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RESEARCH INTEREST

Gun control; Corporate governance

EDUCATION

- Stanford University, Data Science** 2024 –
Ph.D. scholar (Data Science Scholar)
- Stanford University, Law School** 2022 –
JSD (Ph.D. equivalent) candidate; Advised by Prof. John Donohue
Fellowship in Law and Economics, John M. Olin Program
Managing Editor, *Stanford Journal of Law, Business & Finance*
Research Assistant to Prof. Jeff Strnad
- Stanford University, Law School** 2021 - 2022
JSM; Fulbright Scholar
Fellowship in Law and Economics, John M. Olin Program
Editor, *Stanford Journal of Law, Business & Finance*
- University of Tokyo, School of Law** 2013 - 2015
J.D., cum laude (rank: 8/174)
Editor, *University of Tokyo Law Review*
- University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law** 2009 - 2013
LL.B. (major: law and political science, minor: economics); Salutatorian
Honors: *Outstanding* (top 10 of 407 graduates), *Excellent* (political science and economics)

PUBLICATION

Peer-reviewed Article

School shootings and the strategic contributions of gun policy PACs in US House elections, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 123.9 (2026): e2514343123. (with Eric A. Baldwin and John J. Donohue; co-first author)

- Available [here](#) ([replication package](#))
- Op-ed publication through [Time](#) and [Newsweek](#)
- Covered by [Stanford Law School Pod Cast](#), [Brady United](#), and [Physorg](#)

Working Paper

Loaded Chambers: Organized Interests, Public Opinion, and Policy Responsiveness in the American States, *National Bureau of Economic Research*, No. w34970 (2026). (with Eric A. Baldwin, John J. Donohue, and Tai Markman; co-first author)

- Available [here](#)

How to Stabilize Corporate DEI Amid Backlash? Caremark and International Soft Law (2026). (with Masaki Fujita; first author)

- Available [here](#)

Software

[nonabsdid](#): R package for visualizing and comparing staggered DID event-study estimates under non-absorbing treatment.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at Causal Inference in Clinical Trials and Observational Studies (Prof. Lu and Prof. Tian, STATS 251/BIODS 251) in 2025

Teaching Assistant at Blockchain Governance (Prof. Strnad, LAW1078) in 2025

Teaching Assistant at Statistical Inference in Law (Prof. Donohue, LAW 7512) in 2024-2025

Teaching Assistant at JSD Research Colloquium (Prof. Kessler, LAW 8031) in 2023

GRANT AND AWARDS

Research Grant from John M. Olin Program in Law and Economics in 2024 and 2025

Dissertation Grants in Japanese Studies from Stanford University in 2023 (\$37,098)

Outstanding Achievement (full-tuition scholarship) from the Japan Student Services Organization (approximately 20,000 USD)

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND MENTORSHIP

Mentor to underrepresented minority students on data science (IMDS)

Reviewer at the Conference for Junior Researchers at Stanford Law School (2 years)

Mentor for advanced degree students at Stanford Law School (3 years)

Poster judge at the Annual Conference of the Society for Causal Inference

EMPLOYMENT (NON-ACADEMIC)

Nishimura & Asahi, Tokyo, Japan

2016 - 2021

Attorney-at-law (admitted in Japan)

Area of specialization: antitrust, WTO dispute, corporations and M&A

Last update: May 1, 2026

University of Tokyo, School of Law <i>Instructor for legal writing</i>	2016 - 2017
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Tokyo, Japan <i>Legal intern</i>	2016
Legal Training and Research Institute, Saitama, Japan <i>Legal apprentice</i>	2015 - 2016
United Nations Human Rights Committee, Geneva, Switzerland <i>Legal intern</i>	2015

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2025: Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Stanford Data Science Conference (poster)

2024: Stanford Data Science Conference (poster); Annual Conference of the Society for Causal Inference (poster)

2023: Causal Science Conference at Stanford Causal Science Center (poster); Stanford Data Science Conference (poster); WINIR Young Scholars Workshop

2022: Causal Science Conference at Stanford Causal Science Center (the sole presenter from law school); SPILS Law & Society Conference at Stanford Law School; Global Meeting of the Law and Society Association

Before: Annual Conference of the Japan Law and Economics Association (2015)