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### EDUCATION

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- 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

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- 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

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- **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, no. 3 (2025, *forthcoming*)

- 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

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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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  
(under review: *The International History Review*)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN REVISION

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Explaining the Absence of a War Over China’s Quantitative Naval Overtake, 2012-2024

A Logic of North Korea’s Nuclear Concessions, 1994-2019

Historical Intersections of Climatic Shift and Power Transitions (with Inho Choi)

Neither a Liar nor a Peacemaker: Roosevelt’s Expectations about the Contagion Effect in the Asia-Pacific, 1934-1941

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY & INVITED EXTERNAL TALKS

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- 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
- 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
- 2024 Racial Hierarchy, Status, and Restraint: Japan's Status-Driven Restraint Despite Racial Humiliation and the Washington Naval System, International Studies Association Annual Convention, April 6
- 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
- 2023 Racial Hierarchy, Restraint, and Commitment Problem: Japan's Pursuit of Status and the Washington Naval System, 1921-1936, International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 15-18
- 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
- 2022 A Causal Logic of Authoritarian Nuclear Concession: Political Normalization, Domestic Pressure, and the Security-Legitimacy Dilemma, International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 28-April 2
- 2021 An Interactive Theory of Power Projection: Domestic Mobilization, Geographical Expansion and Alignment Opportunity, ISA-ISSS Conference 2021, November 12-14
- 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
- 2020 A Causal Logic of Authoritarian Nuclear Concession: External Inducement, Domestic Political-Economic Pressure, and Regime Legitimacy, American Political Science Association Annual Convention, September 9-13

- 2018 Explaining North Korea's Nuclear Foreign Policy: Steadfastness, Independence, and Compromise, International Studies Association Northeast Annual Convention, November 2-3
- 2012 Small States in the Face of Abandonment Fear: A Comparative Study of South Korea and Taiwan in the 1970s, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Convention, April 12-15

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- 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

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- **Seoul National University**

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,

Inhwan Oh

**leading two independent discussion sections with course evaluations**, Spring 2022)

The World Wars (Teaching Assistant to Professor Lindsey O'Rourke, Spring 2021)

US 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**

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Introduction to International Relations

U.S.-China Relations, 1949-Present

U.S. Foreign Policy, 1945-Present

Chinese Foreign Policy, 1949-Present

East Asian Security

International Politics of Rising Powers

## **SERVICE**

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2019-2023      President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Boston College

2022-2023      Co-organizer, Graduate Student Paper Workshop

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**

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2021            The Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research (IQMR):

Process Tracing

Large-N Qualitative Analysis

Interpretive Methods

Concept Analysis

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2013-2016      Second/First Lieutenant, Republic of Korea Army

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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**

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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**

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American Political Science Association  
 International Studies Association  
 Korean Association for Political and Diplomatic History

## **REFERENCES**

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