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## *Academic Employment*

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Professor Emeritus, Government Colby College	from September 2022
Professor, Government Colby College	July 2020 to September 2022
Associate Professor, Government Colby College	July 2010 to July 2020
Director, Oak Institute for Human Rights	July 2010 to July 2018
Assistant Professor, Government Colby College	Autumn 2002 to Summer 2010
Tamaki Fellow, Jackson School of International Studies University of Washington (Seattle)	Autumn 1999 to Summer 2002
Assistant Professor, Institute of Social Science University of Tokyo (Japan)	Spring 1998 to Summer 1999
Instructor, International Education of Students IES (Tokyo, Japan)	Summer/Fall 1998
Instructor, Political Science Temple University Japan (Tokyo)	Spring 1998
Instructor, Humanities Seattle Central Community College	Autumn 1992 to Spring 1994
Teaching Assistant, Asian studies University of Washington	1991, 1992, 1994, 1996

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### ***Education***

PhD, Political Economy University of Washington	2000
MA, International Studies (highest honors) University of Washington	1992
Falcon Certificate, Japanese Language Cornell University	1978
BA, History (honors) Macalester College	1977

### ***Publications (Books)***

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- *Ghosts in the Neighborhood: Why Japan is Haunted by its Past and Germany is Not* (University of Michigan Press, 2023)
- *Asia's Flying Geese: How Regionalization Shapes Japan* (Cornell University Press, 2010)
- *Asia in Japan's Embrace: Building a Regional Production Alliance* (Cambridge University Press, 1996; with Kozo Yamamura).
- *Good Pride: A Story of the Pike Place Market Farmers* (Market Oral History Project, 1979; with Joan Sharp and Will Hatch)

### ***Publications (Book Chapters)***

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- "U.S. Policy Toward Asia: Containing China, Pressing Allies, and Hoping for Primacy," for an NAHF book on China and the Korean Peninsula, edited by Jae-bok Cha, October 2025.
- "European Integration, Asian Subordination: U.S. Identity and Power in Two Regions," in Minhyung Kim and James A. Caporaso, *Power Relations and Comparative Regionalism: Europe, East Asia, and Latin America* (Routledge: 2022).
- "Connected Channels: MNCs and Production Networks in Global Trade," in Lisa Martin, editor, *Handbook on the Politics of International Trade*, Oxford University Press, 2015.
- "When Strong Ties Fail: U.S.-Japanese Manufacturing Rivalry in Asia," in Ellis Krauss and T.J. Pempel, eds, *Beyond Bilateralism*, Stanford University Press, 2004.
- "Japanese Production Networks in Asia: Extending the Status Quo," in William W. Keller and Richard J. Samuels, eds, *Crisis and Innovation in Asian Technology*, Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- "Regionalization Trumps Globalization: Japanese Production Networks in Asia," in Richard Stubbs and Geoffrey R.D. Underhill, eds, *Political Economy and the Changing Global Order*, Oxford University Press, 2000.
- "Vietnam's Place in Japan's Regional Production Alliance," in Barbara Duffield, editor, *Vietnam and Japan: Japanese Investment and Aid Strategies in Vietnam*, University of Victoria Press, 1995.

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## ***Publications (Journal Articles)***

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- “Deeds of Cooperation Over Words of Contrition: How Germany achieved reconciliation with neighbors while Japan did not,” *Journal of Northeast Asian History* (21:2), summer 2025
- “The Myanmar Coup and the Craft of Politics,” *Overture, a Journal of International Affairs*,” May 2021
- “Launching a New Kind of Journal in Japan: Retrospective,” *Social Science Japan Journal*, April 2016.
- “Bloody Memories: Affect and Effect of World War II Museums in China and Japan,” *Peace & Change*, Vol. 39 No. 3 (July, 2014), pp. 366-394.
- “Activism with Chinese Characteristics: Navigating the Sloping, Uncertain Terrain of Civil Society in China,” in *IUP Journal of International Relations*, Vol. VIII No. 1, January 2014, pp. 37-60.
- “Organizing Civil Society in Russia and China: A Comparative Approach” (with James Richter), *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, Vol. 26 No. 4, December 2013, pp. 323-347.
- “Hoping for Hegemony: Why Obama Changed Direction on Financial Reform and Embraced Retro-Liberalism,” *IUP Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 7 No. 4 (October 2013), pp. 18-40.
- “Turning Asian, Turning Western: A Study of Japanese ‘Identity’ from a Gramscian Perspective,” *Pacific Review*, Vol. 23 No. 3, July 2010, pp. 377-406.
- “Interfirm Cooperation in East Asia,” “Neomercantilism in East Asia,” and “Nixon Shocks,” three entries for the *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, Oxford University Press, 2008.
- “Editor’s Introduction,” *The Japanese Economy* (M.E. Sharpe, New York), Vol. 33, No. 4 (Winter 2005-6).
- “Editor’s Introduction,” *The Japanese Economy* (M.E. Sharpe, New York), Vol. 33, No. 2 (Summer 2005).
- “Transplanting Keiretsu: Empirical Evidence from Southeast Asia’s Automobile Industry,” *The Japanese Economy* (M.E. Sharpe, New York), Vol. 33 No. 2 (Summer 2005), pp. 54-66.
- “The Political Economy of Japan’s Financial Crisis: Editor’s Introduction,” *The Japanese Economy* (M.E. Sharpe, New York), Vol. 33, No. 1 (Spring 2005).
- “Editor’s Introduction,” *The Japanese Economy* (M.E. Sharpe, New York), Vol. 32, No. 4 (winter 2004)
- “Japan’s Agenda for Asian Regionalism: Industrial Harmonization not Free Trade,” *The Japanese Economy* (M.E. Sharpe, New York) Vol. 32 No.2 (Summer 2004), pp. 86-97.
- “Creating an East Asian Community: Editor’s Introduction,” *The Japanese Economy* (M.E. Sharpe, New York), Vol. 32, No. 2 (Summer 2004).
- “Deflation – Endgame or Sideshow for the Japanese Economy: Editor’s Introduction,” *The Japanese Economy* (M.E. Sharpe, New York), Vol. 31, No. 1 (spring 2003).
- “Vertical Ties Across Borders: Do Japanese Production Networks Jeopardize Competitive Markets in Southeast Asia?” *Global Studies Law Review* (Washington University, St. Louis), October 2002, pp. 233-262.
- “Regionalizing the State: Japanese Administrative and Financial Guidance in Asia,” *Social Science Japan Journal* 5:2 (University of Tokyo), October 2002, pp. 179-197.
- “Policy Choices: Guest Editor’s Introduction,” *The Japanese Economy* (M.E. Sharpe, New York), Vol. 30, No. 1 (January-February 2002).
- “Regionalizing Relationalism: Japanese Production Networks in Asia,” MIT Japan Program working paper 01.07 (MIT Center for International Studies: Cambridge, MA, 2001)
- “Grounding Asia's Flying Geese: The Costs of Depending Too Heavily on Japanese Capital and Technology,” *NBR Briefing*, National Bureau of Asian Research (April 1998).
- “A Looming Entry Barrier: Japanese Production Networks in Asia” (with Kozo Yamamura), *Analysis*, National Bureau of Asian Research (February, 1997).
- “Foreign Direct Investment in China: Miraculous or Misdirected?” *Executive Insight*, National Bureau of Asian Research (December 1996).

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### ***Publications (Newspaper/Magazine Columns)***

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- “Homelessness in Seattle: We Can’t Unsee It,” *Seattle Times*, December 28, 2025.
- “The Case for Iran Having Nukes,” *Post Alley*, June 30, 2025.
- “Trump’s tariff tsunami will hurt consumers at home, alliances abroad,” *Seattle Times*, April 11, 2025
- “The Slow Walk of U.S. Marines from Okinawa,” *Responsible Statecraft*, February 27, 2025
- Competing ‘nationalisms’ led to shocking showdown in Seoul,” *Responsible Statecraft*, December 5, 2024
- “Election leaves Japan in a mess,” *Responsible Statecraft*, October 29, 2024
- “Japan’s new PM may have a bone to pick with the U.S.,” *Responsible Statecraft*, September 27, 2024
- “China hawks dominate pool for Japan’s next prime minister,” *Responsible Statecraft*, September 15, 2024
- “No, Tim Walz is not a Manchurian Candidate,” *Responsible Statecraft*, August 8, 2024
- “Telling Tragic Stories: Novelist Paul Harding and Maine’s Malaga Island,” *Post Alley*, October 28, 2023
- “The Illusion of Détente between South Korea and Japan,” *Seattle Times*, September 8, 2023
- “Love thy (homeless) neighbor: From fear to fellowship hosting TC3,” *Seattle Times*, June 23, 2023
- “Fear of China increases the risk of conflict,” *Seattle Times*, April 23, 2023
- “Why WA Third Flipped Democratic: A Tale of Two Cities,” *Post Alley*, November 16, 2022
- “Okinawa’s Colonial Trap,” *Post Alley*, September 11, 2022
- “After the assassination of Abe, will Japan Tilt Right?” *Seattle Times*, July 12, 2022
- “The Problem: Putin’s Brain or Putin’s Braintrust,” *Post Alley*, March 10, 2022
- “With the coronavirus surging, compassion is more important than ever,” *Seattle Times*, March 20, 2020
- “Crime is rare in Seattle – unless you ask my neighbors on Nextdoor,” *Crosscut*, April 12, 2019
- “Why Conservative Think Tanks Thrive in Liberal WA,” *Crosscut*, December 20, 2018
- “Cornel West accused Ta-Nehisi Coates of being a neoliberal. Does neoliberal still mean anything?” in *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage analysis), January 23, 2018.
- “North Korea is Nuclear: Live with it and help it feel less cornered,” *Seattle Times*, August 22, 2017
- “Evergreen story highlights how white liberals get it wrong,” *Crosscut*, June 6, 2017
- “The Alarming Rise of Asian Nationalism,” *Seattle Times*, October 23, 2012
- “Culture Matters as Two Countries – China and Japan – Deal with Disaster,” *Seattle Times*, August 14, 2011
- Asian neighbors aren’t amused by Japan’s selective memory,” *Seattle Times*, August 12, 2005
- “If Koizumi falters, will Japan take radical turn?” *Seattle Times*, July 9, 2001
- “Beyond APEC: What’s really going on in Asia,” *Seattle Times*, November 14, 1993

### ***Publications (Book Reviews)***

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- Of Megumi Naoi, “Building Legislative Coalitions for Free Trade in Asia: Globalization as Legislation,” for *Journal of Japanese Studies*, winter 2017.
- Of Roger Farrell, “Japanese Investment in the World Economy: A Study of Strategic Themes in the Internationalisation of Japanese Industry,” for *Journal of Japanese Studies*, vol. 36 no. 2, summer 2010.
- Of Mireya Solis, “Banking on Multinationals: Public Credit and the Export of Japanese Sunset Industries,” for *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 7 No. 1 (April 2006).
- Of Dominic Kelly, “Japan and the Reconstruction of East Asia,” for *Journal of Japanese Studies*, Vol. 30 No. 1, 2004.
- Of Gregory Noble, “Collective Action in East Asia,” for *Pacific Review*, Vol. 14 No. 1, 2001.
- Of Rene Belderbos, “Japanese Electronic Multinationals and Strategic Trade Policies,” for *Journal of*

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- Japanese Studies*, winter 2000.
- Of Peter Katzenstein and Takashi Shiraishi, eds., “Network Power: Japan and Asia,” for *Journal of Japanese Studies*, summer 1998.
  - Of Osamu Katayama, “Japanese Business into the 21st Century,” for *Journal of Japanese Studies*, winter 1998.
  - Of Masaru Yoshitomi, ed., “Foreign Direct Investment in Japan,” for *Journal of Asian Studies*, fall 1997.
  - Of Wolf Mendel, “Japanese Foreign Policy in Asia,” for *Journal of Japanese Studies*, summer 1997.

### ***Papers and Presentations***

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- “Deeds of cooperation over words of contrition: How Germany achieved reconciliation with neighbors while Japan did not,” presentation and paper for Northeast Asia History Foundation’s annual conference, Seoul, South Korea, November 8, 2024
- “Ghosts in the Neighborhood,” book talks at Northeast Asia History Foundation, Seoul, November 2024; Shaw Island Library and Historical Society, August 2024; University of Washington, Jackson School, January 2024; Bowdoin and Colby colleges (Maine), October 2023
- European Integration, Asian Subordination: U.S. Power and Identity in Two Regions,” a draft chapter for an edited volume, Regionalism and Power workshop, Seattle, 5/17 and Seoul, 3/18
- “Partnerships, not apologies, will secure peace in Asia,” Tedx, Colby College, 3/25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvYKXX4Fi1E>
- “Author Meets Critics,” a panel discussion about my book (*Asia’s Flying Geese*), Social Science History Association annual conference, Vancouver B.C., November 2012.
- “No More Flying Geese: A New Pattern for Asian Regionalism,” invited by Stanford University, Shorenstein Center, January 2011.
- “Asia’s Flying Geese: How Regionalization Shapes Japan,” invited by Harvard University, Weatherhead Center, September 2010.
- “Naughty or Nice?” How the Chinese party-state views NGOs,” for a conference on “Re-examining Chinese Civil Society,” Oxford University, UK, August 2010.
- “Preserving U.S. Hegemony: Why Obama Changed Direction on Financial Reform and Embraced Retro-Liberalism,” February 2010, International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.
- “Reality Check: What’s Happening with NGOs and Civil Society Development in China,” March 2008, Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- “Japanese Investment in East Asia: Pursuing Global Commodity Chains,” March 2005, for the International Studies Association annual meeting, Honolulu.
- “Southeast Asia’s Balancing Act: Pursuing Developmental Regionalism and Security Globalism,” January 2005, for the Todai project on Asian regionalism, Tokyo.
- “The New Regionalism in East Asia,” March 2004, for the International Studies Association annual meeting, Montreal.
- “Japan’s Agenda for Asian Regionalism,” January 2004, for a conference on “Creating an East Asian Community: Prospects and Challenges for Fresh Regional Cooperation,” National University of Singapore.
- “When Strong Ties Fail,” August 2003, for the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia.
- “Why Japan Isn’t Changing: The Persistent Drag of Relational Politics,” April 2003, Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, Middlebury College.
- “Globalization versus Regionalization: A Study of Japanese ‘Identity’ from a Neo-Gramscian Perspective,” October 2001, for a conference on “Asian Values and Japan’s Options,” National University of Singapore.
- “Market Power, Bargaining Power, and Positional Power: Japanese Automakers in Southeast Asia,” March 2001, for the annual meeting of AAS, Chicago.

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- “Vertical Ties Across Borders: Do Japanese Production Networks Jeopardize Competition in Asia?” September 2000, for a conference on APEC competition policy, Victoria, B.C.
  - “Exporting the State: Japanese Administrative and Financial Guidance in Asia,” September 1999, for the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta.
  - “Change for the Sake of No Change: The Domestic Consequences of Japanese Regionalization,” December 1997, for the Contemporary Japan Group, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Tokyo, Tokyo Japan.
  - “Protecting Embeddedness: What Happens at Home When Japanese Production Networks Move into Asia,” November 1997, for the Keio University Economics Society annual conference, Chiba Japan.
  - “Embedded Power: Japanese Production Networks in Asia,” June 1997, for the Anzen Kagaku Kokusai Seijihan (Security Studies/International Politics Group), Kyoto Japan.
  - “Facing Japanese Competition in Asia,” February 1996, for a conference on Japanese investment in Asia, sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington D.C.
  - “Asymmetrical Interdependency,” August 1995, for a conference on Taiwan on the Eve of the 21st Century, sponsored by the University of Washington and National Taiwan University.

### ***Courses Taught***

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- “Introduction to International Relations” (Colby)
- “Political Economy of Regionalism” (Colby, University of Washington)
- “Politics of Development: State, Society and Markets” (Colby)
- “Winners and Losers in Chinese Politics” (Colby)
- “Winners and Losers in Japanese Politics” (Colby)
- “Introduction to East Asian Politics”
- “Conflict in East Asia” (Colby)
- “Islands, Nukes, Memories: Conflict in East Asia” (Colby)
- “Politics of Chinese Cinema” (Colby)
- “Globalization, Debt, and the IMF” (UW)
- “Japan in the Global Political Economy” (UW)
- “The Political Economy of Japan” (UW)
- “The Japanese Economy” (UW)
- “International Relations of East Asia” (Temple University Japan)
- “Japan in Asia: Investment, Aid, and Trade” (IES Tokyo)
- “Japanese Politics” (UW)
- “The Pacific Century: Asia in the Modern World” (Seattle Community College)
- “Introduction to Japanese Civilization” (UW)

### ***Awards***

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- Colby College (Pugh Center), Drum Major for Social Justice, February 2018
- Social Sciences Division, Research Grant, various years
- Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, Research Grant, 2007, 2009
- Association for Asian Studies, NE Asia Committee, Research Grant, 2023 and 2007
- Freeman Foundation, Course Development Grant, 2003 and 2006
- Tamaki Foundation Fellow, 1999-2002
- Fulbright Graduate Research Fellow (Japan), 1996-1998
- Hall-Ammerer-Washington Research Foundation Fellow, 1995-1998
- Japan-US Friendship Commission research grant, 1994-95
- Tamaki Foundation Fellow, 1994-95
- Masuda Foundation grant for research in Japan, summer of 1994
- Book Award (for being the top graduate from the Jackson School), 1992
- Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship, 1991-92

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### ***Professional Service***

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Peer Reviewer for Japan Society for the Promotion of Science; Oxford University Press; Stanford University Press; Routledge; Palgrave; Continuum; *Journal of Contemporary East Asia Studies*, *Comparative Political Studies*; *Journal of Japanese Studies*; *East Asia: A Quarterly*; *Journal of Japanese Political Science*; *Journal of Contemporary East Asian Studies*; *Pacific Affairs*; *Pacific Review*; *Social Science Japan Journal*; Pomona College, Department of Political Science

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### ***Memberships***

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American Political Science Association (since 1999)  
Association for Asian Studies (since 2000)  
International Studies Association (since 2002)

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### ***Language Ability***

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I read and speak Japanese fluently -- a skill that allowed me to translate an article ("Rigidity and Inefficiency in Public Works Appropriations") from Japanese to English for the summer 1995 issue of *Journal of Japanese Studies*; another ("The Critical Limits of the National Community: The Ryukuan Subject") for the fall 1998 issue of *Social Science Japan Journal*; and yet another ("Non-Performing Loans versus Economic Recession") for the winter 2002 issue of *The Japanese Economy*. I also read French proficiently.

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### ***Other Work Experience***

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From 2002 to 2007, I served as the editor of *The Japanese Economy*, a refereed journal published by M.E. Sharpe, Inc. Earlier (1998-1999), I was the managing editor of *Social Science Japan Journal*, an internationally refereed journal produced by the Institute of Social Science at the University of Tokyo and published by Oxford University Press. Earlier still (1978 through 1990), I worked as a journalist, including a brief stint as a stringer for *CBS News* (summer, 1980) and a longer period of service (1985-91) as political and enterprise reporter for *The Seattle Times*.

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### ***Administrative Duties***

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From July 2010 until July 2018 (with a hiatus while on sabbatical), I served as the director of the Oak Institute for Human Rights, an organization that brings human rights activists to Maine every year to recuperate from their exhausting work on the front lines of social justice. Oak also organizes events every year to highlight a particular problem. Finally, we offer research opportunities and help finance internships for students concerned about human rights.

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## *Affiliations*

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Associate in Research, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies  
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