

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH	U.S.-Japan Relations; Modern Japanese History; World War II; Postwar Japanese Society; Military History; International Relations; Diplomatic History; and Digital History	
EDUCATION	University of Washington PhD in History, funded through Spring 2031	09/2025–Present
	MA in International Studies (Japan) (3.84 GPA, Honors) Seattle, WA	09/2017–
	- Thesis: “Passive Resistance: Evacuation in World War II Japan”	06/2019
	- Graduate Advisors: Mark Metzler, Kenneth Pyle	
	Stanford’s Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies Diploma in Japanese Yokohama, Japan	09/2019– 09/2020
	Whitman College BA in Asian Studies/Japanese (3.57 GPA, Distinction) Walla Walla, WA	09/2008– 05/2011
	- Thesis: “Reconstructing the ‘Other’ in Meiji Japan: The Ambiguous Case of Basil Hall Chamberlain”	
	- Undergraduate Advisors: Akira Takemoto, Jonathan Walters	
	Kansai Gaidai University Study Abroad, Asian Studies Program (A Grade, Merit) Osaka, Japan	01/2010– 05/2010
	Columbia Basin College Running Start Program, Japan Studies (3.94 GPA, Distinction) Pasco, WA	09/2006– 06/2008
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	University of Washington Reader and Grader	09/2025– 03/2026
	- <i>Origins of Modern Japan</i> (Mark Metzler) Autumn 2025	
	- <i>Japan Since the Early 20th Century</i> (Mark Metzler) Winter 2026	
	The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) <u>Senior Project Manager</u>	01/2024– 09/2025
	- Collaborated with advisory committees, scholars, experts, and research teams to manage all stages and day-to-day operations of NBR’s fellowships, programs, and professional development courses.	
	- With long-term funding secured from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, the Henry Luce Foundation, and the Carnegie Corporation of NY, established several resident and non-resident fellowships for advanced Chinese and Japanese study including the Japan Studies Research Fellowship, the Ellings-Korduba Research Fellowship, the Bridge to Asia Fellowship Program, and the Chinese Language Fellowship Program.	
	- As project lead for NBR’s Next Generation/Fellowship team, oversaw fundraising, grant writing, and budget management (securing more than \$3 million in funding for developmental programs).	
	- Managed the Slade Gorton Policy Center and Gorton Leaders Program, providing professional development for hundreds of program alumni.	
	- Provided publication and editorial support for commentaries, special reports, and major peer-reviewed and edited volumes such as <i>Asia Policy</i> and <i>Strategic Asia</i> .	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Managed the research, design, and publication of major volumes, including an energy storage report, policy workshops in D.C., and Jakarta launch events. <p><u>NBR Project Manager</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported similar breadth of responsibility as Senior Project Manager but with less management authority. <p><u>NBR Editorial Assistant and Research Intern</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewed draft material, drafted material for publication, coordinated revisions with contributors, and assisted in research management. <p>University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies Teaching Assistant, Reader/Grader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Emergence of Postwar Japan</i> (Kenneth Pyle) Spring 2018 - <i>Modern History of Japan</i> (Mark Metzler) Winter 2019 <p>University of Washington East Asia Center/Japan Studies Communications Assistant</p> <p>Self-Employed Private Academic Tutor: English, Japanese, and ESL</p> <p>Kennewick, WA School District Community Education Instructor: Japanese and History</p>	<p>05/2021– 12/2023</p> <p>11/2019– 06/2020</p> <p>09/2017– 05/2018</p> <p>06/2014– 08/2017</p> <p>09/2011– 05/2015</p>
POLICY COMMENTARIES AND MEDIA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interview, “Chūgoku-hatsu no Okinawa ‘nise no rekishi’ jōhō, Bei shikisha ‘Nichi-Bei Dōmei no jakutaika ga nerai ka’” [China’s false Okinawa history — U.S. experts suspect bid to weaken US-Japan alliance] in <i>Asahi Shimbun</i> (Tokyo), “Yomitoku sekai no anpo kiki” [Decoding Global Security Crises] series. Interviewer: Yoshihiro Makino, https://www.asahi.com/articles/ASV3F10B9V3FUHBI009M.html. 2. “Invoking History: Xi Jinping’s Challenge to Okinawan Sovereignty and the U.S.-Japan Alliance,” <i>Diplomat</i>, December 24, 2025, https://thediplomat.com/2025/12/invoking-history-xi-jinpings-challenge-to-okinawan-sovereignty-and-the-us-japan-alliance. 3. “Japan’s WWII Anniversary Strategy and China’s Memory Politics,” <i>Diplomat</i>, June 28, 2025, https://thediplomat.com/2025/06/japans-wwii-anniversary-strategy-and-chinas-memory-politics. 4. “Japan’s Technology Paradox: The Challenge of Chinese Disinformation” with K. Thibaut, Atlantic Council Digital Forensics Research Lab, March 25, 2025, https://dfrlab.org/2025/03/25/japan-tech-chinese-disinformation. 	<p>03/16/2026</p> <p>12/24/2025</p> <p>06/28/2025</p> <p>03/25/2025</p>
SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Competing Narratives of Defeat and Surrender: Reassessing Elite and Civilian Perspectives in Postwar Japan,” <i>International History Review</i>. 2. “MacArthur’s ‘Phantom Proclamation’ Crisis: Rewriting the Rules of Japan’s Occupation,” <i>Pacific Historical Review</i>. 3. “The U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey’s Flawed Legacy: Preconceptions and Missed Opportunities,” 2025. 	<p>Under peer review.</p> <p>Under peer review.</p> <p>Being finalized for submission.</p>

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED	<p>4. <i>One Hundred Million Hearts: Firsthand Accounts of Japan's World War II Home Front</i>, complete book-length manuscript.</p> <p>5. "The Impact of Urban Evacuation in Japan during WWII," <i>Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus</i> 19, Issue 19, No. 1 (2021). Peer reviewed.</p> <p>6. "The 'Unrelated' Spirits of Aoyama Cemetery: A 21st Century Reckoning with the Foreign Employees of the Meiji Period," <i>Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus</i> 19, Issue 8, No. 1 (2021). Peer reviewed.</p> <p>7. "The Japanese Village at Dugway Proving Ground: An Unexamined Context to the Firebombing of Japan," <i>Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus</i> 16, Issue 8, No. 3 (2018). Peer reviewed.</p>	Being finalized for submission. 10/2021 04/2021 04/2018
PRESENTATIONS	<p>1. "A Cartography of Wartime Record Destruction in Postwar Japan, 1945," Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, March 2026, Vancouver, BC.</p> <p>2. "Social Statecraft and the Arc of Japanese Internationalism: The Influence of Postwar Popular Sentiment, 1945 to Reiwa," 31st Annual Japan Studies Association Conference, January 2025, Honolulu, HI. Also, chair of conference panel: "Improvising Identity Through Planning in Japan."</p> <p>3. "A Civilian Perspective on the Formation and Foundations of Japan's WWII History and Postwar Identity," Western Conference for the Association of Asian Studies (WCAAS), October 2024, Weber State University, UT.</p> <p>4. "Toward Unrest on the Japanese Homefront: A Previously Unexamined Contributor to the Surrender and Design of Postwar Japan," Asian Studies Conference Japan (ASCJ), July 2023, Sophia University, Tokyo.</p> <p>5. "Tokyo and the Impacts of Evacuation in World War II Japan," Asian Historical Economics Conference, September 2020, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. Invited paper (postponed due to Covid-19).</p> <p>6. "Daguei jikkenjō no Nihon Mura," Inter-University Center Graduate Conference, June 2020, online.</p> <p>7. "Passive Resistance: Evacuation in WWII Japan," 22nd Annual Harvard East Asia Society Conference (HEAS), Feb. 2019, Harvard University, MA. Subsequently presented at Asian Languages and Lit. Graduate Colloquium, May 2019, University of Washington, WA.</p> <p>8. "The Japanese Village at Dugway Proving Ground: An Unexamined Context to the Firebombing of Japan," Western Conference for the Association of Asian Studies (WCAAS), October 2018, Soka University of America, CA.</p> <p>9. "A Japanese Place in Utah History: The Development of Napalm in WWII," Annual Colloquium on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, December 2017, University of Washington, WA.</p> <p>10. "Reconstructing the 'Other' in Meiji Japan: The Ambiguous Case of Basil Hall Chamberlain," Whitman Undergraduate Conference, April 2011, Whitman College, WA.</p>	03/2026 01/2025 10/2024 07/2023 09/2020 06/2020 02/2019 10/2018 12/2017 04/2011
AWARDS	<p>UW Center for Japan Studies Academic Merit Award An award of \$6,000 for extraordinary achievement in Japan Studies.</p>	03/2026

AWARDS CONTINUED	<p>UW Japan Studies Travel and Research Grant Funding of \$500 to present at AAS in Vancouver, B.C.</p> <p>UW Graduate School Presentation Award Funding of \$750 to present at AAS in Vancouver, B.C.</p> <p>UW Graduate School Top Scholar Award Three quarters of tuition provided to top student prospects by the UW Graduate School in partnership with the Department of History.</p> <p>UW History Departmental Fellowship A nine-month stipend of \$30,000 to allow focus on coursework and research in the first year of doctoral training.</p> <p>Blakemore Professional Tutorial Award Professional Tutorial for specialized study on the language of mass media in WWII Japan, Inter-University Center (IUC), Yokohama</p> <p>National Blakemore-Freeman Fellowship in Advanced Japanese Studies Fully funded academic year award for intensive Japanese language studies, Inter-University Center (IUC), Yokohama</p> <p>Graduate Book Prize for Outstanding Achievement in International Studies UW Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies</p> <p>UW Japan Studies Program Travel and Research Grant Presentation at Harvard East Asia Society Conference (HEAS)</p> <p>UW Japan Studies Program Travel and Research Grant Original research at U.S. National Archives in College Park, MD</p> <p>Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship U.S. Department of Education: Full academic year for Japanese studies</p> <p>Kitto Scholarship for Academic Merit in Japan Studies UW Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies</p> <p>UW Japan Studies Program Travel and Research Grant Presentation at the Western Conference for the Association of Asian Studies</p> <p>Ivy Hovey Fitch Endowed Scholarship in International Studies UW Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies</p> <p>Ayako Betty Murakami Scholarship in Japan Studies UW Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies</p> <p>Japan Studies Graduate Scholarship UW Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, Japan Studies</p> <p>Academic Merit Scholarship Kansai Gaidai University, Osaka, Japan</p> <p>Residency Award: Tekisuijuku Japanese Language House Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA</p>	<p>03/2026</p> <p>03/2026</p> <p>09/2025– 06/2026</p> <p>09/2025– 06/2026</p> <p>06/2019– 09/2020</p> <p>09/2019– 06/2020</p> <p>06/2019</p> <p>02/2019</p> <p>10/2018</p> <p>09/2018– 05/2019</p> <p>09/2018</p> <p>06/2018</p> <p>05/2018</p> <p>05/2018</p> <p>09/2017– 05/2018</p> <p>06/2010</p> <p>09/2009– 05/2010</p>
LANGUAGE	English (Native) and Japanese (Advanced-Low)	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Member; American Historical Association (AHA), Member; Japan Studies Association (JSA), Member; Modern Japan History Association (MJHA), Member; National Association of Fellowship Advisors (NAFA), Member; National History Day (NHD), Washington State, Judge; Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Member; World Affairs Council, Seattle, Member; and Young Professionals International Network, Seattle (YPIN), Former Board Member.	

