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EDUCATION

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio *September 2003-present*
Ph.D., expected June 2009, Department of Political Science
Major: International Relations (International Security, East Asia, International Organization)
Minor: Comparative Politics

Graduate School of Law, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan *April 2001-March 2003*
M.L., International Politics
Master's thesis: "After Abandonment: The Restraints of a Bipolar System and Inter-Korean Relations."

University of California (UC), Davis, California *September 1999-June 2000*
Exchange program between UC Davis and Doshisha University,
coursework in political science

Faculty of Law, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. *April 1997-March 2001*
B.L., Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Ohio State
Political Science 597.01: "Conflict and Cooperation in World Politics" (Winter & Spring 2007)

Teaching Assistant, Ohio State
Professor Jack Wright, Political Science 585: "Techniques of Political Analysis" (Spring 2006)
Professor Randall Schweller, Political Science 544: "International Security and the Causes of War" (Spring 2005)

Research Assistant, Ohio State
Professor Anthony Mughan and Professor Irfan Nooruddin (Fall 2006)
Professor Massimo Morelli (Fall 2005, Winter & Spring 2006)
Professor Randall Schweller (Fall 2004, Winter 2005)

DISSERTATION

"The Alliance Market: American Security Relations Under Unipolarity."
Committee members: Randall Schweller (Chair), Alexander Thompson, and Bear Braumoeller.
The dissertation explores various puzzles in alliance politics during the post-Cold War era,

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focusing on the security relationships of the United States. It offers a novel theory of alliances as exchange contracts that makes predictions about the shifts in intra-alliance bargaining power, the formation and termination of alliances, and the design of alliance institutions. The arguments are assessed through case studies of U.S. alliances with Japan, South Korea and Spain and through statistical analysis using the Alliance Treaty Obligations and Provisions dataset.

CONFERENCE AND WORKING PAPERS

“Why Alliances Entangle But Seldom Entrap States.” Presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2008, Boston, Massachusetts.

“Alliance Politics Under Unipolarity: America's Transforming Relations With Its Allies.” Presented at the annual conference of the International Studies Association, March 26-29, 2008, San Francisco, California.

“Arms and Allies: Effects of Regime Types on Security Policy.”

“North Korean Nuclear Development and the Incomplete Information Problem.”

AWARDS AND HONORS

Mershon Center Travel Grant (summer 2008, for field research in Japan and South Korea).

Mershon Center Travel Grant (summer 2006, for field research in Japan).

Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship (September 2003 to August 2005).

Mitsubishi Trust Yamamuro Memorial Scholarship (April 2001 to March 2003).

Valedictorian for the class of 2001, Faculty of Law, Doshisha University.

Short-term Studying Abroad Scholarship, Japanese Ministry of Education (September 1999 to June 2000).

Yamada Ikuei Foundation Scholarship (April 1999 to March 2001).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association.

International Studies Association.

LANGUAGES

Japanese, Korean, and English (fluent in all three; can speak, read, write, and translate).

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