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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Trinity College. Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, January 2013-

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2012

Dissertation: *Institutions by Imposition: Colonial Lessons for Contemporary State-building*
Committee: Richard Samuels (chair), Christopher Capozzola, Alexis Dudden, Roger Petersen, Kathleen Thelen

Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service. B.S. in Foreign Service, May 2003

PUBLICATIONS

“Placing the Colonial State in the Middle: The Comparative Method and the Study of Empires,”
Comparativ 19.2 (Leipzig, Germany: 2009): 107-19

“Book Review: Imperial Eclipse: Japan’s Strategic Thinking About Continental Asia Before
August 1945,” *The Journal of Northeast Asian History* 11.2 (2014)

“Book Review: Think Global, Fear Local: Sex, Violence, and Anxiety in Contemporary Japan,”
Journal of East Asian Studies 8.1 (2008)

WORK IN PROGRESS

*State-building by Imposition: Constructing a Modern State Amidst Resistance in Colonial Taiwan
and Philippines* (book manuscript in progress)

“State-building Amidst Resistance” (article manuscript under review)

“When Dysfunctional Institutions Lead to Successful Long-term Outcomes: The Case of Primary
Education in Colonial Philippines” (article manuscript in progress)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

U.S.-Japan Network for the Future Program, Cohort IV, Mansfield Foundation, 2016-2018

Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, Trinity College, 2014-2015

Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute, 2012 (declined)

Postdoctoral Fellowship, CDDRL, Stanford University, 2011-2012

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2009

Samuel Flagg Bemis Research Grant, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2008

Matsushita International Foundation Research Grant, 2008

Visiting Research Associate, Center for Global Political Economy, Waseda University, 2007-2008

Visiting Research Scholar, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, Summer 2006

SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS

“Administered Communities: The Making of a Strong State in Taiwan under Japanese Rule,”
Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Chicago, November 19, 2016

“State-building in the ‘Trenches’: Bureaucrats and Brokers in the Construction of Colonial
Governance in Taiwan and the Philippines,” invited talk, Harvard University, Dec 11, 2015

“State-building: A Problem of Political Authority,” invited talk, Rikkyo University, Tokyo, Japan,
January 10, 2015

“Kokka kensetsu to shokuminchi shugi: Beihi, Nichitai tōchi no hikaku [State-building and
Colonialism: A Comparison of Philippines under American Rule and Japan under Japanese
Rule],” invited talk, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan, January 9, 2015

“State-building: A Problem of Political Authority,” invited talk, University of Connecticut,
November 11, 2014

“The institutional Origin of State-building Failure,” American Political Science Association,
Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 29, 2013

“The Dilemma of ‘Accountable’ State-building: Establishing Education Institutions in Colonial
Taiwan versus the Philippines in the Early Twentieth Century,” Society for Historians of
American Foreign Relations, Annual Meeting, Hartford, June 29, 2012

“Forging Police Institutions under Foreign Occupation: A Dilemma for Democratic Governance,”
International Studies Association, Annual Convention, San Diego, April 3, 2012

“Building Institutions under Foreign Occupation: Police Reform in Colonial Taiwan versus the
Philippines,” CDDRL Research Seminar, Stanford University, January 19, 2012

“Building Institutions under Foreign Occupation: Colonial Taiwan versus the Philippines,”
invited talk, Sophia University, Tokyo, November 14, 2011

“Building Institutions under Foreign Occupation: Lessons from Japan in Taiwan and America in
the Philippines,” invited talk, Harvard University, November 2, 2011

“Building Colonial Governance in Early Twentieth Century Taiwan and the Philippines: Similar
Contexts, Different Outcomes,” Joint Conference of the Association for Asian Studies and the
International Convention of Asia Scholars, Honolulu, March 31, 2011

“Institutions by Imposition: Colonial Lessons for Contemporary State-Building,” Contemporary
Japanese Politics Study Group, Harvard University, October 1, 2010

“Institution-building under Foreign Occupations: Lessons from the Colonial Past,” American
Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 3, 2010

“Hikaku teikoku shugi kenkyū to Taiwan tōchi [Comparative Study of Empires and the
Colonization of Taiwan],” Waseda University Taiwan Studies Institute, Tokyo, July 24, 2008

“Seigun kankei to shokuminchi tōchi [Civil-Military Relations and Colonial Governance],” Eighth
Annual Waseda University Political Science Conference, Tokyo, March 8, 2008

TEACHING

Trinity College:

POLS 103: Introduction to Comparative Politics
POLS 256: State and Society in Comparative Perspective
FYSM 270: Democracy in the US and Abroad (seminar)
POLS 331: Comparative Politics of East Asia (seminar)
POLS 354: Authoritarianism in Eurasia
POLS 418: State Formation and State-building (seminar)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Project Manager:

The Governance Project, Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, January-December 2012

Reviewer:

International Studies Quarterly

Member:

Global College Subcommittee, Bicentennial Strategic Planning Commission, Trinity College, June 2016-January 2017
Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Urban and Global Studies, Trinity College, September 2014-
Faculty Research Committee, Trinity College, January-May 2015

AFFILIATIONS

Associate-in-Research:

Council of East Asian Studies, Yale University, February 2013-
Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, February 2012-

Academic associations:

American Political Science Association
Association for Asian Studies
International Studies Association
Social Science History Association

LANGUAGES

English and Japanese (both native)