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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2003. Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and American Politics. Japanese Ministry of Education Scholar at the University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Law and Politics, 2001–2003.
- M.A. in International Studies: China, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, 1997. Taiwan government scholarship for advanced Chinese language training at National Taiwan Normal University, 1996–1997.
- B.A. in Politics and Government and Asian Studies, University of Puget Sound, 1994 Pacific Rim/Asia Study-Travel Program, 1993–1994, and University of Massachusetts Intensive Chinese Program in Taiwan, Summers 1995 and 1992.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Vermont, 2019–present.
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Vermont, 2010–2019.
Visiting researcher, Institute for Social Sciences, University of Tokyo, October 2019–March 2020.
Faculty Associate, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, 2018–present.
Visiting researcher, Faculty of Policy Studies, Chuo University, August 2012–November 2013.
Visiting researcher, Faculty of Foreign Studies, Nanzan University, April 2012–August 2012.
Research member of group “Values and Violence,” Centre for the Study of Civil War, Peace Research Institute, Oslo, Norway, 2006–2011.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Vermont, 2005–2010.
Visiting Professor and Research Associate, Department of Sociology and Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, 2004–2005.
Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2003–2004.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Carlson, Matthew and Steven Reed. *Political Corruption and Scandals in Japan*. Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 2018.
- Carlson, Matthew. *Money Politics in Japan: New Rules, Old Practices*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2007.

Takashi Inoguchi and Matthew Carlson. *Governance and Democracy in Asia*. Melbourne, Australia: Trans Pacific Press, 2006. Translated into Japanese (*Ajia no Seiji to Minshushugi*), published by Nishimura Shoten, 2008.

Articles

- Carlson, Matthew. "Sontaku and Political Scandals in Japan," *Public Administration and Policy: An Asia-Pacific Journal* 23 (1): 33–45, 2020.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Policy Failure Scandals as Political Scandals in Japan," *Asian Survey* 57 (5): 933–955, 2017.
- Carlson, Matthew and Steven Reed. "Election Law Violations as Campaign Effort: Turnout in Japan's House of Councillors Elections," *Democratization* 20 (7): 1243–1267, December 2013.
- Nelson, Travis and Matthew Carlson. "Charmed by China? Popular Perceptions of Chinese Influence in Asia," *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 13 (4): 477–499, December 2012.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Financing Democracy in Japan: The Allocation and Consequences of Government Subsidies to Political Parties," *Party Politics* 18 (3): 391–408, May 2012.
- Carlson, Matthew and Mark Turner. "Popular Perceptions of Political Regimes in East and Southeast Asia," *Democratization*, 16 (2): 375–396, April 2009.
- Carlson, Matthew and Mark Turner. "Public Support for Democratic Governance in Southeast Asia," *Asian Journal of Political Science*, 16 (3): 219–239, December 2008.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Politicians' Response to Japan's Postal Privatization Battle: The Continuing Reverberations of Rebels-Assassins Conflicts for the Liberal Democratic Party," *Asian Survey*, 48 (4): 603–625, July/August 2008.
- Carlson, Matthew and Travis Nelson. "Anti-Americanism in Asia? Factors Shaping International Perceptions of American Influence," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, 8 (3): 303–324, August 2008.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Public Opinion on Dimensions of Governance in East Asia: An Analysis of Citizen and Expert Evaluations," *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 8 (3): 285–303, December 2007.
- Carlson, Matthew and Ola Listhaug. "Citizens' Perceptions of Human Rights Practices: An Analysis of 55 Countries," *Journal of Peace Research* 44 (4): 465–483, July 2007.
- Carlson, Matthew and Ola Listhaug. "Public Opinion on the Role of Religion in Political Leadership: A Multi-level Analysis of Sixty-three Countries," *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 7 (3): 251–271, December 2006.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Electoral Reform and the Evolution of Informal Norms in Japan," *Asian Survey* 46 (3): 362–380, May/June 2006.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Electoral Reform and the Costs of Personal Support: The Case of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party," *Journal of East Asian Studies* 6 (2): 233–258, May 2006.

Book Chapters

- Carlson, Matthew and Steven Reed. "Scandals during the Abe Administrations." In Robert Pekkanen, Steven Reed, Ethan Scheiner, and Dan Smith eds., *Japan Decides 2017: The Japanese General Election*. New York and London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, pp. 109–26.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Japan." In Pippa Norris and Andrea Abel Van Es, eds., *Checkbook Elections: Political Finance in Comparative Perspective*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 103–120.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Komeito, Soka Gakkai, and Money in Japanese Politics." In George Ehrhardt, Axel Klein, Levi McLaughlin and Steven Reed, eds., *Komeito: Politics and Religion in Japan*. Institute for East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2014, pp. 163–86.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Campaign Finance Irregularities, Sex Scandals, and the Election." In Robert Pekkanen, Steven Reed and Ethan Scheiner, eds., *Japan Decides 2012*. New York and London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013, pp. 154–169.
- Carlson, Matthew. "East and Southeast Asia." In Jeffrey Haynes, ed., *Routledge Handbook of Democratization*. New York and Oxon: Routledge, 2012, pp. 129–144.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Money in Japanese Politics: Regulation and Reform." In Alisa Gaunder, ed., *Routledge Handbook of Japanese Politics*. New York and Oxon: Routledge, 2011, pp. 70–80.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Leadership, Democracy, and the Impact of Religion: An Analysis of AsiaBarometer and the World Values Surveys." In Takashi Inoguchi, ed., *Human Beliefs and Values in Incredible Asia*. Tokyo: Akashi Shoten, 2008, pp. 367–382.
- Carlson, Matthew. "Citizens' Evaluations of Political Rights in Asia." In Takashi Inoguchi, Akihiko Tanaka, Shigeto Sonoda, and Timur Dadabaev, eds., *Human Beliefs and Values in Striding Asia*. Tokyo: Akashi Shoten, 2006, pp. 323–337.
- Carlson, Matthew and Taku Sugawara. "Support for Democracy and Freedom in Japan." In Matthew Carlson and Takashi Inoguchi, eds., *Governance and Democracy in Asia*, Melbourne, Australia: Trans Pacific Press, 2006, pp. 20–43.

Book Reviews

- Daniel M. Smith. *Dynasties and Democracy: The Inherited Incumbency Advantage in Japan* (Stanford University Press, 2018). *Perspectives on Politics* 18:1 (2020): 307–308.
- Matthew Shugart and Martin Wattenberg. *The Best of Both Worlds: Mixed-Member Electoral Systems* (Oxford University Press, 2001). *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 3:2 (2002): 289–302.

Textbook Chapter

Carlson, Matthew. "Japan: The Politics of Enormous Change." In Paulette Kurzer, ed., *Comparative Governance: Political Structure and Diversity across the Globe*. New York: MacGraw Hill, 2019.

Carlson, Matthew and Ellis Krauss. "Japan: The Politics of Enormous Change." In Paulette Kurzer, ed., *Comparative Governance: Political Structure and Diversity across the Globe*. New York: MacGraw Hill, 2016.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Election Violations as Political Corruption," paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2, 2018.

"Political Transparency and the 1975 Miki Reforms," paper presented at the Harvard Symposium on Japanese Politics, August 29, 2018.

"China and Its Neighbors: Explaining Individual Perceptions of Chinese Influence" (with Travis Nelson), paper presented at the International Studies Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, February 17-20, 2010.

"Why East Asians React Differently to Democratic Regime Change: Exploring the Patterns and Sources of their Subjective Democratization" (with Doh Chull Shin), paper presented at the International Society of Political Psychology Meeting, Portland, OR, July 4-7, 2007.

"The Impact of Micro-level Filters on Citizens' Perceptions of Human Rights," paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 16-18, 2006.

"Human Rights and Political Repression: A Cross-Country Analysis" (with Ola Listhaug), paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005.

"The Strategic Response of Politicians and Parties to Japan's Electoral System Change," paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, September 1-4, 2004.

"The Costs of Japan's Mixed-Member Electoral System," paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 15-18, 2004.

"'Buying' Votes in Japan's Lower House," paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, Portland, OR and the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 11-13, 2004 and April 15-18, 2004.

"The Clash of Civilizations Reconsidered: A Cross-Country Study of Economic Development, Values and Religion" (with Taku Sugawara), paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2003.

"The Best of Both Worlds? The Effects of Mixed-Member Electoral Rules on Campaign Practices in Japan," paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2003.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Invited speaker and paper presenter to Harvard University's Reischauer Institute Contemporary Japanese Politics Study Group on political corruption, May 2, 2014.
"Money and Scandal in Japanese Politics," Center for Asian Democracy's *Asia in Focus* series, University of Louisville, October 21, 2011.
- Invited speaker for conference, "Exploring the Tectonic Change in the Political Economy of Japan," Yale University, April 2-3, 2010.
- Invited panelist for Wilson Center in Washington DC event, "Squaring the Iron Triangle: The Fate of Economic and Political Reform in Japan," January 19, 2010.
- "Public Perceptions of National Identity and Pride," paper presented at the AsiaBarometer conference, Chuo University (Tokyo), Japan, December 2009.
- "Public Support for Democratic Governance in Southeast Asia," paper presented at the AsiaBarometer conference, Chuo University (Tokyo), Japan, December 17, 2008.
- Invited speaker to Harvard University's Reischauer Institute Contemporary Japanese Politics Study Group author's roundtable discussion on book *Money Politics in Japan*, March 12, 2008.
- "Perceptions of Governance in Asia," research presentation at the East Asia Institute in Seoul, South Korea, Peking University, and the Taiwan National University in Taipei as part of the East Asia Institute's Fellows Program, Spring 2008.
- "Citizen Evaluations of Governance and Democracy in Asia," paper presented at the 2007 AsiaBarometer conference, Chuo University (Tokyo), Japan, December 12, 2007.

COURSES TAUGHT

Political Science Department, University of Vermont

- Comparative Political Systems
- Government and Politics of Japan
- Government and Politics of China
- International Politics of Japan (seminar)
- International Politics of East Asia
- Politics and Film of East Asia (seminar)
- Political Corruption and Scandals (seminar)

Visiting Professor, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Politics of Japan

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis

- Ethnic Self-Determination and International Conflict
- Politics of East Asia: Japan
- Comparative Political Parties and Elections