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### EDUCATION

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- 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

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- 2025- Lecturer, Seoul National University, Department of International Relations
- 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

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- **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, issue. 3 (2025): 239-267

- 2025 [“The Causes of the First World War Revisited: Interactions between Austria-Hungary’s Resolve to Use Force against Serbia and Russian Mobilizations, 1908-1914,”](#) *Journal of Korean Political and Diplomatic History*, vol. 47, no. 1 (2025): 95-133 [in Korean]

- **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
- 2025 ["The Future of U.S. Maritime Hegemony and Seoul's Strategy: The Role of the U.S. Congress in ROK-U.S. Shipbuilding Cooperation and North Korea Policy",](#) *Global NK*, September 29

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

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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

Intersecting Climatic and Power Shifts: Ecological Pressure, Adaptability, and the Limits of Prudence in the Anthropocene Power Transition (with Inho Choi)

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN REVISION**

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

Neither a Liar nor a Peacemaker: Roosevelt’s Expectations about the Contagion Effect and Japan’s Strategic Redirection in the Asia-Pacific, 1934-1941

A Logic of Authoritarian Nuclear Concession and U.S. Foreign Policy, 1994-2015

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY & INVITED EXTERNAL TALKS**

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- 2025 Historical Intersections of Climatic Shift and Power Transitions (with Inho Choi), American Political Science Association Annual Convention, September 13
- 2025 The Protestant Work Ethic and the Origin of Korean Enlightenment Nationalism, 1896-1900, Seoul National University International Conference for Contemporary Korean Studies, August 23

- 2025 Trump 2.0. Administration's Maritime Action Plan (MAP) and its Implications for Korea and the Indo-Pacific, Republic of Korea Navy Policy Forum, July 15
- 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*)
- 2025 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- **Seoul National University**

Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2025)

- **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)

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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)  
 U.S. 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**

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Introduction to International Relations  
 U.S.-China Relations, 1949-Present  
 U.S. Foreign Policy, 1945-Present  
 Foreign Policy Analysis  
 International Relations of the Asia-Pacific  
 East Asian Security

## **SERVICE**

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

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

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2013-2016	Second/First Lieutenant, Republic of Korea Army
2011-2013	Staff, Department of International Relations, Seoul National University

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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**

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American Political Science Association  
 International Studies Association  
 Korean Association for Political and Diplomatic History

## **REFERENCES**

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