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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ph.D. in Political Science, September 2011
Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service
B.S. in Foreign Service, May 2003

Academic Positions

Trinity College, Hartford, CT
Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Political Science, January 2013-
Stanford University
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, September
2011-December 2012

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute, 2012 (declined)
Postdoctoral Fellowship, CDDRL, Stanford University, 2011-2012
World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2009
Samuel Flagg Bemis Research Grant, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2008
Matsushita International Foundation Research Grant, 2008
Visiting Research Associate, Center for Global Political Economy, Waseda University, 2007-2008
Visiting Research Scholar, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, Summer 2006
MIT Graduate Fellowship, 2003-2008

Publications

“Placing the Colonial State in the Middle: The Comparative Method and the Study of Empires,”
Comparativ 19.2 (Leipzig, Germany: 2009): 107-19
“Book Review: Think Global, Fear Local: Sex, Violence, and Anxiety in Contemporary Japan by
David Leheny,” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 8.1 (Jan-April 2008)

Work in Progress

Imposing Institutions: Building Strong States under Foreign Occupation (book manuscript)
“Why Accountable Agents are more Likely to Fail: Explaining Variation in State-building Outcomes
across Colonial Taiwan and the Philippines”
“State-building under Foreign Occupation and the Problem of Parallel Institutions”
“Authoritarian Accountability? Legitimacy and Institutional Effectiveness in Imperial Japan”

Conference Papers and Invited Talks

- “The Dilemma of ‘Accountable’ State-building: Establishing Education Institutions in Colonial Taiwan versus the Philippines in the Early Twentieth Century,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Annual Meeting, Hartford, June 29, 2012
- “Forging Police Institutions under Foreign Occupation: A Dilemma for Democratic Governance,” International Studies Association, Annual Convention, San Diego, April 3, 2012
- “Building Institutions under Foreign Occupation: Police Reform in Colonial Taiwan versus the Philippines,” CDDRL Research Seminar, Stanford University, January 19, 2012
- “Building Institutions under Foreign Occupation: Lessons from Japan in Taiwan and America in the Philippines,” Trinity College, December 2, 2011
- “Building Institutions under Foreign Occupation: Colonial Taiwan versus the Philippines,” Sophia University, Tokyo, November 14, 2011
- “Building Institutions under Foreign Occupation: Lessons from Japan in Taiwan and America in the Philippines,” Harvard University, November 2, 2011
- “Building Institutions under Foreign Occupation: Colonial Taiwan versus the Philippines,” Political Violence Workshop, Harvard University, September 9, 2011
- “Building Colonial Governance in Early Twentieth Century Taiwan and the Philippines: Similar Contexts, Different Outcomes,” Joint Conference of the Association for Asian Studies and the International Convention of Asia Scholars, Honolulu, March 31, 2011
- “Institutions by Imposition: Colonial Lessons for Contemporary State-Building,” Contemporary Japanese Politics Study Group, Harvard University, October 1, 2010
- “Institution-building under Foreign Occupations: Lessons from the Colonial Past,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 3, 2010
- “Hikaku Teikoku Shugi Kenkyū to Taiwan Tōchi (Comparative Study of Empires and the Colonization of Taiwan),” Waseda University Taiwan Studies Institute, Tokyo, July 24, 2008
- “Seigun Kankei to Shokuminchi Tōchi (Civil-Military Relations and Colonial Governance),” Eighth Annual Waseda University Political Science Conference, Tokyo, March 8, 2008
- “Methodological Issues in the Study of Empires,” Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, July 13, 2006
- “Constructing Nations in Practice: A Comparative Study of Assimilation Policy in Imperial Japan,” MIT Research in Progress Interdisciplinary Conference, April 16, 2006

Teaching

Trinity College:

- Introduction to Comparative Politics, Spring 2013
- Comparative Politics of Northeast Asia, Spring 2013

Professional Activities

- Associate in Research, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, February 2012-
- Project Manager, The Governance Project, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, January-December 2012
- Coordinator, Identity Politics Working Group, Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2004-2006 and 2008-2009

Memberships: American Political Science Association, The Association for Asian Studies,
International Studies Association

Additional Training

Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research (SICAR), George Washington University, 2007
Institute for Qualitative Research Methods (IQRM), Arizona State University, 2007

Languages

English and Japanese (both fluent)

References available upon request