

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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Gender: Male  
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Fields

International Trade  
Regional and Urban Economics  
International Macroeconomics

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Economics, the College of Business and Economics, the University of Idaho, 2017 - present

Education

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Year</i>
Ph.D.	Economics	University of California, Davis	2017
M.A.	Economics	Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan	2011
B.A.	Business and Commerce	Keio University, Tokyo, Japan	2009

Publications

- “The China Shock in Trade: Consequences for ASEAN and East Asia,” (with Robert C. Feenstra), *Accepted for publication*, 2017.
- “A Theory of Gains from Imported Inputs,” *International Economy*, Vol. 16, pp. 37-57, 2013 (*Awarded the Kojima Kiyoshi Prize for Excellent Papers from the Japan Society of International Economics*)
- “How to Win in Courte? An Empirical Analysis,” (with Reiko Aoki), *Applied Microeconometrics II*, edited by Yukinobu Kitamura, Nihon Hyoron Sha: Tokyo, Japan, 2014.

Working Papers

- “The ‘China Shock’, Exports and Employment: A Comparison of Computational Approaches,” (with Robert C. Feenstra)
- “Spatial Income Inequality, Spatial Frictions, and Endogenous Occupation Choice” Job Market Paper
- “The Effect of Global Warming on Internal Migrations,” (with Giovanni Peri)
- “Trade Costs of Sovereign Debt Restructurings: Does a Market-Friendly Approach Improve the Outcome?” (with Tamon Asonuma and Marcos Chamon)

Work in Progress

- “Explaining Costs of Sovereign Defaults: Bank Distress and Investment Channel,” (with Tamon Asonuma, Marcos Chamon, and Aitor Erce)
- “Assessing the Impact of Municipal Mergers: A Lesson from an Aging Economy,” (with Kentaro Nakajima)

Research Experience

<i>Research Assistant</i> , UC Davis, for Professor Robert C. Feenstra	August 2016 – June 2017
<i>Summer Research Intern</i> , International Monetary Fund	June 2015 – September 2015
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Hitotsubashi University, for Professor Jota Ishikawa	September 2011 – July 2012
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Hitotsubashi University, for Professor Reiko Aoki	January 2011 – March 2011
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Nihon University, for Professors Kwon Hyeog Ug and Toshiyuki Matsuura	September 2008 – March 2009
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Keio University, for Professor Masahiro Endoh	October 2008 – March 2009

## Teaching Experience

- Instructor*, College of Business and Economics, University of Idaho August 2017 – present
- International Economics and Econometrics
- Teaching Assistant*, Department of Economics, UC Davis September 2014 – June 2016
- Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, International Economic Relations, International Microeconomics (International Trade), Industrial Organization, Financial Economics, and Money and Banking
- Teaching Assistant*, Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University April 2010 – July 2012
- Principles of Economics, International Trade, Mini Courses on Applied Econometrics

## Fellowships and Awards

- Golden Key International Honour Society December 2016 – present
- UC Davis Nonresidential Tuition Fellowship October 2014 – June 2015
- UC Davis Teaching Assistantship September 2014 – June 2016
- Kojima-Kiyoshi Prize for Excellent Papers, Japan Society of International Economics 2013
- Japan-IMF Scholarship for Advanced Studies, International Monetary Fund September 2012 – August 2014
- Student Loan Payment Exemption (half), Japan Student Services Organization 2011
- The Best Graduation Thesis Award for Undergraduate Students, Keio University 2009
- Keio-Gijuku Scholarship, Keio University 2005

## Skills

Computer Skills: Stata, Matlab, ArcGIS, LaTeX, and Microsoft Office  
Languages: English (fluent) and Japanese (native)

## Presentations

- 2018: AEA/ASSA Meeting Poster Session (Philadelphia, scheduled)
- 2017: University of Idaho, Bank of Japan, Hitotsubashi University, International University of Japan, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University, 92nd Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International (San Diego), University of Colorado, Boulder (scheduled), North American Meetings of the Regional Science Council (Vancouver, Canada, scheduled)
- 2016: Sonoma State University, SPR Seminar at International Monetary Fund
- 2015: SPR Seminar at International Monetary Fund
- 2011: Hitotsubashi-UNSW Conference on International Trade and FDI at University of New South Wales, One-day Trade Workshop at Hitotsubashi University, Summer Workshop on Economic Theory at Otaru University of Commerce, Annual Meeting of the Japan Law and Economics Association at Kyoto University

## Professional Activities

Referee: *Regional Science and Urban Economics*

### Affiliations:

- Member – American Economic Association
- Member – Econometric Society
- Member – Western Economic Association International
- Member – Regional Science Association International
- Member – Japanese Economic Association
- Member – Japan Society of International Economics
- Member – Japan Law and Economics Association
- Affiliated Researcher – Center for International Economics, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan

## References

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