

# YUZURU KUMON

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Davis

Ph.D. in Economics

(Expected) June 2019

### University of Tokyo

M.A. in Economics

March 2013

### Keio University

B.A. in Economics

March 2011

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Economic History, Development Economics

## WORKING PAPERS

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### Job Market Paper

How Equality Created Poverty: Japanese Wealth Distributions and Living Standards 1600-1870

### Other Papers

Measurement Error? Peasant Living Standards in Tokugawa Japan

Explaining Inequality: Wealth Mobility, Inheritance, and Extinction in Rural Japan 1694-1872

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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The Benefit of Shocks: Risk and Living Standards in pre-industrial Japan

## PRESENTATIONS

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**2018:** Graduate Student Session, Cliometrics Conference (April); Economic History Seminar, University of Tokyo (July); Economic Development Workshop, Hitotsubashi (July); All UC Graduate Student Workshop (October); LSE Graduate Student Seminar (November); Warwick Economic History Workshop (November); Oxford Graduate Student Seminar (November)

**2017:** New Frontiers in Asian Economic History, Association for Asian Studies (May); Family and Living Standards in Tokugawa Japan, Hitotsubashi University (June); Poster Session, Economic History Association (September)

**2016** One Hundred Flowers, All UC Economic History Conference (December)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of California, Davis

Fall 2014 - Present

*Teaching Assistant*

· Undergraduate Courses: Economic History, Game Theory, Intermediate Econometrics, Intermediate Microeconomics

- Graduate Courses: Cross Section Econometrics, Econometric Foundations, Microeconomics  
*Average Evaluation Score: 4.4/5*

## HONORS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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Economic History Association, Sokoloff Fellowship	2018-2019
UC Davis, Economics Department Research Support Award	2018-2019
All-UC Group in Economic History, Graduate Student Fellowship	2017-2018
UC Davis, Dissertation Improvement Support Award	2017-2018
UC Davis, Non-Resident Tuition Fellowship	Fall 2016
Japan Student Services Organization, Long Term Foreign Studies Award	2013-2016

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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English (native), Japanese (native)

## REFERENCES

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