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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- 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

- **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
- 2026 [“Trump's Golden Fleet Initiative, MASGA, and the ICE Pact,”](#) *Global NK*, January 22
- 2026 [“New Spheres of Conflicting Orders: A Lack of Consensus Promises Confusion and Competition”](#) (with Chaesung Chun), in Council of Councils Global Memo: The World Reorders: The Complications of a Return to Spheres of Influence, *Council on Foreign Relations*, January 30
- 2026 [“New research hub assesses shared security challenges in the Indo-Pacific and Euro-Atlantic: A view from South Korea,”](#) *The Strategist*, Australian Strategic Policy Institute, March 26
- 2026 ["The U.S. Navy's FY2027 Shipbuilding Plan and the Korea–U.S. Shipbuilding Partnership \(KUSPI\): Institutionalizing Allied Industrial Capacity in the Indo-Pacific and Korea's Proactive Shaping,"](#) *Global NK*, May 29

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 [R&R with re-review at *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*]

Historical Intersections of Climatic Change and Power Transitions: Ecological Pressure, Balance of Adaptability, and the U.S.-China Power Transition in the Anthropocene (with Inho Choi) [forthcoming at *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*]

MANUSCRIPTS IN REVISION

Explaining the Absence of War during the U.S.–China Naval Power Transition, 2012–2025: Power Projection, Contagion Expectations, and Alignment Opportunity

Neither a Liar nor a Peacemaker: The First Line of Naval Defense and Roosevelt’s Expectations about the Contagion Effect in the Asia-Pacific, 1934-1941

A Logic of North Korea’s Nuclear Foreign Policy and the Security-Legitimacy Dilemma, 1994-2019

Beyond Decent Peace: Toward Effective Peace in an Era of Systemic Transformation (with Inho Choi)

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY & INVITED EXTERNAL TALKS

- 2026 The First Line of Naval Defense: Roosevelt, the Pacific Theater, and the Provocation-Restraint Debate, American Political Science Association Annual Convention, September (*accepted*)
- 2026 Security in Transition Workshop, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Berlin, June 8-11
- 2026 “Conflicting Orders in the Indo-Pacific: Spheres of Influence, Strategic Competition, and the Challenge for Middle Powers,” Global Relations Forum, May 4
- 2026 Regional Kick-Off of the Indo-Pacific & Euro-Atlantic Hub, NATO (Framing remarks as Representative of the Korean Hub), February 24
- 2026 New Partnerships and Strategies amid a Shifting Global Order, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, East Asia Workshop, Seoul, February 10–11
- 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*)
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

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- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

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**

Korean Foreign Policy (Fall 2026, *scheduled*)

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Foreign Policy Analysis (Spring 2026)
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)
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

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

SERVICE

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

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

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
Korean Association for Political and Diplomatic History

REFERENCES

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