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Academic Positions

- 2019-present **Associate Professor**, Department of International Politics, Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2017-2019 **Assistant Professor**, Department of International Politics, Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2015–2016 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN
- 2015–2015 **Visiting Instructor**, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN

Education

- 2015 Ph.D., Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
International Relations; Methodology; Complex Networks and Systems
- 2008 M.A., Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
International Relations; Comparative Politics
- 2004 B.A., State University of New York, Oswego, NY
Summa cum Laude; Pi Sigma Alpha
- 2001 B.A., Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan

Publications

Book

Great Powers, International Rivalries and Regional Peace. [Provisional title] Under contract with Routledge.

Book Chapter

2018. "Approaches to Explaining Regional Conflict and Peace." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations Theory*. ed. William R. Thompson. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. (also available online as a part of Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics)

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

2019. “On the Origins, Persistence and Termination of Spatial and Positional Rivalries in World Politics: Elaborating a Two-issue Theory of Conflict Escalation.” with William R. Thompson. *International Area Studies Review* 22(3): 203–225.
2017. “The Regional Consequences of Territorial Disputes: An Empirical Analysis of the South China Sea Disputes.” *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs* 4(3): 316-336.
2017. “地域の同盟構造と国際紛争 [Regional Alliance Structure and International Conflict].” 国際政治 [*International Relations*] 189: 33-48. (in Japanese)
2016. “Impact of Municipal Mergers on Local Population Growth: an Assessment of the Merger of Japanese Municipalities.” with Kohei Suzuki. *Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration* 38(4): 223-238.
2013. “Was Wealth Really Determined in 8000 BCE, 1000 BCE, 0 CE, or Even 1500 CE? Another, Simpler Look.” with William R. Thompson. *Cliodynamics: The Journal of Quantitative History and Cultural Evolution* 4(1): 2-29.
2009. “A Not So Dangerous Dyad: China’s Rise and Sino-Japanese Rivalry.” *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 9(3): 497-528.

Other Publication

2019. “Regional Alliance Structure and International Conflict.” *World Political Science* 15(1): 55-74.

Conference Presentations

- “Agent-based Model of Alliance, Rivalry, and War Diffusion.” Paper presented at the 4th Pacific International Politics Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, July 5-6, 2019, with Riko Watanabe.
- “Municipal Merger and the Distribution of Merger Benefits: Evidence from the Assessment of the Japanese Municipalities.” Paper presented at the Annual International Research Society for Public Management Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, April 11, 2019, with Kohei Suzuki.
- “Stability and Change in the Foreign Aid Policy: The Role of Political, Bureaucratic, and Societal Veto Players.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2019, with Yuko Sato.
- “Rivalries, Alliance Structure, and War Diffusion: Computational Model of Network Structure and Macro-dynamics.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5, 2019, with Riko Watanabe.
- “Rivalries, Alliances, and Structural Change: The Impact of Network Structure.” Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March 29, 2019.
- “International Rivalry and Territorial Disputes: How Bilateral and External Rivalries affects Peaceful Dispute Resolution.” Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March 27, 2019.
- “A Dynamic Network Approach to Democracy and Territorial Peace.” Paper presented at the Third Pacific International Politics Conference, Hong Kong, China, July 6–7, 2018.

- “External Security Threats and Peaceful Resolution of Territorial Disputes.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5–8, 2018.
- “民主主義は平和をもたらすのか–国際平和と政治体制の共進化モデル.” Paper Presented at the Annual Convention of the Japan Association for International Relations, Kobe, Japan, October 27-29, 2017. (in Japanese)
- “From Rivalry to Friendship: Examining the Determinants of Transitions to Peace.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 31–September 3, 2017, with Alex Antony.
- “Global Powers and Regional Pacification: The Role of Neighborhood Effects.” Paper Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6–9, 2017, with Alex Antony.
- “Exploring the Coevolution of Territorial Peace and Regime Type.” Paper Presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 22–25, 2017.
- “Great Power Involvement and Regional Conflict.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1–4, 2016.
- “Global Politics and Local Hostilities: A Multilevel Analysis.” Paper Presented at the Pacific Peace Science Conference, Kyoto, Japan, July 2–3, 2016.
- “Variation in Spatial Rivalries and Regional Conflict Propensities.” Paper Presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March 16–19, 2016, with William R. Thompson.
- “The Regional Impact of Territorial Disputes in East Asia: An Empirical Analysis.” Paper Presented at the 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Giardini Naxos, Sicily, Italy, September 23–26, 2015.
- “Regional Rivalry Density and Interstate Conflict.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 3–6, 2015.
- “Spatial Effects and Conflict: How a Neighborhood Environment Affects Interstate Conflict.” Paper Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16–19, 2015.
- “Does Centralization Enhance Local Growth? Assessing the Impact of Local Government Consolidation.” Paper Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16–19, 2015, with Kohei Suzuki.
- “Does Centralization Affect Municipal Performance? Assessing the Impact of Municipal Mergers.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 15–17, 2015, with Kohei Suzuki.
- “Great Power Involvement and Cooperation among Local States: A Multilevel Analysis.” Paper Presented at the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association Midwest, St. Louis, MO, November 7–9, 2014.
- “Shifting Territorial Control and Incentives for Killing Civilians in Intrastate Conflicts: Violence against Civilians in Sierra Leone.” Paper Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3–6, 2014, with Hoojung Kim.

- “Rivalries in the Spatial Context: How Neighborhood Affects Onset and Termination.” Paper Presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, March 26–29, 2014.
- “Domestic Constraints, Foreign Policy Stability, and Conflict Decisions.” Paper Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 10–14, 2013.
- “Veto Players, Foreign Policy Stability, and International Conflict.” Paper Presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 1–5, 2012.
- “Identifying Regions as Network Communities.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association Midwest, St. Louis, MO, November 11–13, 2011.
- “Are Democracies Equally Peaceful? Institutional Diffusion and Use of Force.” Paper Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2–5, with Mily Ming-tzu Kao, 2009.
- “Rediscovering Geography: Geopolitics and the Causes of Hegemonic War.” Paper Presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 15–18, 2009.

Courses Taught

Aoyama Gakuin University

Graduate

International Security: Theory (2019)
 Political Theory (2019)

Undergraduate (major)

IP/IG-BZ301 Seminar IA (2019)
 IP/IG-BZ302 Seminar IB (2019)
 IP-BI311 Theory of International Politics I (2019)
 IP-BI312 Theory of International Politics II (2019)
 IP/IG-AI211 International Politics I (2019)
 IP/IG-AI212 International Politics II (2019)
 IP/IG-BX211 International Studies I (2017; 2018)
 IP/IG-BX212 International Studies II (2017; 2018)
 IP/IG-BX213 International Studies III (2017; 2018)
 IP/IG-BX214 International Studies IV (2017; 2018)
 IP/IG-AZ200 Preceptorial Seminar (2017; 2017; 2018)

General Education

English Studies A: Government and Politics I (2017; 2018)
 English Studies B: Government and Politics II (2017; 2018)
 Seminar for Freshmen: Global Issues I (2017; 2018)
 Seminar for Freshmen: Global Issues II (2017; 2018)

Vaparaiso University

POLS 411 War and Conflict (Spring 2015)
POLS 310 American Foreign Policy (Spring 2016)
POLS 332 Politics of China and East Asia (Spring 2015; Spring 2016)
POLS 230 International Relations (Spring 2015)
POLS 260 Research Methods in Political Science (Fall 2015; Fall 2016)
POLS 130 Comparative Politics (Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Fall 2016)

Indiana University

POLS-Y375 War and International Conflict (Summer 2013)
Agent-based Modeling for Social Science (Co-instructed workshop, Summer 2011)

Thesis Supervision

Aoyama Gakuin University

- Doctoral dissertation (chair): Misa Nakagawa (2019-present)
- Master's thesis (chair): Zhaoyu Chen (2019-present); Jongpil Kim (2019-present); Tsukasa Watanabe (2019-present)

Valparaiso University

- Honors thesis committee: Jared Joseph (2015-2016)

Grants and Awards

- Center for International Studies Project, Aoyama Gakuin University, 2019–2020 (\$9,200 equivalent, Co-PI)
- Center for International Studies Project, Aoyama Gakuin University, 2019–2020 (\$3,500 equivalent)
- The Early Eagle Research Support Program, Aoyama Gakuin University, 2018–2019 (\$6,200 equivalent)
- Center for International Studies Project, Aoyama Gakuin University, 2018–2019 (\$3,500 equivalent)
- Japan Association of International Relations Overseas Conference Travel Grant, 2017 (\$1,330 equivalent)
- International Studies Association Travel Grant, 2016 (\$300)
- College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award, Indiana University, 2014 (\$300)
- The Lovell Foundation Travel Grant, 2013 (\$300)
- Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Indiana University, 2011 (\$300)
- Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Arizona State University, 2009 (\$500)

- College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award, 2014 (\$300)
- University Graduate Scholar Fellowship, Arizona State University, 2006-2009 (\$10,500)

Invited Talks

- Department of Political Science and International Relations, Valparaiso University, April 2, 2019
- Valparaiso Older Adults Learning, Teaching, and Services Program, April 14, 2016

Service to the Discipline

- Reviewer: *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, Routledge, 国際安全保障 [*Journal of International Security*]
- Hosting-university organizer, Japan Association for International Security Annual Conference 2018
- Reviews Subcommittee, Journal Editorial Committee, Japan Association for International Security, 2018–present

University, School, and Departmental Service

Aoyama Gakuin University

- Member, General Entrance Examination Committee, 2019–present
- Member, Working Committee for the Aoyama Association of International Politics, Economics, and Communication, 2019–present
- Member, International Communications Committee, School of International Politics, Economics, and Communication, 2017–present
- Open Campus speaker, School of International Politics, Economics, and Communication, 2018

Valparaiso University

- Member, Fulbright Program Interviewing Committee, Valparaiso University, 2015
- Member, Boren Awards for International Study Selection Committee, Valparaiso University, 2015

Other Research, Teaching, and Academic Experience

- Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Indiana University: research work for Dr. William R. Thompson, 2011–2013 and 2014

- Research Assistant, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University, 2009–2010
- Associate Instructor (instructor of record), Department of POLS-Y375 Political Science, Indiana University: War and International Conflict (Summer 2013)
- Associate Instructor (discussion section), Department of Political Science, Indiana University: POLS-Y109 Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2010), POLS-Y103 Introduction to American Politics (Spring 2014)
- Associate Instructor (language drill section), Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Indiana University: EALC-J201 Second Year Japanese I (Fall 2014)
- Editorial Assistant, *International Studies Quarterly*, 2011-2013

Additional Methods Training

ICPSR Summer Workshop in Social Networks Analysis: Theory and Methods, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, August 16-20, 2010

Research Skills

Computing R, Stata, Python, ArcGIS, GeoDa, NetLogo

Language English (fluent), Japanese (native)

Professional Affiliations

International Studies Association, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Japan Association of International Relations, Japan Association for International Security

References (alphabetical order)

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