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EDUCATION

**Ph.D. Candidate in
Political Science**
Sep 2021 - Present

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
Advisor: Dr. Erin Aeran Chung
Dissertation: Rethinking Migration and Development: The Politics of Emigration in South Korea

**M.A. International
Relations**
Mar 2017 - Feb 2019

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea
Advisor: Dr. Wookhee Shin
Thesis: Formulation and Systemization of Transnational Adoption Policy During Park Chung-Hee's Regime ([link](#))

**B.A. Asian Studies
B.A. Economics**
Mar 2013 - Feb 2017

Yonsei University, Underwood International College, Seoul, South Korea
Advisor: Dr. Henry Em
Research Thesis: Face of Labor in South Korea

Study Abroad
Sep 2015 - Jan 2016

King's College London, London, England

PUBLICATION

2018. "Eisenhower Administration's Foreign Policy Decision-Making Process in Response to Syngman Rhee's Release of Anti-Communist Prisoners." In *Generality and Specificity in East Asia Regional Order: Theory and Reality*, edited by Chaesung Chun, 171-201. Seoul: Sapyong. [ISBN 9791188108718](#)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Exile by Paperwork: Competitive Nation-Building in Post-Colonial Divided States."

"Pathogenic Population: Migration and Development through Exclusion in South Korea."

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

2025	Kyujanggak Junior Fellowship, Institute of Korean Studies, SNU
2024	Chloe Center for the Critical Study of Racism, Immigration, and Colonialism Research Grant, JHU
2024	Nicole Suveges Fieldwork Fellowship, Political Science, JHU
2024	Joel Steward Ish Fellowship Award, Political Science, JHU
2023	East Asian Studies Intersession Research Grant, JHU
2022	Andrew W. Mellon Summer Language Study Grant, JHU
2018-2019	Academic Merit Scholarship (3 semesters), SNU
2018	Sejong Book Award (for book translation), Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism of South Korea
2014-2017	Jongno Provincial Merit Scholarship (full tuition)
2016	Underwood International College Best Essay Prize, Yonsei University

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, INVITED TALKS

Mar 2026	International Studies Association 2026 Annual Conference, Columbus, OH. “Re-homing the Diaspora: (Un)welcome Return of Overseas Koreans in Post-Colonial South Korea”
Mar 2026	Association of Asian Studies 2026 Annual Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
Sep 2025	American Political Science Association 2025 Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Vancouver, BC, Canada. “Exile by Paperwork: Paradox of Migration and Bureaucratic Violence in South Korea”
July 2025	International Political Science Association World Congress, Seoul, Republic of Korea.
Mar 2025	Association of Asian Studies 2025 Annual Conference, Columbus OH.
Mar 2025	International Studies Association 2025 Annual Conference, Chicago IL. “Red baiting the Diaspora: Fabricating Spies as Transnational Repression in South Korea” Roundtable presenter: Roundtable on Transnational Repression
Sep 2024	Invited Talk: Finding Spies in Faraway Places Yonsei University UIC Asian Studies X Veritas Research Center Lecture, Songdo, Republic of Korea.
May 2024	NextGen Korean Studies Scholars , 11th International Conference, Ann Arbor, MI
May 2024	Keywords for the Critical Study of Racism, Immigration, and Colonialism , Baltimore, MD. “Is transnational adoption a form of forced migration? Rethinking volition in migration research”
May 2024	JohnCon 2024 , Department of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. “Looking for North Korea in faraway places”
Nov 2023	Johns Hopkins Agora Institute Political Economy Graduate Symposium , Baltimore, MD. “Precarious Labor: 2015 Yonsei University Sit-in in South Korea”
Nov 2023	International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference , Providence, NY.
May 2022	9th Annual Korea University Graduate Student Conference , Online.
May 2021	NextGen Korean Studies Scholars , 8th International Conference, Online. “Not Korean Enough: Systemization of Transnational Adoption During Park Chung-hee’s Regime”
Aug 2018	Korean Association of International Studies Summer Conference , Busan, Republic of Korea. “Eisenhower Administration’s Foreign Policy Decision-Making Process: Syngman Rhee’s Release of Anti-Communist Prisoners and the USROK Mutual Defense Treaty”

TEACHING

Spring 2025	Head TA , Introduction to American Politics. Dr. Adam Sheingate, JHU
Spring 2024	Co-Instructor , Political Economy of Japan and Korea. Dr. Erin Aeran Chung, JHU
Spring 2023	TA, Democracy and Dictatorship, Dr. Sebastián Mazzuca, JHU
May 2022	Completion: Johns Hopkins Teaching Institute
Fall 2018	TA, War and Peace in History, Dr. Doohwan Ahn, SNU
Spring 2018	TA, East Asia International Relations, Dr. Wookhee Shin, SNU
Fall 2017	TA, Theory of International Relations, Dr. Wookhee Shin, SNU

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor July 2025 - Present	Cambridge Elements Series on Politics and Society in East Asia Editorial assistance, reviewer communication, publication administration
Graduate Fellow Dec 2023 - Present	Chloe Center for the Critical Study of Racism, Immigration, and Colonialism , Johns Hopkins University Event organization and coordination, news and communications writing. Curriculum development assistance for Critical Diaspora Studies Major Research and administrative assistance for <i>Critical Response to Anti-Asian Violence</i> Grant Project, “Critical Diaspora Studies in the Baltimore-Washington Region,” 2023-2024.
Junior Fellow July 2025 - Jan 2026	Kyujanggak International Center for Korean Studies , Seoul National University Fully Funded Dissertation fieldwork research
Visiting Scholar Sep 2024 - Dec 2024	Veritas Research Center , Yonsei University Dissertation fieldwork research
Researcher July 2020 - Feb 2021	Seoul Institute , Seoul, South Korea Project: Urban Humanities Initiative
Contract Researcher Nov 2019 - Dec 2019	Ministry of Gender Equality and Family , Seoul, South Korea Contract project: Measure for international solidarity for protection of victims of sexual violence in conflict and Japan’s wartime sex slavery
Research Assistant Feb 2018 - Aug 2018	Social Science Korea funded Research Team , Seoul National University Grant project: Theorizing East Asian Regional Order and Comparative Study on Regional Order (Principal Investigator: Dr. Chun Chaesung)

SERVICE

2025 - Present	Organizer , East Asian Studies Graduate Seminar, JHU
2023 - 2025	News Editor , Political Science Department, JHU
2021 - 2023	Representative Committee , Political Science Graduate Organization, JHU
2017 - 2019	Volunteer Tutor, Gwanak “Dream-nest” Regional Children’s Welfare Center, Seoul, ROK
2018	Graduate Working Space Coordinator, International Relations Department, SNU
2013 - 2015	Yonsei Chunchu University Newspaper, Yonsei University Editor in Chief (2015), News Desk Editor (2014), Reporter (2013-2014)

METHODS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mar 2026	Association of Asian Studies “Labor and Politics of Care” Dissertation Workshop
Sep 2025	APSA Migration & Citizenship Dissertation Workshop
June 2024	ICPSR, Michigan University Summer Program (funded by JHU Dean’s Graduate Fellowship Award)
June 2024	Michigan Korean Studies Summer Institute “Democracy and Gender,” Nam Center for Korean Studies
Feb 2024	George Washington Institute for Korean Studies Graduate Student Research and Publication Workshop
June 2023	Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University. Syracuse, NY
Dec 2020	Korea Social Science Data Archive Winter Workshop on STATA

LANGUAGES

Korean - Native, **Japanese** - Intermediate, **Spanish** - Intermediate, **American Sign Language** - Beginner