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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, Boston College, May 2024
Major: International Relations, Minors: Comparative Politics, Political Theory
- Dissertation: An Interactive Theory of Power Projection: Naval Power Shift, the Contagion Effect, and Alignment Opportunity
- Committee: Robert Ross (Chair), Timothy Crawford, Jonathan Kirshner
- M.A. International Relations, Seoul National University, February 2013
- B.A. Political Science, Seoul National University, *cum laude*, August 2009
Exchange Student, Leiden University, 2007-2008

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2025- Senior Research Fellow & Executive Director, East Asia Institute
- 2024-2025 Visiting Assistant Professor, William & Mary, Department of Government
- 2023-2024 Lecturer, Boston College, Department of Political Science
- 2022-2023 Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow, Notre Dame International Security Center
- 2014-2016 Assistant Professor, Korea Military Academy, Department of Military History
- 2013-2014 Lecturer, Korea Military Academy, Department of Military History
- 2011-2013 Staff, Seoul National University, Department of International Relations

PUBLICATIONS

- **Refereed Journal Articles**

- 2014 “The July Crisis Revisited: Civil-Military Threat Perceptions of Germany and Russia,” *Journal of Military History [Gunsa]* (September 2014): 31-63 [in Korean]
- 2025 “Japan’s Status-Driven Restraint despite Racial Humiliation, 1921-1936,” *The Journal of American-East Asian Relations*, vol. 32, no. 3 (2025, *forthcoming*)

- **Online Commentaries**

- 2025 ["U.S.-China Naval Power Transition, the First Line of Naval Defense, and the Korean Peninsula,"](#) *Global NK*, June 4
- 2025 ["South Koreans' Perceptions of Blocs between ROK-US-Japan and DPRK-China-Russia and Support for Nuclear Armament: 2025 EAI Public Opinion Survey,"](#) *EAI Issue Briefing*, June 18

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Why in the Upper Nile but Not in West Africa?: Britain's Atypical Preventive War Motivation, the Contagion Effect, and the Fashoda Crisis Revisited, 1882-1898
(under review: *The International History Review*)

MANUSCRIPTS IN REVISION

Explaining the Absence of a War Over China's Quantitative Naval Overtake, 2012-2024

A Logic of North Korea's Nuclear Concessions, 1994-2019

Historical Intersections of Climatic Shift and Power Transitions (with Inho Choi)

Neither a Liar nor a Peacemaker: Roosevelt's Expectations about the Contagion Effect in the Asia-Pacific, 1934-1941

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY & INVITED EXTERNAL TALKS

- 2025 Historical Intersections of Climatic Shift and Power Transitions (with Inho Choi), American Political Science Association Annual Convention, September 11-14 (*scheduled*)
- 2025 The Protestant Work Ethic and the Origins of Korean Enlightenment Nationalism, 1896-1900, Seoul National University International Conference for Contemporary Korean Studies, August 22-23 (*scheduled*)
- 2025 Trump 2.0. Administration's Maritime Action Plan and its Implications for Korea and the Indo-Pacific, Republic of Korea Navy Policy Forum, July 15 (*scheduled*)
- 2025 To Constrain or to Condone?: Explaining China's Approach toward North Korea's Nuclear Weapons Program (with Shuxian Luo), International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 5
- 2025 Arizona State University, February 27 (*virtual*)
St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, February 6-7 (*virtual*)
- 2024 Explaining the Absence of a War over China's Quantitative Naval Overtake, 2008-2024, American Political Science Association Annual Convention, September 5-8

- 2024 China's Naval Buildup as a Status-Seeking Behavior, 2008-2022 (with Chengzhi Yin)
American Political Science Association Annual Convention, September 5-8,
- 2024 The Clements Center's Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft (Beaver Creek,
CO), The Clements Center for National Security, The University of Texas at Austin,
July 14-19
- 2024 An Interactive Theory of Power Projection: How the Leading Sea Power and a
Challenger Avoid or End Up in a War?, The Junior Scholars in International Security
(JSISE) Workshop, April 12
- 2024 Racial Hierarchy, Status, and Restraint: Japan's Status-Driven Restraint Despite
Racial Humiliation and the Washington Naval System, International Studies
Association Annual Convention, April 6
- 2023 An Interactive Theory of Power Projection: How the Leading Sea Power and a
Challenger Avoid or End Up in a War?, New Wave Realism Conference, Mershon
Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University, December 1-2
- 2023 Racial Hierarchy, Restraint, and Assertion: Japan's Pursuit of Status and the
Washington Naval System, 1921-1936, Brookings Workshop on Narratives, Strategy,
and Asian Order, The Brookings Institution, November 8-9
- 2023 Restraint, Assertion, and Commitment Problem: Japan's Pursuit of Status and the
Washington Naval System, 1921-1936, American Political Science Association
Annual Convention, August 31-September 4
- 2023 Racial Hierarchy, Restraint, and Commitment Problem: Japan's Pursuit of Status and
the Washington Naval System, 1921-1936, International Studies Association Annual
Convention, March 15-18
- 2022 A Causal Logic of Authoritarian Nuclear Concession: Political Normalization,
Domestic Pressure, and the Security-Legitimacy Dilemma, American Political
Science Association Annual Convention, September 15-18
- 2022 A Causal Logic of Authoritarian Nuclear Concession: Political Normalization,
Domestic Pressure, and the Security-Legitimacy Dilemma, International Studies
Association Annual Convention, March 28-April 2
- 2021 An Interactive Theory of Power Projection: Domestic Mobilization, Geographical
Expansion and Alignment Opportunity, ISA-ISSS Conference 2021, November 12-
14
- 2021 A Causal Logic of Authoritarian Nuclear Concession: External Inducement,
Domestic Political-Economic Pressure, and Regime Legitimacy, International Studies
Association Annual Convention, April 6-9
- 2021 The Washington Conference Order and Japan in 1922-1936: Global Status,
Restraint, and the Great Depression, International Studies Association Annual
Convention, April 6-9
- 2020 A Causal Logic of Authoritarian Nuclear Concession: External Inducement,
Domestic Political-Economic Pressure, and Regime Legitimacy, American Political
Science Association Annual Convention, September 9-13
- 2018 Explaining North Korea's Nuclear Foreign Policy: Steadfastness, Independence, and
Compromise, International Studies Association Northeast Annual Convention,
November 2-3
- 2012 Small States in the Face of Abandonment Fear: A Comparative Study of South
Korea and Taiwan in the 1970s, Midwest Political Science Association Annual
Convention, April 12-15

AWARDS AND HONORS

2024	Stand Together Trust U.S. Foreign Policy Dissertation Grant (\$5,000)
2023	The Charles Koch Foundation U.S. Foreign Policy Dissertation Grant (\$5,000)
2023	Seoul National University New England Alumni Association Scholarship (\$3,000)
2022-2023	Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship, The University of Notre Dame (\$10,000)
2023	APSA 2023 First Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant (\$145)
2023	Boston College Graduate School of Arts and Science Travel Grant (\$700)
2022	APSA 2022 Travel Grant (\$150)
2022	ISA 2022 Travel Grant (\$700)
2021	Fall Conference Travel Grant, Graduate Students Association, Boston College
2019-2020	Clough Graduate Fellow, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College (\$6,000)
2017-2019	Fulbright Graduate Ph.D. Scholarship, U.S. Department of State (\$55,000+)
2011	Outstanding Paper at Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Republic of Korea (“Strategic Perspectives on Various Threat Perception Factors in Northeast Asia”)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Seoul National University**

Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2025, *scheduled*)

- **William & Mary**

U.S.-China Relations Seminar for Freshmen (Fall 2024)

U.S.-China Relations Seminar for Juniors & Seniors (Fall 2024)

Research Methods (Fall 2024)

- **Boston College**

International Politics of Rising Powers (**Instructor of Record**, Spring 2024)

Race and Ethnic Politics (Teaching Assistant to Professor Masha Krupenkin, Spring 2023)

Technology and Politics (Teaching Assistant to Professor Masha Krupenkin, Fall 2022)

Media and Politics (Teaching Assistant to Professor Masha Krupenkin, Fall 2022)

Introduction to International Relations (Teaching Assistant to Professor Peter Krause, **leading two independent discussion sections with course evaluations**, Spring 2022)

The World Wars (Teaching Assistant to Professor Lindsey O'Rourke, Spring 2021)

US Foreign Policy, 1945-Present (Teaching Assistant to Professor Lindsey O'Rourke, Fall 2020)

- **John Quincy Adams Society**

Morgenthau Grand Strategy Seminar: China's Rise (Instructor, July 2023)

- **Korea Military Academy, Instructor/Assistant Professor**

World Military History (Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016)

The Korean War (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

Military Strategy (Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016)

Modern Warfare: The Iraq and Afghanistan Wars (Spring 2015, Spring 2016)

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Introduction to International Relations

U.S.-China Relations

U.S. Foreign Policy, 1945-Present

Chinese Foreign Policy, 1949-Present

East Asian Security

International Politics of Rising Powers

SERVICE

2019-2023 President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Boston College

2022-2023 Co-organizer, Graduate Student Paper Workshop

2014-2015 Administrative Officer, Military History Department, Korea Military Academy

2009-2010 Personal Assistant to Regional Secretary of IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) East Asia, Based in Malaysia

RELATED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2021 The Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research (IQMR):
 Process Tracing
 Large-N Qualitative Analysis
 Interpretive Methods
 Concept Analysis

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013-2016 Second/First Lieutenant, Republic of Korea Army

2011-2013 Staff, Department of International Relations, Seoul National University

2009-2010 Personal Assistant to Regional Secretary of IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) East Asia, Based in Malaysia

LANGUAGES

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Korean (native in reading, speaking, and writing)
 English (fluent in reading, speaking, and writing)
 Mandarin Chinese (can read with dictionary)
 German (can read with dictionary)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
 International Studies Association

REFERENCES

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