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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Trinity College
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2020-
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2013-2019

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2012
Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service. B.S. in Foreign Service, May 2003

BOOKS AND PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Statebuilding by Imposition: Resistance and Control in Colonial Taiwan and the Philippines (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2019)
“State Building Amid Resistance: Administrative Intermediaries and the Making of Colonial Taiwan,”
Polity 51.2 (2019): 231-60

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“State-Building and Counterinsurgency Campaigns: Lessons from Colonial Taiwan,” in *Expert Voices on Japan: Security, Economic, and Social, and Foreign Policy Recommendations*, ed. Arthur Alexander (Washington, DC: The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, 2018): 107-22
“Placing the Colonial State in the Middle: The Comparative Method and the Study of Empires,”
Comparativ 19.2 (Leipzig, Germany: 2009): 107-19
Book Reviews:
“Asymmetrical Neighbors: Borderland State Building Between China and Southeast Asia by Enze Han and State Formation in China and Taiwan: Bureaucracy, Campaign, and Performance by Julia C. Strauss,” forthcoming, *Perspectives on Politics*
“Educating the Empire: American Teachers and Contested Colonization in the Philippines by Sarah Steinbock-Pratt,” April, *H-Diplo*
“Imperial Eclipse: Japan’s Strategic Thinking About Continental Asia Before August 1945 by Yukiko Koshiro,” *The Journal of Northeast Asian History* 11.2 (2014): 181-88
“Think Global, Fear Local: Sex, Violence, and Anxiety in Contemporary Japan by David Leheny,” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 8.1 (2008): 161-63

WORKING PAPERS

“Performative Law-abidance and Spaces of Impunity in Meiji Japan,” with Fabian Drixler
“The Politics of False Statistics: Building the Modern State in Meiji Japan,” with Fabian Drixler and Melissa Lee

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

U.S.-Japan Network for the Future Program, Cohort IV, Mansfield Foundation, 2016-2018
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

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

“Performative Law-abidance and Spaces of Impunity in Meiji Japan,” Humanities Colloquium series, Council for East Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania, November 12, 2020
“Omote, Naishō, and the Study of Performance in Social Theory,” Conference on Façade Truths in Tokugawa Japan and Beyond, Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, October 26, 2019
“Why Colonial Institutions Survived Decolonization: The Case of the Philippines,” Conference on State Capacity and Public Goods Provision, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, April 5, 2019
“State-Building and Counterinsurgency Campaigns: Lessons from Colonial Taiwan and the Philippines,” Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, DC, June 6, 2018
“State-building in the ‘Trenches’: Bureaucrats and Brokers in the Construction of Colonial Governance in Taiwan and the Philippines,” Harvard University, Dec 11, 2015
“State-building: A Problem of Political Authority,” Rikkyo University, Tokyo, Japan, January 10, 2015
Also presented at University of Connecticut, November 11, 2014
“Kokka kensetsu to shokuminchi shugi: Beihī, Nichitai tōchi no hikaku [State-building and Colonialism: A Comparison of Philippines under American Rule and Japan under Japanese Rule],” Keio University, Tokyo, Japan, January 9, 2015
“Building Institutions under Foreign Occupation: Police Reform in Colonial Taiwan versus the Philippines,” CDDRL Research Seminar, Stanford University, January 19, 2012
Also presented to the Political Violence Workshop, Harvard University, September 9, 2011
“Institutions by Imposition: Colonial Lessons for Contemporary State-Building,” Contemporary Japanese Politics Study Group, Harvard University, October 1, 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

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Statebuilding under Military Occupation: A Comparative Analysis of Japanese Wartime Occupation and its Legacies in Indonesia and the Philippines,” International Studies Association, Annual Convention, Honolulu, March 27, 2020 (cancelled)
Also presented at Association for Asian Studies, Annual Conference, Boston, March 22, 2020

- “Why Colonial Institutions Survived Decolonization: The Case of the Philippines,” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Conference, Denver, March 22, 2019 (cancelled)
- “Imposing Institutions: The case of public education in the Philippines under U.S. rule,” New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, April 20, 2018
- “Administered Communities: The Making of a Strong State in Taiwan under Japanese Rule,” Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Chicago, November 19, 2016
- “The Institutional Origin of State-building Failure,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 29, 2013
- “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 Police Institutions in Colonial Taiwan and the Philippines: Equally ‘Successful’ but Contrasting Legacies, Harvard-MIT-Yale Conference on Political Violence, Yale University, April 23, 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,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 3, 2010
- “Seigun kankei to shokuminchi tōchi [Civil-Military Relations and Colonial Governance],” Eighth Annual Waseda University Political Science Conference, Tokyo, March 8, 2008

TEACHING

Trinity College:

- FYSM 270: Democracy in the US and Abroad (seminar)
- POLS 103: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POLS 256: Foundations of Comparative Political Analysis
- POLS 258: Politics of Governance
- POLS 320: End of Democratic Hegemony? (seminar)
- POLS 331: Comparative Politics of East Asia (seminar)
- POLS 353 (also taught as 253): Authoritarianism: Politics of Domination and Resistance
- POLS 418 (also taught as 318): State Formation and Statebuilding (seminar)

PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Home institutions:

- Coordinator, East Asian Studies minor, September 2018-
- Chair, Ad-hoc Committee on Visiting Scholars, Trinity College, June-September 2020
- Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Human Rights Program, Trinity College, September 2017-
- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Urban and Global Studies, Trinity College, September. 2014-
- Member, Working Group on Course Evaluations, Trinity College, January 2019-
- Member, Bicentennial Strategic Planning Commission, Trinity College, June 2016-January 2017
- Member, Faculty Research Committee, Trinity College, January-May 2015
- Project Manager, The Governance Project, CDDRL, Stanford University, January-December 2012

Profession at large:

Reviewer: *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, Routledge, *World Politics*

AFFILIATIONS

Associate-in-Research and Faculty Associate:

Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University, September 2019-

Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, February 2013-

Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, February 2012-

Academic associations:

American Association of University Professors

American Political Science Association

Association for Asian Studies

International Studies Association

LANGUAGES

English and Japanese (both native)