikuni Ono). 2024. *Political Behavior*.
 – Featured in [Asahi Shimbun](#) [2] [3]
2. [Legislative Resources, Corruption, and Incumbency](#) (with Shane Martin and Kaare Strøm). 2024. *British Journal of Political Science* 54(2):526–535.
3. [Field Research When There Is Limited Access to the Field: Lessons From Japan](#) (with Kenya Amano, Melanie Dominguez, Timothy Fraser, Etienne Gagnon, Trevor Incerti, Jinhyuk Jang, Austin Mitchell, Sayumi Miyano, Colin Moreshead, Harunobu Saijo, Diana Stanescu, Ayumi Teraoka, Charmaine Willis, Yujin Woo, Hikaru Yamagishi, and Charles Crabtree). 2023. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 56(1):99–105.

4. [Breaking the Cabinet's Glass Ceiling: The Gendered Effect of Political Experience in Presidential Democracies](#) (with Don Lee). 2022. *Comparative Political Studies* 55(6):992–1020.
– Featured in [The Washington Post \(Monkey Cage\)](#)
5. [No Causal Effect of School Closures in Japan on the Spread of COVID-19 in Spring 2020](#) (with Kentaro Fukumoto and Kuninori Nakagawa). 2021. *Nature Medicine* 27(12):2111–2119.
– Featured in [Asahi Shimbun](#) [2] [3] [4], [Mainichi Weekly Economist](#), [Nature Japan](#), [Nature Medicine](#), [Nature Portfolio](#), [Nikkei Business](#) [2], [Nikkei Shimbun](#), [Nippon TV News 24](#), [The Telegraph](#), [The Washington Post](#), [The World Bank](#)
6. [The Element of Surprise: Election Timing and Opposition Preparedness](#). 2021. *Comparative Political Studies* 54(11):1984–2018.
★ [Best Paper Award](#), APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section
– Featured in [Asahi Shimbun](#)
7. [Follow Your Heart: Could Psychophysiology Be Associated With Political Discussion Network Homogeneity?](#) (with Taylor Carlson and Jaime Settle). 2020. *Political Psychology* 41(1):165–187.
– Featured in [PsyPost](#)

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. [Does the Underrepresentation of Young People in Political Institutions Matter for Social Spending?](#)
– Featured in [Asahi Shimbun](#), [President Online](#), [The Wall Street Journal](#)
2. [Tell Me \(Not So Little\) Lies: Japan, the SDGs, and the Performance of Global Legitimacy](#) (with Paul Christensen, Cindi SturtzSreetharan, and Charles Crabtree).
3. Do Young and Female Voters Prefer Electoral Rules That Prioritize Representation Over Accountability? (with Don Lee).
4. When Elders Rule: Age Composition in Decision-Making and Legitimacy Perceptions (with Aksel Sundström and Daniel Stockemer).
5. Voter Preferences for Young and Female Candidates: Comparing Conjoint Experiments with Real-World Behavior (with Yuki Shiraito).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

1. Minority Government Revisited (with Kaare Strøm). Forthcoming. In Patrick Dumont, Bernard Grofman, Torbjörn Bergman, and Tom Louwerse, eds. *New Developments in Cabinet Coalition Research*. Heidelberg: Springer Verlag.
2. [Generational Change or Continuity in Japan's Leadership?](#) 2023. In Robert Pekkanen, Steven Reed, and Daniel Smith, eds. *Japan Decides 2021: The Japanese General Election*. Palgrave Macmillan. 115–129.
3. [Japan](#). 2022. In Joo-Cheong Tham, Andrea Carson, Adhy Aman, and Amy Chinnappa, eds. *Digital Campaigning and Political Finance in the Asia and the Pacific Region: A New Age for an Old Problem*. International IDEA. 72–78.
4. [Japan: Elite Continuity and Factional Conflict](#) (with Garrett Bredell). 2016. In Salvatore Vasallo, ed. *Comparative Political Systems*. Bologna, Italy: il Mulino. 363–384.

BOOK REVIEW

[Japan's Aging Antimilitarism Is Alive and Well](#). 2023. Book Review Roundtable: Tom Phuong Le's *Japan's Aging Peace*. *Asia Policy* 18(2): 166–168.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. [South Korea's New Leader Says There's No Gender Inequality Problem](#) (with Don Lee). April 26, 2022. *The Washington Post* (*Monkey Cage*).
2. [No Evidence School Closures Reduce the Spread of COVID-19](#) (with Kentaro Fukumoto and Kuninori Nakagawa). November 3, 2021. *Nature Portfolio* (*Behavioral and Social Sciences*).

Articles on U.S.-Japan relations for Pacific Forum's *Comparative Connections* (with Sheila Smith):

3. [A Busy Diplomatic Calendar for Biden and Kishida](#). 2023. 25(2):25–32.
4. [The U.S. and Japan Build Multilateral Momentum](#). 2023. 25(1):25–32. Republished: [Asia Times](#).
5. [Ramping Up Diplomacy and Defense Cooperation](#). 2023. 24(3):19–28.
6. [Abe's Legacy and the Alliance Agenda](#). 2022. 24(2):21–28.
7. [Russian Invasion Accelerates Alliance Review](#). 2022. 24(1):19–28.
8. [A New Prime Minister and a Growing Alliance Agenda](#). 2022. 23(3):21–30.
9. [Summer Takes an Unexpected Turn](#). 2021. 23(2):17–24.
10. [Suga and Biden Off to a Good Start](#). 2021. 23(1):21–28.
11. [Leadership Transitions in Tokyo and Washington](#). 2021. 22(3):19–28.
12. [Unexpected Turbulence for the Alliance](#). 2020. 22(2):13–22.
13. [COVID-19 Overtakes Japan and the United States](#). 2020. 22(1):15–26.
14. [The Finale for Abe-Trump Alliance Management?](#) 2020. 21(3):11–20.
15. [A Busy Summer of Bilateralism](#). 2019. 21(2):13–20.
16. [Treading Water in Choppier Surf](#). 2019. 21(1):15–22.
17. [Stability in Tokyo, Disruption in Washington](#). 2019. 20(3):11–18.
18. [Summer Before the Storm?](#) 2018. 20(2):13–20.
19. [Adjusting to Abrupt Diplomacy](#). 2018. 20(1):11–18.
20. [Trump Visits Tokyo Amid North Korea Tensions](#). 2018. 19(3):11–18.
21. [A Summer of Setbacks](#). 2017. 19(2):11–20.
22. [Tokyo Transitions to Trump](#). 2017. 19(1):11–20.
23. [U.S.-Japan Relations and the Trump Effect](#). 2017. 18(3):9–16.
24. [Hiroshima to The Hague](#). 2016. 18(2):15–24.
25. [2016 Opens with a Bang](#). 2016. 18(1):15–22.
26. [Official Cooperation, Domestic Challenges](#). 2016. 17(3):13–20.
27. [History and Other Alliance Constraints](#). 2015. 17(2):17–26.

Other writing on Japanese politics and U.S.-Japan relations:

28. [Getting Out the Youth Vote in Japan](#). August 5, 2013. Council on Foreign Relations.
29. [Japan's Maritime Disputes: Implications for the U.S.-Japan Alliance](#) (with Sheila Smith). 2013. In Michael McDevitt and Catherine Lea, eds. *Japan's Territorial Disputes*. CNA Maritime Asia Project. 15–28.
30. [The LDP's Freshmen](#). December 18, 2012. Council on Foreign Relations.
31. [How Japan's Next Election Will Be Won](#). October 4, 2012. Council on Foreign Relations.
32. [The U.S. Approach to Peacebuilding: From a Whole-of-Government to a Whole-of-Alliance Approach with Japan](#) (with Weston Konishi). 2011. In Toshiya Hoshino and Weston Konishi, eds. *U.S.-Japan Alliance Peacebuilding Cooperation*. Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis. 1–11.
33. The Demographic Dilemma: Examining the Security Implications of Japan's Aging Population. 2010. In Yao (Adam) Liu, Faith Pang, and Sherry Lu, eds. *Asia Pacific Reader: Passages*. University of Toronto 2(1):70–71.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

U.S.-Japan Network for the Future, Cohort Six, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. 2022–2024.
Best Paper Award, APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section. 2022.
Advanced Technology and Democracy Project Member, RIETI. 2020–2022.
APSA Asia Fellow. 2021.
Political Behavior and Decision-Making Project Member, RIETI. 2018–2020.
Sanford Lakoff Fellowship for Dissertation Research, UCSD. 2018–2020.
Graduate-Faculty Co-Author Grant, UCSD. 2018–2020.
International Graduate Students Grant, Gakushuin University. 2018.
International Institute Grant, UCSD. 2018.
Friends of the International Center Fellowship, UCSD. 2018.
Comparative Politics Travel Grant, APSA. 2018.
Youth Participatory Politics Workshop Grant, APSA. 2017.
Joseph Naiman Fellowship in Japanese Studies, UCSD. 2014–2015.
Pacific Forum CSIS Young Leader. 2014–2015.
Presidential Management Fellowship (declined). 2011.
Joseph Fletcher Memorial Award (honorable mention), Harvard University. 2011.
Fulbright Fellowship, Kobe University. 2008–2009.
Japanese Language and Literature Prize, Tufts University. 2008.
Sigma Iota Rho Honor Society for International Relations, Tufts University. 2008.
Named One of the “Top Eight Graduates to Watch in 2008,” Tufts Observer. 2008.
Columbia University Summer Research Grant, Kyoto University. 2007.

INVITED TALKS

2024: Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service; Princeton University, Global Japan Lab

2023: University of Oxford, School of Global and Area Studies; Pacific Forum; Yale University, Department of Political Science; UCSD, School of Global Policy and Strategy, Japan Forum for Innovation and Technology; Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation; Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, Summer Institute in Tokyo; University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science

2022: Columbia University, Department of Political Science; Hitotsubashi University, Graduate School of Social Sciences; Columbia University, Horizons in Japanese Politics and Foreign Policy Conference;

Yale University, Council on East Asian Studies; University of Michigan, Japanese Studies Interdisciplinary Colloquium; University of Michigan, Center for Japanese Studies

2021: Keio University, Department of Political Science, and V-Dem East Asia Center; Korean Political Science Association Annual Meeting, APSA Joint Panel; Oklahoma State University, Department of Political Science; University of Michigan, Department of Psychology, Culture and Cognition Lab; Columbia University, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; University of Michigan, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies; Osaka Prefecture University, Empirical Moral Science Research Meeting; UCSD, Department of Sociology, David S. Fitzgerald Migration Workshop

2020: Harvard University, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations; University of Essex, Government Speaker Series; Council on Foreign Relations; UCSD-Morehouse-Spelman Summer Research Program; Research Institute of Economy, Trade, and Industry (RIETI)

2019: Yokohama City University, Department of Economics; UCLA, Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, Global Forum on Japan's Aging Population

2018: Kobe University and Osaka University, Kansai Study Group; Gakushuin University, Department of Political Studies

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting. 2023–2024.
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2024.
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2017–2023.
Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2016, 2021–2022.
Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series. 2021–2022.
Youth Without Representation Workshop, University of Ottawa. 2022.
ECPR General Conference. 2021.
Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science Meeting. 2019, 2021.
Asian Politics Online Seminar Series. 2020.
Northeast Workshop in Japanese Politics, Dartmouth College. 2019.
Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics, UCLA. 2019.
International Institute Symposium, UCSD. 2019.
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2019.
Harvard Symposium on Japan. 2018.
Pacific Forum CSIS Young Leader's Conference, Center for Strategic & International Studies. 2014.
Harvard East Asia Society Conference on East Asia, Harvard University. 2011.
Graduate Student Conference on East Asia, Columbia University. 2011.

TEACHING

Yale University

Japanese Politics and Society (Fall 2022)

University of Michigan

Japanese Politics and Society (Spring 2022)

Yokohama City University

Causal Inference and Research Design (Summer 2019)

University of California, San Diego

Japanese Politics (Summer 2018)

SERVICE

Reviewer: *Asian Politics & Policy*, *Asian Survey*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *East Asia Forum*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Political Science Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Studies*, *Sociology Compass*

Organizer, Yale Lecture Series on Japanese Politics and the Global Political Economy. 2022–2024.

Best Paper Award Committee, APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section. 2023.

Organizer, Aging in Asia Conference, University of Michigan. 2023.

Section Chair, Bringing Youth Back In, ECPR General Conference. 2021.

Graduate Student Mentor, Research Apprenticeship Program, UCSD. 2018–2020.

Graduate Student Researcher, Kaare Strøm and Megumi Naoi, UCSD. 2014–2020.

Research Assistant, Data Science M.A. Program, Thad Kousser and Kaare Strøm. 2018.

President, Harvard East Asia Society. 2010–2011.

Japan Area Editor, *Harvard Asia Quarterly*. 2009–2011.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Japan Studies, Council on Foreign Relations. 2011–2014.

Research Assistant, Asia-Pacific Studies, Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis. 2010–2011.

Research Intern, Japan Chair, Center for Strategic & International Studies. 2010.

Fulbright Fellow, Kobe University. 2008–2009.

LANGUAGES

English (native), Japanese (fluent)