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EDUCATION	<p>University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Urbana, IL</p> <p><i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i> May 2026 (<i>expected</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: When Barracks Meet Battlefields: Coups and Civil Wars• Committee: Alyssa Prorok (Chair), Paul Diehl, Rob Carroll, Wendy K. Tam <p><i>M.S. in Applied Statistics</i> May 2025 (<i>expected</i>)</p> <p>Ewha W. University Seoul, Korea</p> <p><i>M.A. in Political Science and International Relations</i> August 2018</p> <p><i>B.A. in English Language and Literature, Political Science</i> August 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exchange Program at Centenary University (NJ)• Intensive Language Program in Chinese at Liaoning Normal University (Liaoning, China)
RESEARCH INTERESTS	<p>Political Violence (Civil Wars, Coups, Protests), Conflict Management & Resolution, Political Economy of Violence, Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Text Analysis</p>
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gong, Do Young., Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon., Shen, Shuyuan., and Yang, Yujeong. 2024. "Money Backfires: How Chinese Investment Fuels Anti-China Protests Abroad." <i>World Development</i> 178: 106566. (Equal contribution)2. Yang, Yujeong., Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon., Shen, Shuyuan., and Gong, Do Young. 2023. "Kill Protests with Kindness: Anti-China Protests and China's Public Diplomacy." <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 67 (4): sqad087.3. Kim, KyungWoo, Lyu, Hyeon-Suk., & Gong, Do Young. (2020). "Weeding out False Information in Disasters and Emergencies: Information Recipients' Competency." <i>International Review of Public Administration</i>, 25(4), 261-278.
WORKING PAPERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "Peace Under the Influence? The Role of Illicit Drug Economies in Peace Processes and Rebel Splintering." (with Myung Jung Kim) (R&R, <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>)2. "Bullets to Bargains: Wartime Coup Attempts and Civil War Management and Resolution." (Invited to resubmit, <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>)3. "Varieties of Post-Coup Politics and Civil War Dynamics." (under review)4. "Failed Coup Attempts and Fading FDI in the Extractive Sector." (with Seung-Uk Huh) (under review)5. "Time Matters: The Impact of DDR Implementation on Non-State Conflicts." (with Jaeseok Cho)6. "Play it Again?: Mandates and Missions in Successor UN Peace Operations." (with Paul Diehl)7. "Who Coups, Who Quits? Varieties of Wartime Coups and the Dynamics of Ceasefires."8. "What Rebels Tell Generals: Civil War Dynamics and Varieties of Coups."

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois | Research Assistant
Project on Successor Operations in Peacekeeping
• PI: Paul Diehl (University of Illinois)
Urbana, IL
Jan 2025 - Aug 2025

University of Illinois | Research Assistant
Project on Cooperation in Multi-Dyadic Civil Wars
• PIs: Prof. Alyssa Prorok (University of Illinois), Prof. Elizabeth Menninga (University of Iowa)
Urbana, IL
Jan 2023 - Present

The Korea Institute of Public Administration | Assistant Researcher
• Project on Enhancing the Reliability of Disaster Safety Information and Risk Communication
Seoul, Korea
Jan 2019 - Jun 2020

The Sejong Institute | Research Assistant
• The East Asian Railroad Community Initiative for 2018 Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Forum and Intergovernmental Meeting
Pangyo, Korea
Oct - Dec 2018

Ewha Research Institute for Social Science | Research Assistant
• Project on Sino-American Relations and Globalization
Seoul, Korea
2017 - 2018

Political Science at Ewha W. University | Research Assistant
• Project on Korean and Japanese Students' Perceptions of Historical Issues in East Asia, Funded by Seoul National University Law School
Seoul, Korea
2016 - 2017

Ewha Institute for the Humanities | Research Assistant
• Projects on Posthumanism
Seoul, Korea
2016 - 2017

The Korea Society | Administrative Staff
• Research Projects and Lecture Series in Korean Studies
New York City, NY
2014 - 2015

China Women's Development Foundation | Intern
• Programs on China's Development Initiatives in Western China
Beijing, China
2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTA- TIONS AND INVITED TALKS	“Time Matters: The Impact of DDR Implementation on Non-State Conflicts.” (with Jaeseok Cho)	
		MPSA 2025; ISA-Midwest 2024; Junior IO Workshop 2024
	“Bullets to Bargains: The Impact of Wartime Coup Attempts on Civil War Management and Resolution.”	
	APSA 2025 (Expected); Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies (University of Illinois) 2024; ISA 2024	
	“Violence Begets Peace? Failed Coup Attempts and Civil War Peace Processes.”	
		ISA 2024; ISA-Midwest 2023
	“Failed Coup Attempts and Fading FDI in the Extractive Sector.” (with Seung-Uk Huh)	
		ISA 2025; GSIPE 2024; MPSA 2024
	“Peace Under the Influence? The Role of Illicit Drug Economies in Peace Processes and Rebel Splintering.” (with Myung Jung Kim)	
		MPSA 2024; MPSA 2023
	“The Politicization of Chinese Investment: Electoral Competition and Anti-China Protests in Central Asia and Africa.” (with Shuyuan Shen)	
		MPSA 2022
FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	Cline Center Schroeder Summer Graduate Fellowship (\$7000)	
	University of Illinois	2025
	Arms Control & Domestic and International Security Fellowship (\$6000)	
	University of Illinois	2022
	East Asia Institute Fellowship Program	
	East Asia Institute	2018 - 2019
	ASAN Academy A Fully Funded Education Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)	
	ASAN Institute for Policy Studies	2013
	Graduate Scholarship (\$7000)	
	Korea Student Aid Foundation	2017

AWARDS AND HONORS	APSA Conflict Processes Section Travel Grant	
	APSA	2025
	Travel Grant & Pay-It-Forward	
	ISA	2025
	Travel Grant & Pay-It-Forward	
	ISA-Midwest	2023, 2024
	Graduate Student Travel Grant	
	Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies, University of Illinois	2024
	Travel Grant	
	Department of Political Science, University of Illinois	2021 - 2025
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Harrell Rodgers Travel Scholarship	
	MPSA	2024
	Best Dissertation Award	
	Ewha W. University	2018
	Travel Grant	
	Ewha W. University	2017
	Dean's List	
	Ewha W. University	2011, 2015
	Independent Instructor	
	East Asian Political System (Online) Central Michigan University	Spring 2025, 2026
MENTORING EXPERIENCE	Quantitative Research Design in Political Science University of Illinois	Math Camp 2025
	Ordinary Least Squares in R University of Illinois	Math Camp 2023, 2024
	Teaching Assistant	
	The New Middle East (Prof. Avital Livny) University of Illinois	Spring 2022
	Comparative Politics in Developing Nations (Prof. Avital Livny) University of Illinois	Fall 2021
	American Foreign Policy (Prof. Nicholas Grossman) University of Illinois	Fall 2022
	Law and Representation (Prof. Wendy K. Tam) University of Illinois	Fall 2020
	University of Illinois	Urbana, IL
	Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program	Fall 2023 - present
	Departmental program for first-year Ph.D. students	Fall 2023 - present
COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH	Ewha W. University	Seoul, Korea
	Undergraduate Career Mentoring Program	Spring 2018
	Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program	Spring 2018
	Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Political Violence, Civil War, Conflict Management and Resolution, Peace Studies, East Asian Politics, Middle East Politics, Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences, R programming for Social Science Research, Causal Inference, Mixed Methods Research, Survival Analysis	

SKILLS	Languages: Korean (Native), English (Fluent), Chinese (Fluent, Old HSK Level 6), Japanese (Advanced, JLPT 1) Programming: R, Python, SPSS, Stata, \LaTeX	
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Teaching University of Illinois Urbana, IL <i>Department of Political Science</i> Political Science Seminar Series on Pedagogy (Prof. Paul Diehl) Spring 2023 <i>Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning</i> Teaching in the Hybrid Classroom Certificate 2025 Graduate Teacher Certificate 2024 Graduate Mentoring Certificate 2024	
	Methods Syracuse University Syracuse, NY The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Summer 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted with full coverage for participation fee, stipend, and accommodation 	
SERVICE	Junior IO Scholars Workshop Organizing Member Fall 2024 - present Math Camp Political Science (University of Illinois) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Fall 2024 - Summer 2025 Committee Fall 2022 - Summer 2023 Culture Committee Political Science (University of Illinois) Fall 2021 - Spring 2024	
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP	American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association International Studies Association	

REFERENCES

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