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## **Education**

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**Present:** Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science (Political Theory). University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Dissertation title: *Translational Moments: Citizenship in Meiji Japan*. Degree expected September, 2017. Committee Chair: Anthony Pagden (Political Science)

2014-2015: 10 Month Intensive Modern Japanese program, Inter-University Center for Japanese Language. Yokohama, Japan

Summer 2014: Summer Intensive *kanbun* program, Inter-University Center for Japanese Language. Yokohama, Japan

2010-2011 : Visiting Scholar, Institute d'Études Politiques de Bordeaux (France)

2009-2011: M.A., Political Science (Political Theory and Political Behavior). Washington State University, Pullman WA

2004-2006: M.Sc., Politics (Political Theory and Comparative Politics), University of Edinburgh (UK), Thesis title: *Normalizing Putin's Russia: Legitimacy, Power, and Language in the Search for a Post-Revolutionary Society*

2001-2002: Study abroad at Institute for International Education, St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University, Russia

1999-2004: B.A. Russian, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI

1999-2004: B.A. Political Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI

## **Publications**

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Branstetter, John. 2017. "The Leviathan's Conscience: Hobbesian Human Nature and Moral Judgment." Forthcoming in *Political Research Quarterly*. Available online at *Political Research Quarterly-Online First*: <http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/prq/0/0>

Ridout, Travis, Erika Fowler, John Branstetter, and Borah. P. 2014. "Politics as Usual? When and Why Traditional Actors Often Dominate YouTube Campaigning." *Journal of Information Technology and Politics* 12 (3).

Branstetter, John. 2011. "'Bridging the Divide: Normatively Anchored, Problem Driven Research in Political Communication.'" *French Politics* 9 (2).

Branstetter, John. 2011. "The Challenge of New Media in French and American Politics: Concepts, Methods, and Opportunities." *French Politics* 9 (1).

## **Translations**

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Kasai, Hiroataka. 2017. *Democratic Meltdown: The Nuclear State of Exception as the State of Emergency*. Translated by John Branstetter. Forthcoming in *Positions: Asia Critique*.

## Conferences

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- 2017 Panel Organizer and Chair, “Configuring ‘The People’: Semiotics and Subjectivity in Modern Japan. Asian Studies Conference, Japan. Tokyo, July 8-9.
- 2016 “Eastern Ethics, Western Citizenship: Nakae Chōmin’s Rousseauian Confucianism” Presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Asian Studies Conference, Japan. Tokyo, July 2-3.
- 2016 “The Perils of Translation: Nakae Chōmin and *Minyaku yakkai*’s Response to Crisis” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego CA, March 24-26.
- 2014 “The Nature of Governmentality: The Vitalistic Naturalism of J.S. Mill in Fukuzawa Yukichi’s Japan. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles CA, April 17-20.
- 2013 “The Leviathan’s Conscience: Hobbesian Human Nature and Moral Judgment” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles CA, March 26-28.
- 2013 Ridout, T., Fowler, E. and Branstetter, J. “Political Advertising in the 21st Century: Rise of the YouTube Ad”. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles CA, March 26-28.
- 2012 “Normative Occlusion and the Deliberative Paradigm in New Media Research” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland OR, March 26-28.
- 2012 “Digital Discourse and Liberation Through Reason” Presented at the Eighth International Conference on Technology, Knowledge, and Society, Los Angeles CA, January 15-17.
- 2011 “The (Broken?) Promise of Digital Democracy: An Early Assessment” Presented at the Seventh International Conference on Technology, Knowledge, and Society in Bilbao, Spain. March 25-27.
- 2010 “Political Advertising in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Rise of the YouTube Ad” Poster Presented at the 2010 Washington State University Research Showcase, April 1.
- 2005 “Reconceptualizing Legitimacy: Political Legitimacy as Foucauldian Discourse” Presented at 2005 PSA Northern Graduate Conference. Edinburgh, UK.

## Awards and Honors

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- 2017 Terasaki Center Fellowship for Dissertation Research \$5000
- 2016-17 Aratani Field Experience Fellowship \$25,000
- 2015 Sasakawa Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship \$5,000
- 2014-2015 SMBC Global Foundation Tuition Scholarship \$7,000; Japan Foundation Tuition Scholarship ¥900,000; IUC Scholar Tuition Scholarship \$5,000
- 2014 Japan Business Association Fellowship for Japanese Studies \$10,000
- 2013 UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellow \$6,000
- 2012 UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellow \$6,000
- 2012 Terasaki Center Sasakawa Fellowship for Japanese Language Study \$4,000
- 2012 The International Journal of Technology, Knowledge, and Society International Excellence Award
- 2012 International Technology, Knowledge and Society Conference Graduate Scholar Award

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2011 Washington State University-University of Bordeaux Fellowship \$5,000

## **Teaching and Research**

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*Spring, 2018*, UCLA Lecturer, PS 116- Marxism  
*Winter, 2017*, UCLA Lecturer, PS 119 – Intro to Comparative Political Theory  
*Fall, 2017*, UCLA Lecturer, PS 119 – Chinese and Japanese Confucian Political Thought  
*Summer, 2017*, UCLA Teaching Assistant, J8 – 1<sup>st</sup> Year Intensive Japanese (Language)  
*Spring 2017*, UCLA Lecturer, PS M115c – Seven Pathways to Citizenship  
*Summer 2016*, UCLA Teaching Assistant, Japanese 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Intensive Japanese (Language)  
*Spring 2016*, UCLA Teaching Assistant, Japanese 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Japanese (Language)  
*Winter 2016*, UCLA Teaching Assistant, Japanese 2- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Japanese (Language)  
*Fall 2015*, UCLA Teaching Assistant, PS 10- Introduction to Political Theory  
*Summer, 2015*: UCLA Lecturer, PS 10- Introduction to Political Theory  
*Spring, 2014*: UCLA Teaching Assistant, PS M115c- Seven Pathways to Citizenship  
*Winter, 2014*: UCLA Teaching Assistant, PS 10- Introduction to Political Philosophy  
*Fall, 2013*: UCLA Teaching Assistant, PS 10- Introduction to Political Philosophy  
*Spring, 2013*: UCLA Teaching Assistant, PS M155c- Seven Pathways to Citizenship  
*Winter, 2013*: UCLA Teaching Assistant, PS 20- Introduction to International Relations  
*Fall 2012*: UCLA Teaching Assistant, PS 10- Introduction to Political Philosophy  
*Summer, 2011*: Washington State University Research Assistant  
*Fall, 2010*: Institut d'études politiques (IEP) de Bordeaux: Research Assistant; Secretary for the American Political Science Association French Politics Group  
*Summer, 2010*: Washington State University: Afghan Masters of Public Policy and Administration Thesis Tutor  
*Summer, 2010*: Washington State University: POL S 301- American Political Thought  
*Spring/Summer 2010*: Washington State University: Research Assistant  
*Fall 2009*: Washington State University POL S 437- Classical Political Thought: An Introduction to Political Theory  
2007: Nova Group, Gifu, Japan, Assistant Instructor Trainer  
2006: Nova Group, Gifu, Japan, EFL Instructor  
*Spring, 2005*: University of Edinburgh: Tutor, Politics 101: Introduction to British Government

## **Language Training**

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Modern Japanese  
*Kanbun*  
Classical Japanese  
Russian  
French