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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 Chae Sung Chun, 171-201. Seoul: Sapyong. [ISBN 9791188108718](#)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Exile by Paperwork: Migration Governance through Bureaucratic Weaponization in Post-Colonial South Korea"

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

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| 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 |
| 2022 | Academic Merit Scholarship (3 semesters), SNU |
| 2018-2019 | Sejong Book Award (for book translation), Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism of South Korea |
| 2018 | Jongno Provincial Merit Scholarship (full tuition) |
| 2014-2017 | Underwood International College Best Essay Prize, Yonsei University |
| 2016 | |

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, INVITED TALKS

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

TEACHING

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| 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

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| Associate Editor July 2025 - Present | Cambridge Elements series on Politics and Society in East Asia Editorial assistance, reviewer communication, publication administration |
| Junior Fellow July 2025 - Jan 2026 | Kyujanggak International Center for Korean Studies , Seoul National University Dissertation fieldwork research |
| Visiting Scholar Sep 2024 - Dec 2024 | Veritas Research Center , Yonsei University Dissertation fieldwork research |
| Graduate Fellow Dec 2023 - Present | The Chloe Center for the Critical Study of Racism, Immigration, and Colonialism , Johns Hopkins University Critical Response to Anti-Asian Violence Grant project: Critical Diaspora Studies in the Baltimore-Washington Region |
| 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 Principal Investigator: Dr. Chun Chaesung Grant project: Theorizing East Asian Regional Order and Comparative Study on Regional Order |

SERVICE

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| 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, South Korea |
| 2018 | Graduate Working Space Coordinator, International Relations Department, SNU |
| 2013 - 2015 | Yonsei Chunchu University Newspaper, Yonsei University Reporter (2013-2014), News Desk Editor (2014), Editor in Chief (2015) |

METHODS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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| 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 (IQMRR), 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