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EDUCATION

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| 1992 | Ph.D. | Harvard University, Department of Government                   |
| 1990 | M.A.  | Harvard University, Department of Government                   |
| 1987 | J.D.  | Harvard Law School   |
| 1984 | B.A.  | Brigham Young University, International Relations and Japanese |

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS

Leon Weaver for the "best paper presented at the 2002 annual meeting" presented by the Representation and Electoral Systems section of the APSA, 2003.  
American Political Science Association Research Grant, 2001-2002.  
Fulbright Research Fellowship, Japan, 1995-1996. Affiliated with the Faculty of Law and Politics, Tokyo University.  
Toppan Prize, Harvard University, 1993. For the "best essay or dissertation upon a subject in political science."  
National Science Foundation Fellowship, 1988-90, 1991-92  
Fulbright-Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Award, 1990-91  
Cum Laude, Harvard Law School, 1987  
Summa Cum Laude with Honors, Brigham Young University, 1984  
Spencer W. Kimball Scholarship, Brigham Young University, 1978-79, 1982-84

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Japanese Democracy and Lessons for the United States, Eight Counterintuitive Lessons. New York: Routledge, 2020.

Ending the LDP Hegemony, Party Cooperation in Japan. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2000.

Articles and Book Chapters:

- “Pork-Barrel Politics and Electoral Reform: Explaining the Curious Differences in the Experiences of Thailand and Japan,” with Joel Sawat Selway The Journal of Asian Studies 76 no. 2 (May 2017):283-310.
- “The Rules of the Election Game in Japan” in Party Politics in Japan, Political Chaos and Stalemate in the Twenty-First Century, eds. Ronald J. Hrebenar and Akira Nakamura, pp. 22-55. New York: Routledge, 2015.
- "Identifying Election Fraud Using Orphan and Low Propensity Voters," with Thomas J. Schultz American Politics Research 42 no. 2 (March 2014):311-337.
- "Malapportionment and the 2012 House of Representatives Election" in Japan Decides 2012, The Japanese General Election, eds. Robert Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, and Ethan Scheiner, pp. 139-147. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.
- “Japan: Societal, Electoral, and Party Explanations for the Low Representation of Women in the House of Representatives” in Women and Legislative Representation, Electoral Systems, Political Parties, and Sex Quotas, revised and updated, ed. Manon Tremblay, pp. 225-237. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.
- “Election Systems and Campaign Rules” in The Routledge Handbook of Japanese Politics, ed. by Alisa Gaunder, pp. 60-69. New York: Routledge, 2011.
- “Stealing Elections: A Comparison of Election-Night Corruption in Japan, Canada, and the United States,” with Kyle Colvin, In Political Change in Japan: Electoral Behavior, Party Realignment, and the Koizumi Reforms. ed. Steven R. Reed, Kenneth Mori McElwain, and Kay Shimizu, pp. 199-218. Stanford, CA: Shorenstein APARC, 2009.
- “Japan, Societal, Electoral, and Party Explanations for the Low Representation of Women in the House of Representatives” In Women and Legislative Representation, Electoral Systems, Political Parties, and Sex Quotas, ed. Manon Tremblay, pp. 219-231. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.
- “An Analysis of the 2005 Japanese General Election, Will Koizumi’s Political Reforms Endure?” Asian Survey 46 (April 2006):497-516.
- “Postwar Politics” In A Companion to Japanese History, ed. William Tsutsui. pp. 281-98. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 2006.
- “Giappone.” [Japan] In Donne e Parlamenti, Uno Sguardo Internazionale, [women and parliaments, an international concern] with Brian Dowdle. ed. Manon Tremblay, trans. Susanna Creperio Verratti. Bologna: Bononia University Press, 2006.

“不均衡選挙区とゲリマンダー、日本、米国、カナダ、英国を比較する” [Malapportionment and Gerrymandering, A Comparison of Japan, the United States, Canada, and Britain]. 日本政治研究 [Journal of Japanese Political Research] 3 (January 2006):6-28.

“Mixing and Matching: The Effect on Student Performance of Teaching Assistants of the Same Gender.” with Daniel M. Butler in Quantitative Methods in Practice: Readings from PS, ed. David A Rochefort, pp. 220-30. Washington: CQ Press, 2005.

“Japon, Une représentation moussée par le’élite plutôt que par le mouvement des femmes.” [with Brian Dowdle] In Femmes et Parlements, Un regard international, ed. Manon Tremblay, pp. 351-68. Montreal: Les Éditions du remue-ménage, 2005.

“Redistricting in Japan: Lessons for the United States.” Japanese Journal of Political Science 5 (November 2004):1-27.

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“The Impact of Electoral Rules in Japan.” in Democracy and the Status of Women in East Asia, ed. Rose J. Lee and Cal Clark, pp. 25-46. Boulder, Col.: Lynne Rienner, 2000.

“Putting New Wine into Old Bottles: The Effect of Electoral Reform on Campaign Practices in Japan.” Asian Survey 38 (October 1998):986-1004.

"The New Japanese Electoral System." Pacific Affairs 69 (Spring 1996):49-70.

"Strategic Imperatives of Japan’s SNTV Electoral System and the Cooperative Innovations of the Former Opposition Parties." Comparative Political Studies 29 (June 1996):312-34.

"Towards a Context Rich Analysis of Electoral Systems: The Japanese Example," with Paul E. Johnson. American Journal of Political Science 39 (August 1995):575-98.

"The 1994 Electoral Reform in Japan: How it was Enacted and Changes it May Bring." Asian Survey 34 (July 1994):589-605.

"Electoral Revision in Japan--1982." Pi Sigma Alpha Review 2 (1984): 1-29.

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Review of Japan Decides 2014, The Japanese General Election by Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, and Ethan Scheiner, eds., London: Palgrave McMillan, 2016. Published in Party Politics 24 (July 2018):470-471.

Review of Japan under the DPJ: The Politics of Transition and Governance by Kenji E. Kushida and Phillip Y. Lipsky, eds., Stanford, CA: The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, 2013. Published in The Journal of Japanese Studies 41 (Summer 2015):448-52.

Review of The Rise and Fall of Japan's LDP: Political Party Organizations as Historical Institutions by Ellis S. Krauss and Robert J. Pekkanen, Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2011. Published in Pacific Affairs 84 (December 2011):756-757.

Review of Money Politics in Japan: New Rules, Old Practices by Matthew Carlson, Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner, 2007. Published in Japanese Journal of Political Science 9 (August 2008):253-54.

Review of Democracy without Competition in Japan, Opposition Failure in a One-Party Dominant State by Ethan Scheiner, New York, Cambridge University Press, 2006. Published in Party Politics 14 (May 2008):378.

“Liberal-Democratic Party of Japan.” 2006. Encyclopedia Britannica. Retrieved May 4, 2006, from Encyclopedia Britannica Online at <http://search.eb.com/eb/article-9048114>.

Review of The Power of Institutions: Political Architecture and Governance by Andrew MacIntyre, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2003. Published in Journal of East Asian Studies 5 (January-April 2005):178-181.

Review of Japanese Electoral Politics: Creating a New Party System. ed. by Steven R. Reed, London: Nissan Institute/RoutledgeCurzon, 2003. Published in The Journal of Japanese Studies 30 (summer 2004):579-82.

Review of 政治学事典 [The encyclopedia of politics] by Inoguchi Takashi et. al., Tokyo: Kobundo, 2000. Published in The Journal of Asian Studies 61 (February 2002):271-72.

Review of 政治改革、1800日の真実 [The facts behind 1800 days of political reform] by Sasaki Takeshi, Tokyo: Kodansha, 1999; The Logic of Japanese Politics, Leaders, Institutions, and the Limits of Change by Gerald Curtis, New York: Columbia University Press, 1999; and Regime Shift, Comparative Dynamics of the Japanese Political Economy by T. J. Pempel, Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1998. Published in Japanese Journal of Political Science 1 (November 2000):259-63.

Review of Japan's Postwar Party Politics by Masaru Kohno, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997. Published in The Journal of Asian Studies 58 (November 1999):1144-46.

Review of The Japanese Election System by Junichiro Wada, London: Routledge, 1996.

Published in The Journal of Asian Studies 57 (November 1998):1178-79.

#### PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS

候補者の容姿が、どれほど、得票率に影響を及ぼすか？容姿端麗な候補者は選挙に有利であるか？2003年日本総選挙の候補者全員の容姿、政党支持、などを分析する。 [abbr: physical beauty and elections]. Presented at the Annual Meeting of 日本選挙学会 [Japan electoral studies association], Kyoto Japan, May 16-17, 2009 (poster presentation)

“Wrong Winners, How Information Shapes our Response to Unfair Elections” with Jonathan Stradling. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 28-31, 2008.

“Japan, Societal, Electoral, and Party Explanations for the Low Representation of Women in the House of Representatives” Presented at Women’s World 2008, Madrid, Spain, July 4-8, 2008.

“投票者意思を逆行する選挙結果” [Democratic Reversals] with Jonathan Stradling. Presented at the Annual Meeting of 日本選挙学会 [Japan electoral studies association], Tokyo Japan, May 19-20, 2007 (poster presentation)

“Stealing Elections on Election Night: A Comparison of Statistical Evidence from Japan, Canada, and the United States” with Kyle Colvin. Presented at the Stanford Conference on Electoral and Legislative Politics in Japan, Stanford, California, June 11-12, 2007.

“The Personal Vote and Electoral Coalitions: Their Continuing Role in Japanese Elections” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, California, April 6-9, 2006.

“Koizumi’s Big Gamble: An Analysis of the 2005 Japanese General Election” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain/Southwest Regional Japan Seminar, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 28-29, 2005.

“Stealing Elections on Election Night: A Comparison of Statistical Evidence from Japan, Canada, and the United States” with Kyle Colvin. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 1-4, 2005.

“Electoral Coalitions in a Personal-Vote-Oriented Electoral System: Recent Evidence from Japan” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois., September 2-5, 2004.

“2003年総選挙結果の分析—選挙協力、政治家個人票、二党制度への動き” [An analysis of

the 2004 election, electoral cooperation, personal voting, and movement towards a two-party system] Presented at the Annual Meeting of 日本選挙学会 [Japan electoral studies association], Tokyo Japan, May 15-16, 2004

“不均衡選挙区とゲリマンダー、日本、米国、カナダ、英国をひかくする” [malapportionment and gerrymandering, a comparison of Japan, the United States, Canada, and Great Britain] Presented at the Annual Meeting of 日本選挙学会 [Japan electoral studies association], Kanazawa Japan, May 14-15, 2003.

“The Drawing of Electoral Boundaries in Japan” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Mass., August 29- September 1, 2002.

“Measuring the Shift in Voter Demographics in Lower House Elections” Presented at the Workshop on How Japan Votes, sponsored by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, US Department of State, Washington D. C., September 11, 2001.

“Urban and Rural Voters, Analyzing Recent and Historical Electoral Trends in Japan” Presented at the Workshop on Understanding the 2001 Upper House Election in Japan, sponsored by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, US Department of State, Washington D.C., June 22, 2001.

“Elites and Party System Change in Japan: The Institutional Roots of Elite-Based Change” Presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., August 31- September 3, 2000.

“Challenging the Assumption of Elite Coordination in Solving Cooperation Dilemmas: Redistricting and Electoral Coordination in Japan” Presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 31-September 3, 2000.

“The Personal Vote: Evidence from Japan” Presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, September 3-6, 1998.

“Party Stability in Japan, a Comparison of Competing Explanations” Presented at the international conference “Political Reform in Japan--Entering a New Era of Japanese Democracy” sponsored by the German Institute for Japanese Studies and Friedrich Ebert Foundation. Tokyo, Japan, July 17-18, 1998.

“Putting New Wine into Old Bottles: The Effect of Electoral Reforms on Campaign Practices in Japan” Presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington, D.C., March 26, 1998.

“The Choice of Campaign Activities: Some Theoretical Observations from the Japanese Case”

Poster presentation at the 1997 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 1997.

“Japanese Political Reform from the Perspective of the Former Opposition Parties” Presented at the International Political Science Association Triennial Meeting, Seoul, South Korea, August 18-21, 1997.

“Electoral Rules in Japan and their Effect on the Representation of Minority Groups and Women” Presented at the International Political Science Association Triennial Meeting, Seoul, South Korea, August 18-21, 1997.

“Japan’s Electoral Reform and its Effect on the Campaign Strategies and Status of Historically Underrepresented Groups” Presented at the American Political Science Association, National Convention, San Francisco, August, 31 1996.

“新しい選挙制度で、選挙活動がどのように変わりますか？” [How will campaign activities change under the new election system] Faculty of Law Seminar, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, February 17, 1996 (presentation only).

“代議制論の新動向” [Recent trends in the theory of representative democracy] Presented at the annual meeting of 日本選挙学会 [Japan electoral studies association] Tokyo, Japan, May 19, 1996.

"The Redistricting Process in Japan: A Comparison with Other Advanced Industrial Countries." Association for Asian Studies, National Convention, Washington, D.C., April 1995.

"The New Japanese Electoral System." Midwest Japan Seminar, Ann Arbor, Michigan, February, 1995.

"Electoral Reform: Will it Transform Japanese Politics?" Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University, December 1994 (presentation only).

"Electoral Reform: An Analysis of Individual and Party Level Incentives Based on Japanese Examples" American Political Science Association, National Convention, New York, September, 1994.

"The 1994 Electoral Reform in Japan: How it was Enacted and Changes it Will Bring" Association for Asian Studies, National Convention, Boston, March 1994.

"Apportioning the Vote in Districts of Medium Magnitude in a Single Nontransferable (SNTV) Electoral System" American Political Science Association, National Convention, Washington, September, 1993.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1996- Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Brigham Young University, Department of Political Science.  
Taught Political Inquiry, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Theories of Comparative Politics, Japanese Politics, Comparative Parties and Elections, Constitutional Law, International Law, Women and Representation, Current Events, and Japanese Foreign Policy.

1992-1995 Assistant Professor, Kansas University, Department of Political Science.  
Taught Introduction to Comparative Politics, Politics of East Asia, Politics of Japan, International Relations of East Asia, Graduate Seminar on Asian Politics, and International Law.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE

Secretary of the Japan Political Studies Group, Editor of Japan Political Research, An Annual Review, 1997-2002  
Executive Committee member, Pi Sigma Alpha, 2002-2006  
Chair, Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University 2004-2007.