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Research Interests

Interstate and Intrastate Conflicts, Conflict Management and Resolution, East Asian Security, Cross-Strait Relations

Education

University of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina, USA

Ph.D. Student, Political Science

August 2023 – Present

- Concentrations: International Relations (Major), Research Methodology (Minor)

National Taiwan University

Taipei, Taiwan

M.A. Political Science

September 2019 – January 2023

- Concentrations: International Relations (Major), National Politics (Minor)
- Thesis: Adjustments to Patterns of Hedging Among East Asian Allies: Case Studies of South Korea and Japan (Advisor: Hsiao-chuan Liao)

Sogang University

Seoul, Republic of Korea

B.A.A. Business Administration and B.A. Chinese Culture

February 2013–August 2018

Tsinghua University

Beijing, People's Republic of China

Visiting Student

February 2017 – June 2017

Working Papers

3. "China in Myanmar: Understanding Motives and Modes of Intervention in Civil Conflict"
2. "Determining Duration: How Types of External Support Shape Civil Conflicts"
1. "Sexual Violence in Non-Conflict Settings: North Korean Repatriated Defectors" (with Dr. Howard Liu and Dr. Sanghoon Park)

Research Experience

Research Assistant

Columbia, South Carolina, USA

Dr. Robert Kubinec, University of South Carolina

January 2025 –

- Coding/evaluating Large Language Model(LLM) performance

Course Designer

Columbia, South Carolina, USA

University of South Carolina

May 2024 – August 2024

- Served as the lead designer for POLI 502 Methods of Political Analysis

Research Assistant

Columbia, South Carolina, USA

Dr. Howard Liu, University of South Carolina

January 2024 – May 2024

- Religious Repression Database Documentation

Research Assistant

Taipei, Taiwan

Dr. Nien-Chung Chang Liao, Academia Sinica

February 2021 – July 2022

- Strategic Partnership Database Documentation

Research Assistant

Taipei, Taiwan

Dr. Hans H. Tung, National Taiwan University

July 2021 – September 2021

- Investigated changes in South Korea's entrance policy following the emergence of COVID-19

Research Assistant

Taipei, Taiwan

Dr. Hans H. Tung, National Taiwan University

April 2021 – May 2021

- Translated research questionnaires about the public perception of the COVID-19 vaccine

Teaching Experience

Instructor

- POLI 101 Introduction to Global Politics (Section Instructor), University of South Carolina, Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

Teaching Assistant

- POLI 105 Introduction to Politics (Instructor: Dr. Keland Lu), University of South Carolina, Spring 2025
- POLI 304 Contemporary Political Theory (Instructor: Dr. Samuel Bagg), University of South Carolina, Fall 2024
- Contemporary Asia (Instructor: Dr. Philip Yang), National Taiwan University, Spring 2021 and Spring 2022

Conference Presentations

4. "Determining Duration: How Types of External Support Shape Civil Conflicts," presented at the Political Science Graduate Symposium, Columbia, South Carolina, USA, 2025
3. "Sexual Violence in Non-Conflict Settings: North Korean Repatriated Defectors," presented at the Korean Association of International Studies Annual Summer Conference, Seoul, Korea, 2024
2. "Japan's Adjustments to Patterns of Hedging under the U.S.-China Power Competition (2003-2020)," presented at Taiwan Society of Japan Studies Annual Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, 2023
1. "Changes in East Asia's Alliance: Will East Asian Countries Bandwagon with China?," presented at Association of International Relations Annual Conference, ROC, Taipei, Taiwan, 2020

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Strom Thurmond Fellowship in International Relations (\$1000), *University of South Carolina*, June 2024

Donald J. Puchala fellowship (\$750), *Walker Institute, University of South Carolina*, April 2024

Graduate Assistantship (Tuition & Stipend), *University of South Carolina*, August 2023 - Present

NTU Scholarship for International Students (≈\$1300), *National Taiwan University*, August 2022

NTU Scholarship for International Students (≈\$1300), *National Taiwan University*, August 2021

Taiwan Scholarship (Tuition & Stipend), *Taiwanese Ministry of Education*, August 2019 – July 2021

GLEE Scholarship, Globalization Category, *Sogang Business School, Sogang University*, September 2017

Scholarship for Visiting Students, *Sogang University*, February 2017

Languages

- Languages: Korean (native), Mandarin (fluent), English (fluent), Japanese (Intermediate)
- Professional Skills: R, \LaTeX

Additional Experience

Treasurer

Global Asia Leadership Forum

Seoul, Republic of Korea

September 2018 – January 2019

Intern

East Asia Foundation

Seoul, Republic of Korea

July 2018 – December 2018

Member

International Exchange Club HUG, Sogang University

Seoul, Republic of Korea

August 2017 – December 2017

Volunteer

Buddy Program, Sogang Business School

Seoul, Republic of Korea

August 2016 – December 2017