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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Empirical legal studies; Gun Policy; AI & Law

EDUCATION

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| 2024 – | Stanford University, HAI Data Science
<i>Ph.D. scholar</i> (Data Science Scholar) |
| 2022 – | Stanford University, Law School
<i>JSD (Ph.D. equivalent) candidate</i> ; 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, <i>Stanford Journal of Law, Business & Finance</i> . |
| 2021 – 2022 | Stanford University, Law School
<i>JSM</i> ; Fulbright Scholar. |
| 2013 – 2015 | University of Tokyo, School of Law
<i>J.D., cum laude</i> (rank: 8/174).
Editor, <i>University of Tokyo Law Review</i> . |
| 2009 – 2013 | University of Tokyo, School of Law
<i>LL.B.</i> (major: law and political science; minor: economics); Salutatorian.
<i>Outstanding Honors</i> (top 10 of 407 graduates) |

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

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. “The Price of Political Ties: Reputational Risk and the Strategic Divestment of Corporate PACs.” *National Bureau of Economic Research*, Working Paper No. w35494 (2026). (Co-first author; with Eric A. Baldwin, John J. Donohue, Charlie Grabojs) [\[Paper\]](#)
2. “Loaded Chambers: Organized Interests, Public Opinion, and Policy Responsiveness in the American States.” *National Bureau of Economic Research*, Working Paper No. w34970 (2026). (Co-first author; with Eric A. Baldwin, John J. Donohue, and Tai Markman) [\[Paper\]](#)
3. “How to Stabilize Corporate DEI Amid Backlash? Caremark and International Soft Law” (2026). (First author; with Masaki Fujita) [\[SSRN\]](#)

SOFTWARE

- **nonabsdid**: CRAN R package for visualizing and comparing staggered DID event-study estimates under non-absorbing treatment.
- **cfcompare**: R package for implementing the TROP (triply robust panel) estimator and comparing it with other ATT estimators.
- **ssBartik**: R package for an end-to-end pipeline for shift-share (Bartik) IV method.

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

- Manuscript review: *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Behavior*
- Reviewer, Conference for Junior Researchers at Stanford Law School (2 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).

<i>2023</i>	Causal Science Conference at Stanford Causal Science Center (poster); Stanford Data Science Conference (poster); WINIR Young Scholars Workshop.
<i>2022</i>	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.
<i>Earlier</i>	Annual Conference of the Japan Law and Economics Association (2015).

MENTORSHIP

- Mentor to underrepresented minority students on data science (IMDS).
- Mentor, advanced degree students at Stanford Law School (3 years).

EMPLOYMENT (NON-ACADEMIC)

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