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EDUCATION

- Duke University: Ph.D. in Political Science, September 2001
- Duke University: M.A. in Political Science, December 1998
- University of Wisconsin-Madison: M.A. in Political Science, December 1994
- University of California, Santa Cruz: B.A. with Honors in Politics, College Honors, and Phi Beta Kappa, June 1991

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2012- : Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis
- 2014-2022: Director, International Relations Major, University of California, Davis
- 2006-2012: Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis
- 2003-06: Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis
- 2002-2004: Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford Institute for International Studies, and Instructor in the International Relations/International Policy Studies and Political Science Departments, Stanford University
- 2001-2002: Advanced (Postdoctoral) Research Fellow – Program on U.S.-Japan Relations (Center for International Affairs), Harvard University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Comparative politics, politics & sports, electoral rules, Japanese politics, research design

AUTHORED BOOKS

- 2023. *Freedom to Win: A Cold War Story of the Courageous Hockey Team That Fought the Soviets for the Soul of Its People—And Olympic Gold*. New York: Pegasus Books.
- 2012. *Electoral Systems and Political Context: How the Effects of Rules Vary Across New and Established Democracies* (co-authored with Robert G. Moser). New York: Cambridge University Press.
- 2006. *Democracy Without Competition in Japan: Opposition Failure in a One-Party Dominant State*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

EDITED BOOK VOLUMES

- 2018. *Japan Decides 2017: The Japanese General Election* (co-edited with Robert J. Pekkanen, Daniel M. Smith, and Steven R. Reed). New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2016. *Japan Decides 2014: The Japanese General Election* (co-edited with Robert J. Pekkanen and Steven R. Reed). New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2013. *Japan Decides 2012: The Japanese General Election* (co-edited with Robert J. Pekkanen and Steven R. Reed). New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

JOURNAL ARTICLES & EDITED BOOK VOLUME CHAPTERS

- 2022. “The Political Opposition in Japan” (with Michael F. Thies). In *The Oxford Handbook of Japanese Politics*, edited by Robert J. Pekkanen and Saadia Pekkanen. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2018. “Introduction: Abe on a Roll at the Polls” (with Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, and Daniel M. Smith). In *Japan Decides 2017: The Japanese General Election*, edited by Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, Ethan Scheiner, and Daniel M. Smith. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2018. “The 2017 Election Results: An Earthquake, a Typhoon, and Another Landslide” (with Daniel M. Smith and Michael F. Thies). In *Japan Decides 2017: The Japanese General Election*, edited by Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, Ethan Scheiner, and Daniel M. Smith. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2018. “Social Diversity Affects the Number of Parties Even under First-Past-the-Post Rules” (with Caitlin Milazzo and Robert G. Moser). *Comparative Political Studies* 51: 938-974.
- 2018. “Social Diversity, Election Rules, and the Party System” (with Robert G. Moser and Heather Stoll). Pp. 135-158 in the *Oxford Handbook of Electoral Systems*, edited by Erik S. Herron, Robert J. Pekkanen, and Matthew Shugart. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2016. “Running on Character? Running on Policy? An Analysis of Japanese Candidates’ Campaign Platforms” (with James F. Adams and Jed Kawasumi). *Electoral Studies*:275-83.
- 2016. “The 2014 Japanese Election Results: The Opposition Cooperates, but Fails to Inspire” (with Daniel M. Smith and Michael F. Thies). In *Japan Decides 2014: The Japanese General Election*, edited by Robert Pekkanen, Steven Reed, and Ethan Scheiner. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
 - An earlier version of this chapter appeared at The Monkey Cage:
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/12/30/abe-romps-japan-yawns-2014-japanese-parliamentary-election-report/>
- 2016. “Take a Second Look at the 2014 Election; It’s Worth it” (with Robert J. Pekkanen and Steven R. Reed). In *Japan Decides 2014: The Japanese General Election*, edited by Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, and Ethan Scheiner. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

- 2016. “Japan’s No Choice Election” (with Robert J. Pekkanen and Steven R. Reed). In *Japan Decides 2014: The Japanese General Election*, edited by Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, and Ethan Scheiner. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2014. “Context, Electoral Rules, and Party Systems” (with Karen E. Ferree and G. Bingham Powell). *Annual Review of Political Science* 17:421–39.
- 2013. “How Context Shapes the Effects of Electoral Rules” (with Karen E. Ferree and G. Bingham Powell). *Perspectives on Politics* 11:810-814.
- 2013. “Introduction” (with Robert Pekkanen and Steven R. Reed). Pp. 3-7 in *Japan Decides 2012: The Japanese General Election*, edited by Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, and Ethan Scheiner. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2013. “The 2012 Election Results: The LDP Wins Big by Default” (with Steven R. Reed, Daniel M. Smith, and Michael F. Thies). Pp. 34-48 in *Japan Decides 2012: The Japanese General Election*, edited by Robert J. Pekkanen, Steven R. Reed, and Ethan Scheiner. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
 - An earlier version of this chapter appeared at The Monkey Cage: <http://themonkeycage.org/blog/2012/12/27/the-japanese-general-election-of-2012-sometimes-lucky-is-better-than-popular/>
- 2013. “When Do Interest Groups Contact Bureaucrats Rather than Politicians? Evidence on Fire Alarms and Smoke Detectors from Japan” (with Michio Muramatsu, Robert Pekkanen, and Ellis Krauss). *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 14: 283–304.
- 2012. “Japan under the DPJ: The Paradox of Political Change without Policy Change” (with Phillip Lipsky). *Journal of East Asian Studies* 12:311-322.
- 2012. “The Electoral System and Japan’s Partial Transformation: Party System Consolidation without Policy Realignment.” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 12:351-379.
 - An updated version appeared as:

Scheiner, Ethan. 2013. “The Electoral System and Japan’s Partial Transformation: Party System Consolidation without Policy Realignment.” Pp. 73-102 in *Japan under the DPJ: The Politics of Transition and Governance*, Kenji E. Kushida and Phillip Y. Lipsky (eds.). Stanford: Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center.
- 2012. “The End of LDP Dominance and the Rise of Party-Oriented Politics in Japan” (with Steven R. Reed and Michael F. Thies). *Journal of Japanese Studies* 38:353-376.
- 2011. “When Do You Follow the (National) Leader? Party Switching by Subnational Legislators in Japan” (with Caitlin Milazzo). *Electoral Studies* 30:148-161.
- 2011. “Unanticipated Consequences of Electoral Reform in Italy and Japan” (with Filippo Tronconi). Pp. 95-112 in *A Natural Experiment on Electoral Law Reform: Evaluating the Long Run Consequences of 1990s Electoral Reform in Italy and Japan*, Daniela Giannetti and Bernard Grofman (eds.). New York: Springer.

- 2009. "The Slow Government Response to Japan's Bank Crisis: A New Interpretation" (with Michio Muramatsu). In *Political Change in Japan: Electoral Behavior, Party Realignment, and the Koizumi Reforms*, edited by Steven R. Reed, Kenneth Mori McElwain, and Kay Shimizu. Stanford/Washington, D.C.: Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center Books.
- 2009. "Strategic Voting in Established and New Democracies: Ticket Splitting in Mixed-Member Electoral Systems." Co-authored with Robert G. Moser. *Electoral Studies* 28:51-61.
- 2008. "Governmental Centralization and Party Affiliation: Legislator Strategies in Brazil and Japan." Co-authored with Scott Desposato. *American Political Science Review* 102:509-524.
- 2008. "Does Electoral System Reform Work? Electoral System Lessons from Reforms of the 1990s." *Annual Review of Political Science* 11:161-81.
- 2008. "Fragmentation and Power: Reconceptualizing Policy Making under Japan's 1955 System." Co-authored with John C. Campbell. *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 9:89-113.
- 2007. "Electoral System Effects and Ruling Party Dominance in Japan: A Counterfactual Simulation Based on Adaptive Parties." Co-authored with Andy Baker. *Electoral Studies* 26:477-91.
- 2007. "Clientelism in Japan: The Importance and Limits of Institutional Explanations" In Herbert Kitschelt and Steven I. Wilkinson (eds.), *Patrons, Clients, and Policies: Patterns of Democratic Accountability and Political Competition*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- 2005. "Pipelines of Pork: A Model of Local Opposition Party Failure." *Comparative Political Studies* 38:799-823.
Reprinted in Christopher P. Hood (ed.). 2008. *Politics of Modern Japan: Critical Concepts in the Modern Politics of Asia*. London and New York: Routledge Curzon.
- 2005. "Strategic Ticket Splitting and the Personal Vote in Mixed-Member Electoral Systems." Co-authored with Robert G. Moser. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 30:259-276.
- 2004. "Mixed Electoral Systems and Electoral System Effects: Controlled Comparison and Cross-National Analysis." Co-authored with Robert G. Moser. *Electoral Studies* 23:575-599.
- 2004. "Adaptive Parties: Party Strategic Capacity under Japanese SNTV." Co-authored with Andy Baker. *Electoral Studies* 23:251-278.
- 2003. "Electoral Incentives and Policy Preferences: Mixed Motives behind Party Defections in Japan." Co-authored with Steven R. Reed. *British Journal of Political Science* 33:469-490.
Reprinted in Christopher P. Hood (ed.). 2008. *Politics of Modern Japan: Critical Concepts in the Modern Politics of Asia*. London and New York: Routledge Curzon.

- 2003. "Political Realignment in Nagano: Hata Tsutomu and the New Opposition Challenge the LDP." In Steven R. Reed, (ed.), *Japanese Electoral Politics: Creating a New Party System*, pp. 67-83. London and New York: Routledge Curzon.
- 2000. "Japan's New Electoral System: La plus ça change..." Co-authored with Margaret McKean. *Electoral Studies* 19:447-477.
- 1999. "Urban Outfitters: City-Based Strategies and Success in Postwar Japanese Politics." *Electoral Studies* 18:179-198.

OTHER

- "How Context Shapes the Effects of Electoral Rules" (with Karen E. Ferree and G. Bingham Powell), pp. 26-57 in APSA 2013 Presidential Task Force Report, *Electoral Rules and Democratic Governance*.
- Guest editor (with Phillip Y. Lipsky) of special issue in *Journal of East Asian Studies* 12:3 (Fall) on "Japan Under the DPJ: The Paradox of Political Change Without Policy Change."

SHORT ANALYSES OF POLITICS AND SPORTS

- ["When the World Cheered Athletes' Political Resistance." *The Daily Beast*, March 25, 2019.](#)
- ["The Silent Protest During a National Anthem That Made Americans Cheer." *Politico*, September 5, 2018.](#)
- ["How a hockey game powered a revolution." *The Washington Post*, February 12, 2018.](#)
 - Republished at [Stars and Stripes](#).

SHORT ANALYSES OF ELECTIONS IN JAPAN

- ["Could Japan's opposition have done any better in the 2017 election?" \(with Daniel M. Smith and Michael F. Thies\). *East Asia Forum* \(December 20, 2017\).](#)
- "New Ballgame in Politics: Party-centered, more volatile" (with Steven R. Reed and Michael F. Thies). *The Oriental Economist* (October 2009, Volume 77, No. 10), pp. 8-9.
- Analysis of the 2004 Japanese House of Councillors Election appeared in Japanese as "Minshutō ha 'Sōsenkyo' de kateru no ka." *Foresight Magazine* (8/21/04-9/17/04, Issue 9), pp. 70-71.
- Analysis of the 2003 Japanese House of Representatives Election appeared in Japanese as "Kono mama de ha seiken kōtai ha jitsugen shinai." *Foresight Magazine* (12/20/03-1/16/04, Issue1), pp. 74-75.

TEXTBOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2012. "Japan" in *Case Studies in Comparative Politics* (Volume edited by David Samuels to accompany introductory textbook). Pearson/Longman & Co.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Leonard J. Schoppa (ed.). 2012. *The Evolution of Japan's Party System: Politics and Policy in an Era of Institutional Change*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. Review appeared in the *Journal of Japanese Studies*. Winter 2014 40(1): 239-244
- Krauss, Ellis S., and Robert J. Pekkanen. 2011. *The Rise and Fall of Japan's LDP: Political Party Organizations as Historical Institutions*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. Review appeared in *Social Science Japan Journal*. Winter 2012 15(1): 114-117.
- Johnson, Stephen. 2000. *Opposition Politics in Japan: Strategies Under a One-Party Dominant Regime*. New York: Routledge. Review appeared in the *Japanese Journal of Political Science*. Summer/Autumn, 2001.

TRANSLATIONS (JAPANESE TO ENGLISH)

- "Enhancing Local Fiscal Autonomy: A Study of the Japanese Case with Comparative Reference to South Korea and the United States" by Yoshiaki Kobayashi (Professor in the Faculty of Law, Keio University). In National Institute for Research Advancement (NIRA) (eds.), *The Challenge to the Governance in the Twenty-First Century: Achieving Effective Central-Local Relations*. Tokyo: NIRA, 1999.

TEACHING HONORS

- One of three finalists for the ASUCD Excellence in Education Award for the College of Letters and Science - Division of Social Sciences (2011)
- Nominee, ASUCD Academic Affairs Commission Excellence in Education (Teaching) Award (2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012)

OTHER AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Invited to be Toyota Visiting Professor at the Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Michigan
- Invited to be member of the Japan-U.S. Leadership Network Program co-hosted by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP) (Declined).
- UC Davis, Publication Assistance Fund Grant for *Democracy Without Competition in Japan* (2005)
- UC Davis, Institute of Governmental Affairs, Junior Faculty Grant for "Bureaucratic-Politician Relations and Bureaucratic Discretion in Japan" (2004-05)
- UC Davis, Undergraduate Instructional Improvement Grant for "Comparative Electoral Systems" (2004)
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University Institute for International Studies (2002-04)
- Nominee for American Political Science Association Award for Best Dissertation in the field of Political Economy (2002)

- Advanced Research Fellow, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University (2001-02)
- Nominee for the Westview Press Award (Best Paper by a Graduate Student at the 2001 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting) (2001)
- The Tokyo Foundation's Joint Research/Exchange Program Grant (Co-Principal Investigator) (2000)
- Aleane Webb Dissertation Research Fellowship (2000)
- Japan Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (1999)
- Sanwa Bank Research Grant (1999)
- National Security Education Program Fellow (1998-1999)
- Duke University Center for International Studies Dissertation Travel Award (1998)
- Awarded FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) Fellowship (1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99 school years, and 1994 and 1996 summers, declined award in 1998-99)
- Inter-University Center tuition award (1997)
- Duke University Graduate School Dissertation Travel Award (1997)
- Voted Friendliest Person at the Middlebury College summer Japanese language program (1996)
- 2nd Place at the 10th Annual Duke University Japanese Language Speech Contest (1996)
- Middlebury College grant for language study at Middlebury College (1996)
- Awarded summer educational grant by Duke political science department (1996)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship—Honorable Mention (1993)
- UC Santa Cruz, Phi Beta Kappa (1992)
- Honors in the Politics major and College Honors at UC Santa Cruz (1991)
- Captain – University of California, Santa Cruz swim team (1988-89, 1989-90)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- U.C. Davis
 - Core Course in Comparative Politics (Grad Course)
 - Introduction to Quantitative Methods (Grad Course)
 - Advanced Research Design I & II (Grad Courses)
 - Comparative Electoral Systems (Grad Course)
 - Organizational Dynamics: Theories of Delegation and Bureaucratic Discretion (Grad Course)
 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergrad Course)
 - Comparative Electoral Systems (Undergrad Course)
 - Japanese Politics (Undergrad Course)
 - Politics & Sports (Undergrad Course)
 - Studying Sports to Understand How to Do Social Science (First Year Seminar)
 - Perspectives on Japanese Democracy (Senior Seminar)
 - Comparative Electoral Systems (Senior Seminar)
- Stanford University
 - Japanese Politics (Advanced undergrad and M.A. students – Fall 2003) – co-taught with Daniel Okimoto

- Perspectives on Japanese Democracy (Advanced undergrad and M.A. students – Winter 2003)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

- Editorial Advisory Board, *Party Politics*, 2014-2017.
- Chair of the committee determining the 2013 George H. Hallett Award, given for a book, at least 10 years old, that has made a lasting contribution to the literature on representation and electoral rules (Representation and Electoral Systems section of the American Political Science Association)
- Editorial Board, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2010-2012
- American Political Science Association Presidential Task Force on Electoral Rules and Democratic Governance: Context and Consequence, 2011-12
- Steering Committee, Japan Political Studies Group (representing members of the American Political Science Association and the Association of Asian Studies), 2007-
- Japan country expert coder for Varieties of Democracy (V♦Dem) Project, 2011-
- Manuscript reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Governance*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Journal of Japanese Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, *Public Choice*.
- Book manuscript reviewer: Cambridge University Press. Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- Project reviewer: National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Austrian Science Fund.
- Asia Section Chair, 2010 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting.
- Memberships: American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Association of Asian Studies, Western Political Science Association
- Invited, as former Advanced Research Fellow in the Program, to be interviewed by the external committee conducting the 2005 review of Harvard University's Program on U.S.-Japan Relations
- Selection Committee: Advanced Research Fellowship for the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations at Harvard University
- Chair, Stanford University Japan Brown Bag Seminar Series, 2002-2004.

INVITED TALKS

- UC Berkeley, *Kroužek* working group, Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ISEEES), March 14, 2023

- UC Berkeley, Discussant for event at the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ISEEES), December 1, 2022
- George Washington University, Department of Political Science, April 21, 2017
- UC Berkeley, Department of Political Science, October 29, 2015
- Duke University, Department of Political Science, September 24, 2012
- University of Texas, Austin, Center for East Asian Studies and Department of Government seminar, April 22, 2011
- University of California, Berkeley, Center for Japanese Studies, Panel Discussion of 2010 Japanese House of Councillors Election, September 8, 2010
- University of Michigan, Comparative Politics Colloquium, February 5, 2010.
- Rice University Comparative Politics Colloquium, January 29, 2010
- Stanford University panel on the 2009 Japanese Lower House election, October 16, 2009
- UC Berkeley, Comparative Politics Colloquium, February 13, 2009
- Stanford University Comparative Politics Workshop, October 1, 2007
- UCLA, Center for Japanese Studies, May 8, 2006
- University of California, Berkeley, Center for Japanese Studies, Panel Discussion of 2005 Japanese House of Representatives Election, September 16, 2005
- University of California, Berkeley, Center for Japanese Studies, January 31, 2005
- University of Michigan, Center for Japanese Studies, September 16, 2004
- Research Institute of Economy, Trade, and Industry, IAA, Tokyo, Japan, October 15, 2003
- Gakushuin University, Tokyo, Japan, October 15, 2003
- Stanford University Comparative Politics Workshop, Spring 2003
- Stanford University Asia/Pacific Research Center, December 10, 2002
- University of California, San Diego, The Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, October 28, 2002
- Harvard University, April 2002
- Middlebury College, October 2001
- Duke University, Asian/Pacific Studies Institute, September 2001

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- “Social Diversity Affects the Number of Parties Even under First-Past-the-Post Rules” (with Robert G. Moser and Caitlin Milazzo). Prepared for delivery at the First Annual University of Washington Workshop on “Voting, Elections, and Electoral Systems,” June 5, 2015.

- “Less Is Not More: The Insufficiency of Current Data for Understanding the Relationship between Social Diversity and Party System Development” (with Robert G. Moser and Heather Stoll). Prepared for delivery at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 28-31 August, Washington, D.C.
- “Governance Issues under Japan’s MMM: Intraparty Divisions, Winner-Take-All Stakes, & Bicameralism.” Presented at workshop on Electoral System Reform at Stanford University, March 14-15, 2014.
- “APSA Presidential Task Force on Electoral Rules and Democratic Governance - How Context Shapes Electoral Rule Effects” (with Karen E. Ferree and G. Bingham Powell). Prepared for delivery at the American Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 29-September 2, 2012.
- “APSA Presidential Task Force on Electoral Rules and Democratic Governance - How Context Shapes Electoral Rule Effects” (with Karen E. Ferree and G. Bingham Powell). Prepared for delivery at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 12-14, 2012.
- “Social Diversity Affects the Number of Parties Even under First-Past-the-Post Rules” (with Robert G. Moser and Caitlin Milazzo). Prepared for delivery at the 2011 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 1-4.
- “Challenging Duverger’s Law? Social Diversity Affects the Number of Parties Even under First-Past-the-Post Rules” (with Robert G. Moser and Caitlin Milazzo). Prepared for delivery at the 2011 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March 31-April 3.
- “The End of LDP Dominance and the Rise of Party-Oriented Politics in Japan” (with Steven R. Reed and Michael F. Thies). Prepared for delivery at the 2011 Association of Asian Studies annual meeting, March 31-April 3, Honolulu, HI.
- “Evolution of Japan’s party system – consolidation or realignment?” Prepared for delivery at the Stanford University conference on “Political Change in Japan II: One Step Forward, One Step Back,” February 4-5, 2011.
- “When Do Individual Politicians Make Valence Appeals? An Analysis of Campaign Platforms in Japan.” Prepared for delivery at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, 2010, Washington, D.C.
- “Electoral Reform in Italy and Japan: Unanticipated Outcomes?” Prepared for delivery at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, 2010, Washington, D.C.
- “How 2005 helps us predict 2009.” Presented at the UCLA Conference on Japan’s Politics and Economy, UCLA, September 11-12, 2009.
- “Unanticipated Consequences of Electoral Reform in Italy and Japan” (with Filippo Tronconi). Prepared for delivery at the Conference on “Long term consequences of

electoral rules change: Comparing Italy and Japan," Bologna, Italy, November 28-29 2008.

- "Follow the Leader: Party Switching by Subnational Legislators in Japan" (with Caitlin Milazzo). Prepared for delivery at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2008, Boston, MA.
- "Unanticipated Consequences of Electoral Reform." Prepared for delivery at the conference on Comparison of Election Law Reform Changes in Italy and Japan, University of California, Irvine, March 14-15, 2008.
- "When Do Interest Groups Contact Bureaucrats Rather than Politicians? 'Fire Alarms' and 'Smoke Detectors' in Japan" (with Michio Muramatsu). Prepared for delivery at the conference on "Modeling Power Relationship in Japanese Democracy," University of British Columbia, August 28-29, 2007.
- "The Slow Government Response to Japan's Bank Crisis: A Principal-Agent Analysis" (co-authored with Michio Muramatsu). Prepared for delivery at Stanford Conference on Electoral and Legislative Politics in Japan (2007), June 11-12, 2007, Stanford, CA.
- "The Financial Crisis and the Core Executive in Japan" (co-authored with Michio Muramatsu). Prepared for delivery at the International Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS) workshop on "Core Executives and Civil Service in Japan," March 22-23, 2007 at IIAS, Kyoto, Japan.
- "Monitoring and Bureaucratic Independence: Fire Alarms and Smoke Detectors in Japanese Policy Making" (co-authored with Michio Muramatsu). Prepared for delivery at the 2006 meeting of the International Political Science Association, Fukuoka, Japan, July 9-13.
- "Strategic Voting in Mixed-Member Electoral Systems" (co-authored with Robert G. Moser). Prepared for delivery at the conference on "Democracy, Divided Government, and Split-Ticket Voting," at Harvard University, May 26-27, 2006.
- "Japan's Electoral System After Reform: Is It Indeed 'La plus ça change...?'" (co-authored with Margaret McKean). Prepared for delivery at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Francisco, CA, April 6-9, 2006.
- "New Analyses of Policy Making in Japan: Brainstorming on the Core Executive." Prepared for delivery at the International Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS) workshop on "Core Executives and Civil Service in Japan," November 10-11, 2005 at IIAS, Kyoto, Japan.
- "Resource Distribution and Party Defections in Japan and Brazil" (co-authored with Scott Desposato). Prepared for delivery at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, CA, March 17-19, 2005.
- Discussant: Panel on "Political Consequences of Electoral Rules." 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2-5, 2004.

- Discussant: Berkeley-Stanford Conference on Contemporary Japanese Politics. Stanford University, May 25, 2004
- “Incentives, Institutions, and Bureaucrat-Politician Relations in Japan” (co-authored with Michio Muramatsu and Ellis S. Krauss). Prepared for delivery at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Association of Asia Studies, San Diego, CA, March 4-7, 2004.
- “Fragmentation and Power: Reconceptualizing the Japanese decision-making system” (co-authored with John C. Campbell). Prepared for delivery at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Association of Asia Studies, San Diego, CA, March 4-7, 2004.
- “Top-Down Party Formation and the Ills of the Democratic Party of Japan: Problems of Organization and Policy Coherence.” Prepared for delivery at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Association of Asia Studies, Washington, D.C., April 4-7, 2002.
- “The Limits of Anti-Clientelist Appeals: Opposition Failure in Japan.” Prepared for delivery at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2.
- “Democracy Without Competition: Opposition Failure in One-Party Dominant Japan.” Prepared for delivery at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 19-22.
 - Nominee for the Westview Press Award (Best Paper by a Graduate Student at the 2001 MPSA Annual Meeting).
- “Mixed Electoral Systems and the Effective Number of Parties: A Controlled Comparison” (co-authored with Robert Moser). Prepared for delivery at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 19-22.
- “Clientelism, Centralization and Opposition Party Success: Preliminary Comparative Analysis and Evidence from Japan.” Prepared for delivery at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 31-September 3.
- “A Cross-National Study of Strategic Voting in Mixed Electoral Systems” (co-authored with Robert Moser). Prepared for delivery at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 31-September 3.
- “The Impact of Distributive and Centralized Politics on Party Development: Evidence from Japan and Preliminary Comparative Analysis.” Prepared for delivery at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 27-30.
- “Electoral Incentives and Policy Preferences: Rethinking Party Defections in Japan” (co-authored with Steven Reed). Prepared for delivery at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta Marriott Marquis and Atlanta Hilton and Towers, September 2-5, 1999.
- “Smart Parties in a Rigged System: Party Strategy and the Effects of Malapportionment in Japan” (co-authored with Andy Baker). Prepared for delivery at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, College Station, Texas, July 15-17, 1999.

- “Can Japanese Voters Ever Throw the Rascals Out? Electoral Reform Enhances Permanent Employment for Politicians” (co-authored with Margaret McKean). Prepared for delivery at the Conference on Democratic Institutions in East Asia, Duke University, November 8-9, 1996.