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CURRENT POSITION

- Associate Professor of Political Science,
Graduate Coordinator for the MA Political Science program,
Department of Political Science and Economics

EDUCATION

- *Ph.D. in International Relations*, 2005
Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
- *Master in Public Administration*, 1998
Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government
- *B. A. in Economics*, 1991
Keio University (Tokyo, Japan)

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, Towson University, Towson, MD
(2005-2007)

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Examination Specialist, Bureau of Recruitment, National Personnel Authority, Tokyo,
Japan (1996)
- Trainee, Public Management Service, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and
Development (OECD), Paris, France (1994-1996)
- Officer, Bureaus of Recruitment and Remuneration, National Personnel Authority,
Tokyo, Japan (1991-1994)

AREA OF ACADEMIC RESEARCH

- Japanese Politics (especially, politico-administrative relations, premiership, and civil
service system); international relations of East Asia

LIST OF COURSES TAUGHT AT ESU

- POLS 101 Basic Issues of Politics; POLS 117 Introduction to Global Politics; POLS 230 Asia; POLS 231 Introduction to Comparative Government; POLS 317 Exploring Politics: Methods and Techniques; POLS 420 East Asia and Trans-Pacific Relations; POLS 429 Introduction to International Political Economy; POLS 520 Area Studies I: Asia; POLS 528 Comparative Policy Analysis; POLS 529 International Political Economy; POLS 570 Introduction to Research: Scope and Method

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- “The Presidentialization of Japan’s LDP Politics: Analyzing Its Causes, Limits, and Perils,” *World Affairs*, forthcoming
- “Institutional Conversion of Japan’s National Personnel Authority: How Indigenous Forces Have Reshaped a U.S. Occupation-imposed Bureaucratic Institution,” *Journal of American East Asian Relations*, vol. 25, no. 4 (2018), 384-412
- “A Big Bang for Japanese Mandarins? The Civil Service Reform of 2014,” *International Journal of Public Administration*, vol. 40, no. 13 (2017), 1101-1113
- “Unattainable Mission? The Democratic Party of Japan’s Unsuccessful Policymaking System Reform,” *Asian Politics & Policy*, vol. 7, no. 3 (2015), pp. 433-454
- “A Missing Piece in Japan’s Political Reform: The Stalemate of Reform of the Bureaucratic Personnel System,” *Asian Survey*, vol. 53, no.4 (2013), pp. 703-727
- “Explaining Japan’s Fragile Premierships in the Post-Koizumi Era,” *East Asia: An International Quarterly*, vol. 29, no. 3 (2012), pp. 275-293

OTHER INFORMATION

- Language skills: Japanese (fluent), English (fluent), Chinese (basic)
- Professional membership: American Political Science Association, Association for Asian Studies