

Curriculum Vitae of

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. International Relations, Florida International University (2019)
Major Fields: Foreign Policy Analysis, Security Studies
Minor Field: Comparative Area Studies
- M.A. Asian Studies, Florida International University (2015)
- M.S. Geography, Oklahoma State University (2007)
- B.A. Geography, University of Central Oklahoma (2001)

EMPLOYMENT

Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
Lecturer
August 2024 – present

Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
Limited Term Lecturer
August 2022 – May 2024

Department of Science and Society, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan
Teaching Fellow
August 2019 – July 2022

Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies, Florida International University, Miami, Florida
Postdoctoral Research Associate
April 2019 – August 2019

Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University, Miami, Florida
Graduate Instructor
January 2017 – April 2019

Social and Behavioral Science Department, Broward College South Campus, Pembroke Pines, Florida
Adjunct Instructor
May 2014 – December 2017

LJC America, Inc. (formerly Interac America, Inc.), Headquarters: Salt Lake City, Utah
Independent Consultant
March 2014 – July 2019

Interac North Co., Ltd. (formerly Interac Co., Ltd., Morioka Branch), Morioka City, Iwate Prefecture, Japan
Managing Consultant
February 2011 – August 2013

Akita International University, Akita City, Akita Prefecture, Japan
Student Affairs Administrator
April 2010 – January 2011

Akita Prefecture Board of Education, Head Office: Akita City, Akita Prefecture, Japan
JET Programme Prefectural Advisor
August 2006 – July 2009

Kita Akita City Board of Education, Kita Akita City, Akita Prefecture, Japan
JET Programme Assistant Language Teacher
August 2004 – July 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Japan's Relations with Muslim Asia
Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave MacMillan, 2020

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Strategizing Asia: Japan’s Values-Based Diplomacy amid Great Powers’ Competing Visions for Broader Asia”
Japan Studies Review 24(1), pp. 3-34
September 2020

“Far, yet so Near: Normativity in Japan’s Diplomacy with the Central Asian Republics”
Asian Affairs: An American Review 45(1), pp. 18-39
February 2018

“Comprehensive Security 2.0: (Re)applying a Distinctive Security Concept to the 3/11 Disasters in Japan”
Electronic Journal of Contemporary Japanese Studies 16(2), article 5 in 2016
August 2016

CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Papers Presented

“Japan and Kazakhstan’s Anti-Nuclear Weapons Policies: Past Experiences Shaping Present Identities”

Looking Eastward: Demystifying Central Asian Relations with Asia Conference
Department of Political Science and International Relations, Nazarbayev University
Astana, Kazakhstan
April 2023

“Dove Tales: Japan and Kazakhstan’s Converging Narratives on Nuclear Non-Proliferation”

Asian Universities Alliance Annual Conference
online
May 2021

“From Help to Self-Help: Japan's ODA Strategy in the Muslim World amid Terrorism Concerns”

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention
online
April 2021

“Between Iraq and a Hard Place: Japan’s Multiple Roles in the Middle East as an American Ally and a Pacifist Power”

online
ISA Annual Convention
April 2021

“Strategizing Asia: Japan’s Values-Based Diplomacy amid Great Powers’ Competing Visions for Broader Asia”

ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
March 2019

“A Dialogue between Civilizations: Japan’s Values-Based Diplomacy in the Muslims World”

ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
March 2019

“Japan’s Resistance to Remilitarize: How Socio-Religious Milieu Affects Perceptions of Security”

ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, California
April 2018

“So Near, and yet So Far: Normativity in Japan’s Diplomacy with the Central Asian Republics”

ISA Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland
February 2017

“Japan and Islam: Inter-Civilizational Relations in Time and Space”
ISA Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia
March 2016

“Comprehensive Security 2.0: (Re)applying a Distinctive Security Concept to the 3/11 Disasters in Japan”
ISA South Conference, Tampa, Florida
October 2015

“*Sievement*: Japan’s ‘Containment’ of China”
ISAC-ISSS Annual Conference, Austin, Texas
November 2014

Roundtable Participant

“Islamic Factor in Global Politics and Foreign Policy”
ISA Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois
March 2025

INVITED PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

“From Gulf Trauma to Proactive Pacifism: Japan’s Roles in Middle East Sanctions and Interventions”
University of Nevada-Reno
Reno, Nevada
November 2018

“Japan-U.S. Relations: Talking Politics with the Japanese”
Consulate General of Japan in Miami
Miami, Florida
August 2018

“Japan and Islam in Asia: Discovery, Identity, and Perceptions”
Southern Japan Seminar, Frost Art Museum
Miami, Florida
March 2018

“Japan-U.S. Relations: Talking Politics with the Japanese”
Consulate General of Japan in Miami
Miami, Florida
July 2017

Panel Discussion on the Fifth Anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake
Consulate General of Japan in Miami
Miami, Florida
March 2016

CAMPUS TALKS

“Between Iraq and a Hard Place: Japan’s Multiple Roles in the Middle East as an American Ally and a Pacifist Power”

Political Science and International Relations Department Faculty Lecture Series, Nazarbayev University

Astana, Kazakhstan

February 2021

“Japan’s Relations with Muslim Asia: Trans-Continental Normativity and Policy”

Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies Lunch Series, Florida International University

Miami, Florida

October 2017

“Examining a Possible Solution to Normalizing Russo-Japanese Relations and an Agreement on the Kurile Islands Dispute”

Geography Department Colloquium, Oklahoma State University

Stillwater, Oklahoma

April 2004

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

Lecturer at the University of Georgia

International Political Economy – Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2025

Introduction to Global Issues – Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025

Introduction to Comparative Politics – Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Introduction to International Relations – Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Summer 2024, Summer 2025, Fall 2025

Politics of Central Asia* – Spring 2024, Spring 2026

Politics of East Asia – Fall 2022

Politics of Japan* – Spring 2023, Spring 2025

Post-Communist Political Systems – Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026

Religion and International Relations* – Summer 2023, Summer 2024

* developed as a new course

Teaching Fellow at Nazarbayev University

East Asian Politics – Spring 2022

Foundations of Leadership I* – Fall 2021

Foundations of Leadership II* – Spring 2022

Introduction of Human Geography – Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

* developed as a new course

Instructor of Record at Florida International University

Contemporary International Problems – Fall 2016

International Relations of East Asia – Fall 2018

Japan and the United States – Spring 2019

World Resources and World Order* – Spring 2017

* developed as a new course

Adjunct Instructor at Florida International University

International Relations of East Asia – Fall 2019

Introduction to International Relations – Fall 2021

Japan and the United States – Summer 2020, Summer 2021, Summer 2022

Adjunct Instructor at Broward College

World Geography – Summer 2014, Fall 2014, Winter 2015, Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016,
Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant at Florida International University

Contemporary International Problems – Fall 2015

Development of International Relations Thought – Spring 2016

International Relations of Iran and the Persian Gulf – Fall 2016

International Relations of the Middle East – Fall 2016

The Political Economy of China – Summer 2016

Russian Foreign Policy (graduate seminar) – Spring 2018

Strategic Studies and National Security – Fall 2015

Theories of International Relations – Summer 2017, Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant at Oklahoma State University

World Regional Geography – Spring 2002

Physical Geography (lab instructor) – Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Summer 2003, Fall 2003, Spring
2004

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Interview on Japan-U.S. alliance for *The Foreign Intelligence* podcast, 11 March 2022.

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UGA Asian Studies Program Steering Committee Member (2024 – 2026)

UGA Department of International Affairs Faculty Affairs Committee Member (2025 – 2026)

UGA Department of International Affairs Curriculum Committee Member (2024 – 2025)

UGA School of Public and International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium Panel Chair:
“Analyzing Movement: Human Capital, Trade Controls, and Migration” (April 2025)

UGA ROTC-SPIA Joint Simulation Exercise Faculty Panelist (March 2025)

UGA Demosthenian Literary Society Meeting Keynote Guest (September 2023)

UGA School of Public and International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium Panel Chair:
“Protecting the Environment: Organized Crime and Local Policymaking” (April 2023)

Nazarbayev University Faculty Senate Member and School Delegation Leader (2020 – 2022)

ISA Annual Convention Panel Discussant: “Culture, Aggression, and Warfare” (April 2021)

Nazarbayev University Center for Preparatory Studies Leadership Fellow Search Committee Member
(Spring 2021)

Nazarbayev University Center for Preparatory Studies Scholarly Committee Member (2019 – 2020)

Nazarbayev University Model UN 1+1 Faculty Participant (Fall 2019)

Peer Review:

Ankara University Journal of the Faculty of Languages, History and Geography
Insight Turkey
Review of International Political Economy

BOOK REVIEWS RECEIVED

For *Japan’s Relations with Muslim Asia*

International Relations of the Asia-Pacific (2020)

Gdańskie Studia Azji Wschodniej (2020)

Insight Turkey (2021)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Department Award for Teaching Excellence, Department of International Affairs, University of
Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA
November 2025

Active Learning Summer Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA
May 2025

Teaching Academy, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA
Fellow
August 2023 – May 2024

Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Learning and Development, University of
Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA
September 2023

Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, USA
Non-Resident Fellow
August 2019 – July 2022

Dissertation of the Year Award (2018 – 2019)
Florida International University Department of Politics and International Relations

ISA Annual Convention Travel Grant (2019)
Funded by ISA, FIU Graduate and Professional Student Association, Department of Politics and International Relations, Green School of International and Public Affairs, and the Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies

ISA Annual Convention Travel Grant (2018)
Funded by ISA, FIU Department of Politics and International Relations, and Green School of International and Public Affairs

Research Grant (2017)
Funded by FIU Graduate and Professional Student Association and the Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies

ISA Annual Convention Travel Grant (2017)
Funded by FIU Graduate and Professional Student Association, Department of Politics and International Relations, Green School of International and Public Affairs, and the Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies

ISA Annual Convention Travel Grant (2016)
Funded by FIU Graduate and Professional Student Association and the Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies

ISA South Annual Conference Travel Grant (2015)
Funded by FIU Department of Politics and International Relations and Green School of International and Public Affairs

ISAC-ISSS Annual Conference Travel Grant (2014)
Funded by FIU Graduate and Professional Student Association, Department of Politics and International Relations, and Green School of International and Public Affairs

Krell International Relations Scholarship (2014 – 2015)
FIU Department of Politics and International Relations

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fieldwork in Japan, Summer 2017
Conducted fieldwork in Tokyo for doctoral dissertation with financial support from the Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies.

Fieldwork in Russia, September 2005

Conducted fieldwork in Sakhalin (Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Smirnykh, Nogliki) for master's thesis.

Fieldwork in Japan, October 2004

Conducted fieldwork in Hokkaido (Nemuro City and Rausu Town) for master's thesis.

RELEVANT SKILLS

Software

Proficient in ArcGIS geographic information systems software

Proficient in CorelDRAW software (for cartographic design)

Proficient in NVivo qualitative data analysis software

Proficient in SPSS statistical analysis software

Proficient in SQL data management software

Learning Management Systems

Proficient in Blackboard learning management system

Proficient in Canvas learning management system

Proficient in D2L learning management system

Proficient in Google Classroom learning management system

Proficient in Moodle learning management system

Languages

Advanced proficiency in Japanese (reading, speaking, and writing) CEFR C2

Intermediate proficiency in Russian (reading, speaking, and writing) CEFR B1

INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATOR

Center for Asian Studies, University of Georgia

Russian Flagship Program, University of Georgia

AFFILIATIONS

Association for Asian Studies

International Studies Association