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POSITIONS

Director, Empirical Research Group, UCLA School of Law, 2016-
Adjunct Political Scientist, RAND Corporation, 2015-
Adjunct Professor, Johns Hopkins University, 2015-16
Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia, 2006-14
Killam Research Fellow, University of British Columbia, 2004-6

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2004
Peggy Quon Prize (UCSD Ph.D. most likely to contribute to the scientific study of politics)
Nominee, Gabriel Almond Prize for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics (APSA)

B.A. in Politics and East Asian Studies, with Highest Honors in Politics, Oberlin College, 1997

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Eric Merkley, Fred Cutler, Paul Quirk and Benjamin Nyblade, "Hearing their Voice: Authority, Voice, and Satisfaction with Democracy." Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*. [Link](#)

Katharina P. Coleman and Benjamin Nyblade, "Peacekeeping for Profit? The Scope and Limits of 'Mercenary' UN Peacekeeping." Forthcoming, *Journal of Peace Research*. [Link](#)

Hanna Bäck, Wolfgang C. Müller and Benjamin Nyblade, "Multiparty Government and Economic Policy-Making" *Public Choice* 170(1): 33-62. January 2017. [PDF](#)

Benjamin Nyblade, Angela O'Mahony and Aim Sinpeng, "Social Media Data and the Dynamics of Thai Protests." *Asian Journal of Social Sciences* 43(5): 545-66. October 2015. [PDF](#)

Benjamin Nyblade and Angela O'Mahony, "Migrants' Remittances and Home Country Elections." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 49(1): 44-66. March 2014. [PDF](#)

Benjamin Nyblade and Angela O'Mahony, "Playing with Fire: Pre-Electoral Fiscal Manipulation and the Risk of a Speculative Attack." *International Studies Quarterly* 58(4): 828-38. December 2014. [PDF](#)

JOURNAL ARTICLES (CONTINUED)

Robert J. Pekkanen, Benjamin Nyblade and Ellis S. Krauss. "The Logic of Ministerial Selection: Electoral Systems and Cabinet Appointments in Japan." *Social Science Japan Journal* 17(1): 3-22. Winter 2014. [PDF](#)

- Winner of the ISS-OUP Prize for Most Outstanding Article in SSJJ in 2014

Benjamin Nyblade, "The 21st Century Japanese Prime Minister: An Unusually Precarious Perch" *Journal of Social Sciences* (University of Tokyo) 61(2):195-209. February 2011. [PDF](#)

- Revised and translated version published as "首相の権力強化と短命政権" in 樋渡展洋 and 齊藤淳, eds., *政党政治の混迷と政権交代*. Tokyo: Tokyo University Press, 2011.

Benjamin Nyblade and Steven R. Reed, "Who Cheats? Who Loots? Political Competition and Corruption in Japan, 1947-1993." *American Journal of Political Science* 52: 926-41. Oct 2008. [PDF](#)

Robert J. Pekkanen, Benjamin Nyblade and Ellis S. Krauss, "Electoral Incentives in Mixed Member Systems: Party, Posts and Zombie Politicians in Japan." *American Political Science Review* 100(2): 183-93. May 2006. [PDF](#)

- Translated as "小選挙区比例代表並立制と役職配分" and published in 曾根 and 大山, eds., *日本の民主主義: 変わる政治、変わる政治学*. Tokyo: Keio University Press, 2008.

Ellis S. Krauss and Benjamin Nyblade, "'Presidentialization' in Japan? The Prime Minister, Media and Elections in Japan." *British Journal of Political Science* 35(2): 357-68. April 2005. [PDF](#)

- Reprinted in Hood, ed., *Politics of Modern Japan*. Routledge, 2008.

- Translated, reprinted as "日本は「大統領制」になったのか--日本における首相、メディア、選挙の関係" in 「奈良法学会雑誌」 21(3/4), 91-116, 2008.

Mikitaka Masuyama and Benjamin Nyblade, "Japan: The Prime Minister and the Japanese Diet." *Journal of Legislative Studies* 10(2/3): 250-62. Summer/Autumn, 2004. [PDF](#)

- Reprinted in Baldwin, ed., *Executive Leadership and Legislative Assemblies*, 2006.

CHAPTERS AND ESSAYS

Benjamin Nyblade, Angela O'Mahony and Katharine Sieck, "Building on Social Science: Theoretic Foundations for Modelers," Forthcoming in Davis, O'Mahony and Pfautz, eds., *Social-Behavioral Modeling for Complex Systems*.

Benjamin Nyblade, "Political Legitimacy, Satisfaction and Japanese Democracy." Chan, Shin and Williams, eds., *East Asian Perspectives on Political Legitimacy*, Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Benjamin Nyblade, "Japanese Party Politics at a Crossroads?" (Review Essay) *Journal of Asian Studies* 74(2): 443-7. May 2015.

Mikitaka Masuyama and Benjamin Nyblade, "Japan." *European Journal of Political Research Political Data Yearbook* (Vols. 51-53: 2012-2014).

CHAPTERS AND ESSAYS (CONTINUED)

Mikitaka Masuyama and Benjamin Nyblade, "Ministerial Selection and Deselection in Japan." Dowding and Dumont, eds., *The Selection of Ministers around the World*, Routledge, 2014.

Go Murakami and Benjamin Nyblade, "Japanese Party and Electoral Politics." *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, 2013.

Benjamin Nyblade, "Keeping it Together: Party Unity and the 2012 Election." In Pekkanen, Reed, Scheiner, eds., *Japan Decides 2012*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Benjamin Nyblade, "Government Formation." In Müller and Narud, eds., *Party Governance and Party Democracy*. New York: Springer, 2013.

Torbjörn Bergman, Elisabeth R. Gerber, Scott Kastner, and Benjamin Nyblade, "The Empirical Study of Cabinet Governance." In Strøm, Müller, Bergman, eds., *Cabinets and Coalition Bargaining*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Paul Mitchell and Benjamin Nyblade, "Government Formation and Cabinet Type in Parliamentary Democracies." In Strøm, Müller, Bergman, eds., *Cabinets and Coalition Bargaining*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Kaare Strøm, Torbjörn Bergman, Wolfgang C. Müller and Benjamin Nyblade "Conclusion: Cabinet Governance in Parliamentary Democracies." In Strøm, Müller, Bergman, eds., *Cabinets and Coalition Bargaining*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Kaare Strøm and Benjamin Nyblade, "Coalition Theory and Government Formation." In Boix and Stokes, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, Oxford: OUP, 2007.

Ellis S. Krauss and Benjamin Nyblade, "Japan and North America: The Vital and Variable Relationship." In Krauss and Nyblade, eds., *Japan and North America*, Routledge, 2004.

Kaare Strøm, Wolfgang C. Müller, Torbjörn Bergman and Benjamin Nyblade, "Dimensions of Citizen Control." In Strøm, Müller, Bergman, eds., *Delegation and Accountability in Parliamentary Democracies*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

BOOK REVIEWS

Alisa Gaunder, *Political Reform in Japan: Leadership Looming Large*. Reviewed in *Pacific Affairs* Vol. 81(1). May 2008.

Steven R. Reed, ed., *Japanese Electoral Politics: Creating a New Party System*. Reviewed in the *Journal of East Asian Studies* Vol. 5(2). May/August 2005.

WORKING PAPERS

Nathan Allen, Benjamin Nyblade and Elizabeth Wellman, “Extraterritorial Voting Rights and Restrictions, 1980-2017” (APSA 2018)

Douglas Lichtman and Benjamin Nyblade, “Filtering Films: An Empirical Study of What Consumers Would Mute and Excise from Hollywood Fare If Only They Could.” (CELS 2018)

IN PROGRESS

Charles Corbett, Courtney Grant, Hal Hershfield, Andrea Hicks, Timothy Malloy, Benjamin Nyblade, Alison Partie, “Residential Solar Adoption in Los Angeles County”

Katharina Coleman and Benjamin Nyblade, “Token Forces and International Legitimacy”

Kenneth Mori McElwain and Benjamin Nyblade, “Electoral Corruption in Japan”

Benjamin Nyblade, “What Harms are Irreparable?”

Benjamin Nyblade, “Measurability and the Value of Unmeasurable Concepts”

Benjamin Nyblade and Eric Zolt, “Capacity to Collect Taxes: Cross-National Comparisons”

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

UCLA Promise Institute, “Extraterritorial Voting Rights and Restrictions, 1980-2017” (\$4800)

UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge Research Grant, “Agent-Based Modeling of Solar Power Adoption by Los Angeles County Residents” (with Malloy, Corbett, Hicks), 2017 (\$127,400)

SSHRC MCRI (Co-PI, PI: Blais): “Making Electoral Democracy Work”, 2009-16 (\$2,500,000)

Fellow, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, 2007-14 (\$162,500)

SSHRC Research Grant: “The Durability of Party Leaders & Prime Ministers”, 2011-14 (\$92,000)

SSHRC Research Grant: “The Consequences of Mixed Electoral Systems”, 2007-10 (\$72,000)

Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (UBC), 2004-6

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Enhancement Grant, 2002-3 (\$8,000)

Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF), 1999, 2000

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

AAS: 2014; APSA: 2003, 2004, 2005, 2012 (cancelled), 2013; CIFAR (IOG Program Meetings): 2007, 2008, 2011, 2013; CELS: 2018; CPSA: 2008; ECPR Joint Sessions: 2005, 2011; ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments General Conference: 2012, 2014; MPSA: 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2015; Peace Research Institute Oslo, Political Parties and Civil Peace Conference: 2010; Southern California Comparative Political Institutions (SC2PI) Group: 2012, 2013, 2014; Western Conference of the AAS: 2004; WPSA: 2013

INVITED TALKS

Balsillie School of International Affairs (2013), Claremont Graduate University (2015), University of British Columbia (2005, 2006, 2007), University of Mannheim (2009), University of Minnesota (2005), Ohio State University (2005), Peace Research Institute, Oslo (2010), University of South Carolina (2005), Stanford University (2005, 2007), University of Southern California (2012), University of Tokyo (2010 x2), University of Vienna (2004), University of Washington (2006), Yale University (2010)

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Conference Panel Chair/Discussant: East Asian Perspectives on Political Legitimacy (2011), ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments General Conference (2012, 2014), MPSA (2006, 2007, 2008, 2010), PRIO (2005, 2010), SC2PI (2011, 2012, 2014, 2015), WCAAS (2004)

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative European Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Contemporary European Politics*, *Democratization*, *Economics and Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *German Politics*, *Governance*, *International Political Science Review*, *Japan Forum*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Pacific Review*, *Parliamentary Affairs*, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Studies*, *Politics, Groups and Identities*, *Research and Politics*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Social Science Quarterly*, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada), *Social Sciences Japan Journal*, *St Antony's International Review*

Advisory Board, European Representative Democracy Data Archive, 2007-2014
Rapporteur, Transitional Governance Workshop, Peace Research Institute Oslo, 2005
Country Expert (Japan): V-Dem Project, Electoral Integrity Project

OTHER

Languages: English (native), Japanese (professional fluency)
Hiking: Pacific Crest Trail '02 (Mexico to Canada)

TEACHING

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, 2017-

Policy Analysis and Advocacy
Empirical Legal Research (x2)

Johns Hopkins University, 2016

Measurement for Government Analytics (Graduate, x2)

Soka University of America, 2015

The International Dimensions of Elections (Undergraduate)

University of Vienna, 2014

The Internationalization of Elections (Graduate)

University of British Columbia, 2005-2014

Graduate: Empirical Political Theory (x4), Comparative Politics Core, Research Methods
Undergraduate: Measuring Democracy (x4), Japanese Politics (x3), Honours Thesis (x3),
Japanese Foreign Policy (x2), Honours Seminar, Research Methods

University of California, San Diego, 1999-2004

Distinguished Teaching Award, 2000

Instructor: Research Methods

Teaching Assistant: Research Methods (x3), Japanese Politics (x2), U.S.-Japan Relations

Nakagusuku Junior High School, Okinawa, Japan, 1997-1999

Junior High School English

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Ph.D. Supervisor

Go Murakami (Co-Supervisor, 2014)

Associate Professor, Ritsumeikan University, 2014-

Aim Sinpeng (2013)

Lecturer, University of Sydney, 2015-

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, McGill University, 2014-15

Nathan Allen (2012)

Visiting Assistant Professor, St Francis Xavier University, 2016-

Asia-Pacific Foundation, 2013-2016

Runner-up, Lemieux Prize for Best Political Science Dissertation in Canada in 2011/12

M.A. Supervisor

Zhen Han (2012). PhD Program in Political Science, McGill University (2012-Current).

Nathan Allen (2006). PhD Program in Political Science, UBC (2006-2012).

Ph.D. Committee

Konrad Kalicki (2015), Nastia Salnykova (2014), Netina Tan (2010), Royce Koop (2009)