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Academic Appointments

Naval Postgraduate School, National Security Affairs Dept., Fall 2007 - present

Lecturer

Courses on Japan, the Koreas, East and Southeast Asia, comparative politics, research methods

Research on Japanese and Asian politics and security

Academic Associate (administrator / advisor) for East and Southeast Asia, Fall 2011 – present

Academic Coordinator, Joint Foreign Area Officer Program Asia course, Fall 2010 – Spring 2015

Cornell University, Government Dept., Spring 2004 – Spring 2007

Assistant Professor

Courses on Japan, democratic institutions, political parties, game theory

Research on Japanese politics and comparative party politics

Degrees

University of California at Berkeley

Ph.D. in Political Science, December 2003

Dissertation on “Anti-competition in ‘Competitive’ Party Systems”

Subfields in East Asia, comparative politics, and methodology (quantitative, qualitative, formal)

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) NSF Summer Institute, Summer 2003

Harvard University

B.A. *summa cum laude* in East Asian Studies, 1992. Phi Beta Kappa.

Visiting Positions

Stanford University, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center

Shorenstein Fellow in Contemporary Asia-Pacific Studies, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

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

Advanced Research Fellow, Spring – Fall 2003

Keio University, Tokyo

Visiting Researcher, Fall 1998 – Fall 1999 and Summer 1997

Graduate Research Student, Law Dept., Political Science Division, Fall 1992 - Spring 1994

Journal Articles and Chapters (peer-reviewed)

- “**The Remains of the DPJ.**” In Robert Pekkanen, Ethan Scheiner, and Steven R. Reed, eds., *Japan Decides*, pp. 65-71. Palgrave MacMillan, 2013.
- “**The Evolution of the DPJ: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back.**” In Leonard J. Schoppa, ed., *The Evolution of Japan’s Party System: Politics and Policy in an Era of Institutional Change*, pp. 63-98. University of Toronto Press, 2011.
- “**Why So Little Strategy? District-level Electoral Entry in Theory and Practice,**” *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 49:1 (February 2011), 29-47.
- “**Declining Electoral Competitiveness in Japan: Postreform Trends and Theoretical Pessimism.**” In Steven R. Reed, Kenneth Mori McElwain, and Kay Shimizu, eds., *Political Change in Japan: Electoral Behavior, Party Realignment, and the Koizumi Reforms*, pp. 87-106. Stanford University Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, 2009.
- “**Prefectural Politics: Party and Electoral Stagnation.**” In Sherry Martin and Gill Steel, eds., *Political Reform in Japan: Assessing the Impact*, pp. 151-173. Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2008.
- “**Who Are the DPJ? Policy Positioning and Recruitment Strategy.**” With Kap-Yun Lee and Mari Miura. *Asian Perspective* 29:1 (March 2005), 49-77.
- “**Kagoshima: The Prefecture that Realignment Forgot.**” In Steven R. Reed, ed., *Japanese Electoral Politics: Creating a New Party System*, pp. 122-139. RoutledgeCurzon, 2003.

Reports

- “**Political Influence on Japanese Nuclear and Security Policy: New Forces Face Large Obstacles.**” Co-authored with Yuki Tatsumi. Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering WMD (PASCC) Report 2014-004 (66 pp.). February 2014.
- “**Japan’s Upper House Election: Last Swing of the Pendulum?**” *CSIS Japan Chair Platform*, 18 July 2013
- “**How Does the Democratic Party of Japan Affect Security Policy? High-profile Stumbles and Quiet Progress.**” Co-authored with Yuki Tatsumi. Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering WMD (PASCC) Report 2012-009 (51 pp.) July 2012.
- “**What is the DPJ Today?**” *The Oriental Economist* 78:1 (January 2010), 9-10.
- “**Opposition Impotence in Japan: Strategy vs. Structure.**” Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (Stanford University) Dispatch, February 2007.
- “**The Democratic Party of Japan.**” For Booz Allen Hamilton, October 2006

Work in Progress

“Duvergerian Processes Yield Non-competition, Not Duverger’s Law: The M Rule and Evidence from Japan.” Revise-and-resubmit at *Journal of Theoretical Politics*.

“Nomination Errors under Japanese SNTV and the Limits of LDP Strategic Evolution.” Revise-and-resubmit at *Japanese Journal of Political Science*.

No Contest: Exit, Collusion, and Democracy in Japan (book manuscript)

“Military Base Politics in Japan: Beyond Futenma and Okinawa”

“Sometimes an Electoral System Is Just an Electoral System: What SNTV-MMD Does and Doesn’t Explain about Japanese Politics”

“Is the DPJ Now a Third-force Party?”

Research Presentations and Conference Participation

Conference Presentations by Refereed Application

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (2012, 2011, 2008, 2006, 2004)

International Political Science Association World Congress (2006)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2006, 2004, 2001)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2004, 2002, 2000, 1999)

Hikaku Seiji Gakkai [Japan Assoc. for Comparative Politics] Annual Meeting (2004) [in Japanese]

Ph.D. Kenkyuukai Annual Conference (Tokyo) (1999, 1997)

Stanford Graduate Student Conference on Japanese Politics (1997)

Harvard Graduate Student Conference on Japanese Studies (1997)

Invited Conference Presentations and Lectures

Stanford University, “Political Change in Japan II” conference (2011)

National Intelligence Council and U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR),

“The DPJ at One: What’s Changed and What’s Not” conference (2010)

Center for Japanese Studies, UC-Berkeley (2010 and 2008)

National Intelligence Council and U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR),

“U.S.-Japan Relations: The Alliance at 50” conference (2010)

Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University (2009, 2006)

Japan Society of Northern California (2007)

Stanford University, “Electoral and Legislative Politics in Japan” conference (2007)

Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, UCLA (2007)

U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR), “Prospects for the Abe Administration in Japan” conference (2006)

Reischauer Institute Japanese Politics Study Group, Harvard University (2006, 2003)

Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture, Cornell University (2006)

Political Economy Research Colloquium, Cornell University (2006, 2004)

Southwestern University (2005)
 Keio University (Tokyo) (2004)
 Shibusawa International Seminar (Aomori, Japan) (2004)
 Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University (2003)
 Social Science Study Group Forum, German Institute for Japanese Studies (Tokyo) (1999)

Research Briefs

U.S. Dept. of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, with Yuki Tatsumi (2011)
 Library of Congress, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, with Yuki Tatsumi (2011)
 U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of East Asian & Pacific Affairs, Office of Japanese Affairs, and Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance, with Yuki Tatsumi (2011)
 Institute for National Strategic Studies, with Yuki Tatsumi (2011)
 Defense Threat Reduction Agency, with Yuki Tatsumi (2011)
 United States Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Operations Center (PACOM JIOC) (2010 and 2009)
 Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) (2009)

Panel Discussant

Japan Society of Northern California (panel moderator) (2010 and 2008)
 UCLA Conference on Electoral and Legislative Politics in Japan (2009)
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2007, 2005, 2004)
 Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (2007)
 International Political Science Association World Congress (2006)
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2006, 2005)
 Berkeley-Stanford Conference on Contemporary Japanese Politics (paper discussant) (2004)
 German Institute for Japanese Studies (Tokyo), “Political Reform in Japan” conference (1998)

Conference Attendance by Invitation

Japan Inst. of Int’l Affairs / CSIS-Pacific Forum, Japan-U.S. Security Seminar (San Francisco) (2012)
 CSIS-Pacific Forum / Defense Threat Reduction Agency, U.S.-Japan Strategic Dialogue (2010 and 2009)

Conferences and Lectures Invited / Accepted but Unable to Attend

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (2014)
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2012 [cancelled due to weather] and 2011)
 Southern Methodist University, “The Legacy of Japan’s Economic and Political Reforms” conference (2012)
 CSIS-Pacific Forum / Defense Threat Reduction Agency, U.S.-Japan Strategic Dialogue (2012)
 National Intelligence Council and U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR), Japan Seminar for DCM-select of U.S. Embassy, Tokyo (2011)
 Geneva Centre for Security Policy, “Western Pacific Strategic Planning and Analysis” conference (2011)
 Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, “Pacific Theater Strategic Shaping” conference (2011)
 Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2009)

Research Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Defense Threat Reduction Agency (Department of Defense)

For “Strategic Impact of Shifting Nuclear Security Consciousness in Japan, Phase 2: Will Populism and Natural Disaster Destabilize the U.S.-Japan Nuclear Bargain?” Spring 2012. Principal investigator for joint project with Yuki Tatsumi. \$235,901.

Defense Threat Reduction Agency (Department of Defense)

For “Strategic Impact of Shifting Nuclear Security Consciousness in Japan,” Spring 2010. Principal investigator for joint project with Yuki Tatsumi. \$256,161.

Naval Postgraduate School Research Initiation Program

For “Competition Dynamics and Party System Evolution in Japan” and “Host-nation Politics of U.S. Bases in Asia,” Fall 2007 and Fall 2008. Total of \$32,000 plus six months’ salary/benefits.

Stanford University, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center

Shorenstein Fellowship in Contemporary Asia-Pacific Studies, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

Cornell Institute for European Studies Junior Faculty Research Travel Grant

For “Why So Little Strategy? District-level Electoral Entry in Theory and Practice,” Fall 2006. \$800.

Cornell Institute for the Social Sciences Seed Grant

For “Strategy and Sincerity in Democratic Party Systems,” Fall 2005. \$4230.

Nomination for American Political Science Association (APSA) William Anderson Award

For best dissertation in the general field of federalism or intergovernmental relations, state and local politics; nominated by UC-Berkeley Dept. of Political Science, 2004

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

Advanced Research Fellowship, Spring – Fall 2003

Tokyo Foundation Joint Research/Exchange (JREX) Grant

For “Building an Infrastructure for Local Democracy Research,” Fall 2000. Principal investigator for joint project with Yusaku Horiuchi, Jun Saito, and Ethan Scheiner. \$5000.

Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study

For graduate study at UC-Berkeley, Spring 2000 - Fall 2001

Japan Foundation Doctoral Fellowship

For Visiting Researcher position at Keio University (Tokyo), Law Dept., Fall 1998 - Fall 1999

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship

For graduate study at UC-Berkeley, Fall 1994 - Spring 1998

UC-Berkeley Graduate Division Social Science Research Grant

For Visiting Researcher position at Keio University (Tokyo), Law Dept., Summer 1997

Monbusho (Japanese Ministry of Education) Research Student Scholarship

For graduate study at Keio University, Fall 1992 - Spring 1994 (also awarded but declined for 1998-1999)

Other Research Activity

Japanese Local Democracy Project Dataset

With Yusaku Horiuchi, Ryouta Natori, Jun Saito, and Ethan Scheiner, constructed and maintain first-ever Japan-wide prefectural assembly election dataset, covering elections from 1985 on.

Teaching

Naval Postgraduate School

Government and Security of Japan (M.A.)	each academic year since 2007
Government and Security of Korea [South and North] (M.A.)	each academic year since 2013, plus 2 directed-study versions in 2013
Survey of Asian Politics [East and Southeast] (M.A.)	1-2 times each academic year since 2007
Introduction to Comparative Politics (M.A.)	Spring 2013
Research and Writing for National Security Affairs (M.A.)	3 times, Spring 2008 – Summer 2011
Thesis Proposal (for all thesis students dept.-wide) (M.A.)	each quarter since Spring 2014
Directed Study courses	
Comparative Politics of Violence and Political Order (Ph.D.)	Fall 2010 (co-taught; 4 students)
Methodological Issues in Comparative Politics (Ph.D.)	Fall 2010 (co-taught; 4 students) and Spring 2014
various other topics (M.A.)	7 times, Fall 2008 – Fall 2012

Cornell University

Modern Japanese Politics (B.A. lecture)	Spring 2006
Japanese Politics (B.A. seminar)	Fall 2004
Political Parties (B.A. seminar)	Spring 2006, Spring 2004
Comparative Political Parties (Ph.D.)	Spring 2005
Democratic Institutions (Ph.D.)	Fall 2005
Building Better Democracies (B.A. lecture)	Spring 2005
Game Theory for Political Scientists (Ph.D.)	Fall 2005, Fall 2004
Independent study supervision (Ph.D.)	
Domestic Determinants of Security Strategies	Fall 2005
Game Theory	Spring 2004

University of California at Berkeley

Introduction to Comparative Politics (B.A.), Head Graduate Student Instructor, Spring 2002
 Introduction to American Politics (B.A.), Graduate Student Instructor, Spring 1998

Keio University (Tokyo)

Various seminars (in Japanese) on Japanese politics and political theory (B.A.), Co-teaching assistant, Fall 1992 - Spring 1994

Thesis Advising

Naval Postgraduate School

M.A. thesis committees	Approximately 6 advisees each year since 2007. Includes 3 Liskin Awards, 1 Navy League Award, 2 “Outstanding Thesis” diplomas.
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Cornell University

Ph.D. dissertation committees	4 students
Ph.D. dissertation external reader	1 student
Ph.D. field of study committees	2 students (1 methods, 1 comparative law and institutions)
M.A. cmte. (S. Asian Studies Dept.)	1 student
B.A. thesis committees	2 students

Administrative and Other Service

Naval Postgraduate School

Academic Associate, Curriculum 682 (East and Southeast Asia), Fall 2011 – present
 Administration and academic advising for approximately 55-75 students per quarter.

Joint Foreign Area Officer Program Phase II Asia-Pacific Course (annual short course for senior U.S. FAOs)

Academic Coordinator, Fall 2010 – Spring 2015
 Course Committee member, Winter 2010 – Summer 2010

NPS Faculty Council

NSA Dept. Representative, Winter 2011 – Fall 2011
 NSA Dept. Alternate Representative, Fall 2009 – Fall 2010

NSA Dept. Ph.D. Committee, Fall 2009 – Summer 2011

NSA Dept. Visiting Speakers Program Committee, Summer 2009 – Summer 2011

NSA Dept. Faculty Search committees

East Asia Security and History (two-position search), Summer 2009 – Winter 2010

East Asia Political Economy Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2008 – Winter 2009

NSA Dept. research methods curriculum reviewer, Summer 2008

Service teaching (at/for NPS unless noted otherwise)

PACFLT Reserve Unit Regional Security Education Program brief, 2009 and annually since 2011

2nd Bn 5th Marines pre-deployment briefs, UCSD IR/PS Global Research Institute, 2015, 2014, 2010, 2009

Joint Foreign Area Officer Program Phase II Asia-Pacific Course, 2011

Navy Executive Development Program – Transition Support modules, 2014 and 2010

COMPACFLT 0419 Regional Security Education Program brief, 2009

Cornell University

Political Economy Research Colloquium (PERC) co-coordinator, Fall 2004 – Spring 2006

Government Dept. Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2005 – Spring 2006

East Asia Program Fellowships Committee, Spring 2006 and Spring 2005

Government Dept. Comparative Field Exam Committee, Fall 2005

Government Dept. Latin American Politics Search Committee, Fall 2004

Government Dept. undergraduate advising, 15-25 students each year (plus 1 Dean's Scholar), Spring 2004 – Spring 2006

Other Service

Anonymous reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Democratization*, *Japan Forum*, *Social Science Japan Journal*, and *World Politics*.

Harvard University Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Fellowship Selection Committee, Spring 2007

Internships

Kagoshima Prefectural Government (Kagoshima, Japan), Summer 1995

Liberal Democratic Party Headquarters (Tokyo), Summer 1992

Research and Development, K.K. (Tokyo market research firm), Summer 1990

Foreign Policy Association, New York City Schools Dept., Summer 1989

Professional Society Memberships and other Affiliations

American Political Science Association
 Midwest Political Science Association
 Nihon Senkyo Gakkai [Japan Election Studies Association]
 Association for Asian Studies
 Harvard University, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Associate in Research
 Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Affiliate

Languages and Language Work

Japanese	fluent
Korean	intermediate reading, beginning speaking
French	proficient reading, intermediate speaking

Japanese-to-English translator of Yoshiaki Kobayashi, *Malfunctioning Democracy in Japan: Quantitative Analysis in a Civil Society* (Lexington Books, 2012, 222 pp.). Originally published as *Gendai nihon no seiji katei: nihon minshushugi no keiryō bunseki* (Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press, 1997, 288 pp.).

Security Clearance

Secret-level clearance based on Access National Agency Check and Inquiries (ANACI) investigation completed July 8, 2009