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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Empirical legal studies; Gun Policy; AI & Law

EDUCATION

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

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Article

1. “School shootings and the strategic contributions of gun policy PACs in US House elections.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **123**(9): e2514343123 (2026). With Eric A. Baldwin and John J. Donohue (co-first author). [Paper] [Replication package]
 - Authored related op-eds in *Time* and *Newsweek*.
 - Covered by Stanford Law School Podcast, Brady United, and Phys.org.

Working Papers

1. “Loaded Chambers: Organized Interests, Public Opinion, and Policy Responsiveness in the American States.” *National Bureau of Economic Research*, Working Paper No. w34970 (2026). With Eric A. Baldwin, John J. Donohue, and Tai Markman (co-first author). [Paper]
2. “How to Stabilize Corporate DEI Amid Backlash? Caremark and International Soft Law” (2026). With Masaki Fujita (first author). [SSRN]

Software

- nonabsdid: R package for visualizing and comparing staggered DID event-study estimates under non-absorbing treatment.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025	Teaching Assistant Causal Inference in Clinical Trials and Observational Studies (Prof. Lu and Prof. Tian, STATS 251 / BIODS 251)
2025	Teaching Assistant Blockchain Governance (Prof. Strnad, LAW 1078)
2024 – 2025	Teaching Assistant Statistical Inference in Law (Prof. Donohue, LAW 7512)
2023	Teaching Assistant JSD Research Colloquium (Prof. Kessler, LAW 8031)

GRANTS & AWARDS

2026	Runner-up for the Priest Prize American Law and Economics Association; out of 153 papers by pre-tenure scholars
2024 - 2026	Research Grant John M. Olin Program in Law and Economics
2023	Dissertation Grant in Japanese Studies Stanford University; USD 37,098
	<i>Outstanding Achievement</i> (full-tuition scholarship) Japan Student Services Organization; approx. USD 20,000

ACADEMIC SERVICE & MENTORSHIP

- Vice President, Stanford Fulbright Association.
- Mentor to underrepresented minority students on data science (IMDS).
- Reviewer, Conference for Junior Researchers at Stanford Law School (2 years).
- Mentor, advanced degree students at Stanford Law School (3 years).
- Poster judge, Annual Conference of the Society for Causal Inference.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2026	American Law and Economics Association; Stanford Data Science Conference (poster).
2025	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 (sole presenter from law school); SPILS Law & Society Conference at Stanford Law School; Global Meeting of the Law and Society Association.
Earlier	Annual Conference of the Japan Law and Economics Association (2015).

EMPLOYMENT (NON-ACADEMIC)

- 2016 – 2021 **Nishimura & Asahi, Tokyo, Japan**
Attorney-at-law (admitted in Japan).
Area of specialization: quantitative analysis of legal issues.
Other practice areas: antitrust, WTO law, corporations and M&A.
- 2016 – 2017 **University of Tokyo, School of Law**
Instructor for legal writing.
- 2016 **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Tokyo**
Legal intern; conducted research on legislation of foreign countries.
- 2015 – 2016 **Legal Training and Research Institute, Saitama, Japan**
Legal apprentice; rotations at criminal/civil courts, a prosecutor's office,
and a private law firm.
- 2015 **United Nations Human Rights Committee, Geneva, Switzerland**
Legal intern; performed research on Canadian human rights legislation.