

EDUCATION	Pennsylvania State University <i>Dual Title Ph.D. in Political Science and Social Data Analytics</i> • Major in Comparative Politics, Minor in Methodology • Research Interests: Repression, Social Movement, Authoritarianism	State College, PA Expected 2029
	George Washington University <i>M.A. in Asian Studies</i> • Thesis: "Propaganda among Comments: How the Chinese Government Influences Public Opinion with Astroturfers," supervised by Dr. Bruce Dickson	Washington, D.C. 2023
	Franklin & Marshall College <i>B.A. in Mathematics & B.A. in Government (with honors)</i>	Lancaster, PA 2021
PUBLICATIONS	1. Kobayashi, Tetsuro, Zhifan Zhang , and Ling Liu. 2024. "Is Partisan Selective Exposure an American Peculiarity? A Comparative Study of News Browsing Behavior in the United States, Japan, and Hong Kong." <i>Communication Research</i> . https://doi.org/10.1177/00936502241289109 .	
CONFERENCES	1. Kobayashi, Tetsuro (Presenter), Zhifan Zhang , and Ling Liu. 2023. "Is Partisan Selective Exposure an American Peculiarity? A Comparative Study of News Browsing Behavior in the United States, Japan, and Hong Kong." Presented at <i>International Communication Association</i> , Toronto, Canada, May 2023.	
	2. Kobayashi, Tetsuro (Presenter), Zhifan Zhang , and Ling Liu. 2023. "Cognitive Dissonance Explains Selective Exposure in the US but Not in East Asia." Presented at <i>Preconference of International Communication Association</i> , Toronto, Canada, May 2023.	
	3. Zhang, Zhifan . 2021. "Protest in Newspapers: Discrepancies in Reporting the 2019-20 Hong Kong Movement between Mainland and Hong Kong." Presented at <i>Midwest Political Science Association</i> , Chicago, IL, April 2021.	
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	Research Assistant <i>Professor Tetsuro Kobayashi, Waseda University</i>	2022 - 2024
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	Graduate Fellowship <i>Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University</i>	2021 - 2023
	Comparative Politics Achievement Award <i>Department of Government, Franklin & Marshall College</i>	2021
SKILLS	Languages: Mandarin (native), Cantonese (proficient), French (intermediate), Japanese (intermediate) Programming & Software: R, SQL, Python, Tableau, SPSS, STATA, $\LaTeX$	