

Joshua A. Williams

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in International Studies

University of Washington

Seattle, WA

Expected Late 2016/Early 2017

Doctoral candidacy received in March 2015:

- Dissertation research focuses on political communication through Internet technologies in Japan; three independent, but related, projects: 1) A qualitative analysis of the processes leading to the 2013 electoral law revision legalizing the use of online electoral campaigning; 2) A multi-method quantitative analysis of the effects of online campaigning on the 2014 general election; and 3) A content analysis of social media posts by members of the Japanese National Diet, notably on Twitter
- Committee: Dr. Robert Pekkanen (Chair), Dr. Philip Howard [Oxford University], Dr. Sabine Lang, and Dr. Emma Spiro
- Statistical Concentration in International Studies (awarded 2016)

Classes:

- Research Tutorial; Introduction to Japanese Studies; States, Markets, and Societies seminar; Global Communication Systems seminar; Law, Rights, and Governance seminar; Teaching International Studies; Categorical Data Analysis; Advanced Japanese for Professionals 1-3; Maximum Likelihood Methods; Causal Methods; and Data Visualization

Master of International Public Affairs

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI

Received 05/2013

Capstone Project:

- "The MCC Incentive Effect: Quantifying Incentives for Policy Change in an Ex-Post Reward System," prepared for the Millennium Challenge Corporation and Workshop in International Public Affairs, with Ingrid Aune, Yanyan Chen, and Christina Miller (Published October 2013, La Follette School of Public Affairs Workshop Reports)

Classes:

- Workshop in International Public Affairs; Public Budgeting; Japanese for Politics & Government; Public Program Evaluation; Benefit-Cost Analysis; Qualitative Methods for Social Science Research; Monetary and Financial Policy in the Wake of the Financial Crisis; Advanced Statistical Methods for Public Policy Analysis; Trade, Competition, and Governance in a Global Economy; Political Economy of Corruption & Good Governance; Introduction to Policy Analysis; Microeconomic Policy Analysis; International Governance; Contemporary Topics: Chinese Economy

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

Boston University

Boston, MA

Received 05/2005

- Minor in Japanese Language and Literature
- Study Abroad Experience: Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies, Kyoto, Japan, 09/2004-05/2005

Awards, Certifications, Fellowships, and Scholarships

- *International Policy Institute Cybersecurity Fellow*, University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies, International Policy Institute (2016)
- *Statistics Concentration in International Studies* Letter of Recognition, University of Washington, Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (Spring 2016)
- *Space Security Initiative Junior Research Fellow*, University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies, International Policy Institute (2015-16 Academic Year)
- *Kitto Scholarship for Japan Studies*, University of Washington (2015-2016 Full Academic Year)
- *Certificate in International Negotiation and Crisis Management*, University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies (July 2015)
- *Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship* for Japanese (Offered for 2014-15 Full Academic Year; Accepted Winter and Spring Quarters)
- *Gorton Center Global Leaders Program Fellow*, Slade Gorton International Policy Center at the National Bureau of Asian

Research, Seattle, WA (2014-15)

- 2013 *Marykathryn Kubat Award for Graduate Student Research*, American Association for Budget and Program Analysis (Awarded 07/2013) with Ingrid Aune, Yanyan Chen, and Christina Miller
- *Pi Alpha Alpha (PAA)*, the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration (Membership 05/2013)
- Japanese Language Proficiency Test—Level 2 (Passed 12/2007)
- *Eagle Scout* rank, Boy Scouts of America (Awarded 04/1999)

Grants Awarded

- University of Washington, International Policy Institute Cybersecurity Initiative Research Grant: \$1,500, Summer 2016
- University of Washington, Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation Travel Grant: \$300, Spring 2016
- University of Washington, Graduate and Professional Senate Travel Grant: \$300, Spring 2016
- University of Washington, Japan Studies Program Research Grant: \$3,500, Summer 2015
- University of Washington, Japan Studies Program Research Grant: \$3,000, Summer 2014
- University of Washington, Job and Gertrud Tamaki Professorship Research Grant: \$3,000, Summer 2014

Publications

- “Netizens Decide 2014? A Look at Party Campaigning Online” in Robert Pekkanen, Steven Reed, and Ethan Scheiner (eds.) *Japan Decides 2014: The Japanese General Election*, with Douglas Miller (2016). London: Palgrave-Macmillan.
- “The MCC Incentive Effect: Quantifying Incentives for Policy Change in an Ex-Post Reward System,” prepared for the Millennium Challenge Corporation and Workshop in International Public Affairs, with Ingrid Aune, Yanyan Chen, and Christina Miller (Published October 2013, La Follette School of Public Affairs Workshop Reports; available at <http://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/publications/workshops/2013/MCC.pdf>).
- “2012 Ballot Measure Petition Signature Costs,” prepared for *Ballotpedia.org* with Damien Gilbert; first published August 2013, *Ballotpedia.org*; available at http://web1.ballotpedia.org/2012_ballot_measure_petition_signature_costs.

Seminars, Colloquia, Roundtables, and Invited Lectures

- Presenter, *Does Twitter Affect Electoral Outcomes? The Case of the 2014 Japanese General Election*. 112th American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Japan Political Studies Group Business Meeting, Philadelphia (September 3, 2016)
- Presenter, *Japanized Automation and Political Action: New Bots On Twitter and Social media*. 66th International Communications Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Algorithms, Automation and Politics Preconference, Fukuoka, Japan (June 8, 2016)
- Poster Presenter, *The Legalization of Digital Electoral Campaigning in Japan*. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (April 6-10, 2016)
- Co-Presenter (with Douglas Miller), “*Plight of the Cetaceans: The Case for Effective International Governance of Whales*.” 74th Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, Chicago (April 6-10, 2016)
- Participant, “*Electoral Campaigning and the Internet in Japan in the 2010s*.” The 15th consecutive Association of Asian Studies Dissertation Workshop, Seattle. (March 28-31, 2016)
- Presenter, “*The Legalization of Online Electoral Campaigning in Japan*”. Research Design and Practice in Transnational and Global Studies, University of Tokyo and University of Duisburg-Essen Joint Summer Program, Tokyo, Japan. (September 15, 2015)
- Co-Presenter (with Emma Spiro), “*Tweeting the Japanese General Election of 2014 – A First Look*.” University of Washington Workshop on “Voting, Elections, and Electoral Systems.” (June 5, 2015)
- Co-Presenter (with Douglas Miller), “*Netizens Decide 2014? A Look at Party Campaigning Online*.” Japanese Studies Graduate Conference, University of California, Berkeley. (April 17-18, 2015)
- Presenter, “*Bottoms up to Japan’s Abe*,” The Bridge Lab, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (November 13, 2014)
- Presenter, “The ‘Making the Sausage’ of My Research Proposal ‘Legal Tweets, Lawful Posts, and Licit Status Updates: Electoral Campaigning and the Internet in Japan in the 2010s,’” JSIS 595, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (October 9, 2014)
- Presenter, “*Legalizing Tweets: Elections, Politics, and the Internet in Japan in the 2010s*,” JSIS 595 / LAW 554 Research Tutorial 2014 Capstone Workshop, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (May 23, 2014)
- Presenter, “Elections, Politics, and the Internet in Japan: The Shaping of Japanese Society in the Current Digital Era,” University of Washington East Asian Library, Seattle, WA (January 27, 2014)
- Presenter, “*The MCC Effect: Quantifying Incentives for Policy Change in an Ex-Post Reward System*,” American Association for Budget and Program Analysis, Washington D.C. (July 9, 2013)

Research Experience

Predoorate Research Associate II

University of Washington

Seattle, WA

09/2013 – Present

- Created and maintained database on international institutions worldwide (with a focus on East Asia), and provided quantitative analysis and data visualization of the database for *Asian Designs: Governance in the Contemporary World Order* (Cornell University Press, 2016).
- Provided research assistance for articles and book manuscripts on a variety of topics, including on East Asian institutions, events, civil society, and technology.
- Created budgets for research grant proposals, including large multi-institutional projects.
- Worked for Dr. Saadia M. Pekkanen, Japan Studies Program, and the Jackson School of International Studies PhD Program.

Staff Writer

Lucy Burns Institute

Madison, WI

06/2011 – 10/2013

- Led project to research, catalog, and analyze state-level historical referenda for *Ballotpedia*, a non-partisan wiki dedicated to state-level government and politics.
- Created and maintained database to track historical ballot measures; tracked 7,387 measure pages and 36,668 page components during tenure.
- Created and maintained database to track 2013 recall elections; tracked and maintained pages for 255 political recall campaigns during tenure.
- Organized, evaluated, researched, built, and analyzed content comparing state-level governments, state elections, local governance, and the U.S. judicial system.
- Created original reports and analyses for public consumption; topics include historical ballot measure elections results, voter guides comparisons, petition signature cost comparisons, gubernatorial power comparisons, judicial disciplinary agencies comparisons, and United States Senators and Representatives net worth comparisons.
- Tracked projects for internal evaluation and created internal and external user guides.
- Provided training and mentoring to new staff members.

Writer and Japanese-English Translator/Interpreter

Self-Employed

Madison, WI

12/2010 - 06/2011

Tottori, Japan

03/2009 - 12/2010

- Researched and wrote over 500 articles about Japan for online and print magazine publication.
- Revised 6,700+ entries of *Taishukan Genius Japanese-English dictionary 3rd Ed.* (2011).
- Taught English to Japanese individuals of all ages.
- Interpreted and translated for individuals, groups, and regional government agencies in person and electronically.
- Gave cultural presentations to groups of up to 100 local Japanese people through local nonprofit organizations.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Program in English as a Second Language

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI

08/2012 – 05/2013

- Utilized multicultural skills and teaching abilities to provide English lessons to students from diverse backgrounds, such as Africa, East Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.
- Independently mastered course materials and applied organizational skills to develop comprehensive and engaging daily lessons, activities, and tests.

Instructional Design Staff Writer

Web Courseworks

Madison, WI

08/2011 - 01/2012

- Researched and wrote content for six original e-learning courses, including topics related to human resources.
- Provided proofing and quality control to other staff writers, and performed client-requested project revisions.

English Teacher and Area Leader

GEOS Corporation

Okayama, Japan

08/2005 - 03/2009

- Provided English language lessons for Japanese people of all ages (3-80+) and abilities (Beginner-Advanced), including university students, professors, and professionals.
- Planned and taught an average of 25 hours of English lessons per week in addition to other duties.

- Regularly provided skill assessments for students and potential clients.
- Led and supported a regional group of approximately 10 international teachers.
- Managed and maintained the daily functions of a private language institute with 50-100 students, including school records, email and phone correspondence, product sales, and property security.
- Supported the creation of teaching and study materials that were provided for use by the company throughout Japan.

Professional Associations

- American Political Science Association (2016 - Present)
- Midwest Political Science Association (2015 - Present)
- International Communications Association (2014 - Present)
- Japan-America Society of the State of Washington (2013 - Present)