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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Department of Political Science
PhD in Progress: *Post-Colonial Religion in Southeast Asia*
Advisor: Anthony Gill
Specialties: Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Political Theory
MA, 2026: *Governing Faith Under Fire, Legislating Religion in Wartime Ukraine*

Pepperdine University, Seaver College
BA, Political Science, Political Theory, 2023
Political Science Student of the Year, 2023

Research Interests
Religion and politics, political economy, Catholicism, Southeast and East Asia.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

Fetzer, Joel, and Thomas Bidewell. "An analysis of Timor-Leste's voting in the United Nations' General Assembly from 2002 to 2022: economics, politics, or region?." *Diálogos* 10 (2025): 211-237.

Bidewell, Thomas. "Contradiction and Juche, Philosophical Deviations from Traditional Dialectical Materialism by Kim Il Sung and Mao Zedong Necessitated by Socio-Political Conditions." *Global Tides* 17, no. 1 (2023): 5.

Under Review

Bidewell, Thomas and Fetzer, Joel. "Timor-Leste's Balancing Act between China and the United States: An Analysis of Speeches at the United Nations"

Working Papers

Bidewell, Thomas. "Catholicism with Chinese Characteristics: Religious Regulation and the Cost of Governing Christianity in Macau"

Bidewell, Thomas. "Governing Faith Under Fire, Legislating Religion in Wartime Ukraine"

Bidewell, Thomas. "Religion and Cross Strait Relations; a Balancing Act"

Bidewell, Thomas and Fetzer, Joel. "Foreign Policy Formation in Legislatures, an Analysis of Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, and Indonesia"

Conference Presentations & Workshops

International Studies Association. Pasadena, CA. September 2026. "Foreign Policy Formation in Legislatures, an Analysis of Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, and Indonesia"

Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC), California State University, Northridge, CA. June, 2026. "Foreign Policy Formation in Legislatures, an Analysis of Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, and Indonesia"

Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) Paper Workshop, Seattle, WA. June 2026. "Governing Faith Under Fire, Governing Religion in Wartime Ukraine"

Northwest Regional Conference for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies (REECAS/ASEES NW), Seattle, WA. April, 2026. "Governing Faith Under Fire, Governing Religion in Wartime Ukraine"

American Association for Chinese Studies, Garden City, NY. 2025 "Timor-Leste's Balancing Act between China and the United States: An Analysis of Speeches at the United Nations"

American Association for Chinese Studies, Las Vegas, NV. 2024 "An analysis of Timor-Leste's voting in the United Nations' General Assembly from 2002 to 2022: economics, politics, or region?"

Midwestern Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2024 "An analysis of Timor-Leste's voting in the United Nations' General Assembly from 2002 to 2022: economics, politics, or region?"

International Studies Association. Pasadena, CA. 2024. "An analysis of Timor-Leste's voting in the United Nations' General Assembly from 2002 to 2022: economics, politics, or region?"

Upcoming Presentations

American Association for Chinese Studies, Houston, TX. October, 2026. "Catholicism with Chinese Characteristics: Religious Regulation and the Cost of Governing Christianity in Macau"

TEACHING

Quiz Section Instructor [QSI] at the University of Washington: Government and Politics of China (Fall 2026), Israel-Palestine Conflict (Summer 2026), Terrorism (Spring 2026), How to Steal an Election (Fall 2024), Introduction to Political Theory (Winter 2025, Fall 2025, Winter 2026), Global Crime and Corruption (Spring 2025).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Non-Native Languages: Tetun Dili (proficient), German (conversational), Russian (literate), Portuguese (literate).

Research Skills: Python, LaTex, STATA, LLM integration, OCR optimization, Text-as-Data.