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EDUCATION

University of Illinois

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Subfield: International Relations, Comparative Politics (Minor)

(Expected) May 2026

Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

Dissertation: *"The State of Disastrous Climate Policies"*

Investigates the independent climate actions of subnational governments, focusing on how climate vulnerability, particularly from recurring weather disasters, drives them to address climate change. What motivates these governments to take adaptation or mitigation measures?

Committee: Robert Pahre (Chair), Brian Gaines, Matthew Winters, Yujeong Yang

Minor: College Teaching

Yonsei University Graduate School of International Studies

Master of Global Affairs & Policy

2017

Seoul, Korea

University of Washington, Seattle

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

2015

Seattle, Washington

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Cooperation, Multilateral Agreements, Climate Change Politics, Comparative Subnational Climate Policy, Mixed-Method Research

WORKING PAPERS

1. "Common Identity and Political Partisanship Division Regarding Environmental Policies."
2. "The Impacts of Legislative Composition during the Ratification Stage on Compliance with Bilateral Environmental Agreements: A Comparative Study of Estonia and Finland."

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate

Korean Information Society Development Institute

Jincheon, Korea

October 2018-June 2019

- Performed research on "Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Official Development Assistance (ODA) Evaluation Monitoring Result-Based Approach"
- Analyzed historical trends of South Korea's ICT ODA and identify a future path for a successful policy implementation

Summer Research Fellow

Nuclear Nonproliferation Education and Research Center (NEREC), KAIST

Daejeon, Korea

June 2014-August 2014

- Participated in lectures and workshops to gain insights from experts and leaders in nuclear nonproliferation and nuclear engineering
- Conducted research on "Global Norms in Nuclear Nonproliferation: How Can It Be Spread?" under the supervision of Chan Kim, Department of Nuclear & Quantum Engineering, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)

- Presented a research poster at the 2014 NEREC Conference on Nuclear Nonproliferation sponsored by the Ministry of Science, ICT, and Future Planning, the Korean Nuclear Safety and Security Commission, and the Korea Nuclear Policy Society

Task Force 2014 European Security Strategy

Seattle, WA

Quarter-long milestone project for degree candidates to complete; the task was to provide policy recommendations on managing security crisis in developing security framework in Europe

Student Researcher - China/East Asia Chapter Lead

January 2014-March 2014

- Participated in 319-page collaborative policy recommendations on European Security Strategy
- Contributed to China/East Asia Chapter and wrote policy recommendations on conventional security
- Presented to the Acting Head of Section, Political, Security and Development, EU Delegation, Washington DC

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

- "Climate Vulnerability as a Catalyst: Conservative Governments and Climate Policy Enactment"
2025 Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association Chicago, IL
- Bridge the Gap
2024 New Era Workshop (NEW) Participant Denver, CO
- "Driving Forces Behind Subnational Actions in Addressing Climate Change Issues"
2024 American Political Science Association Philadelphia, PA
- "Driving Forces Behind Subnational Actions in Addressing Climate Change Issues"
2023 International Studies Association Midwest Annual Conference St. Louis, MO
- "The Impacts of Legislative Composition during Ratification Stage on Compliance with Bilateral Environmental Agreements"
2021 Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association Chicago, IL

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Interests

International Relations, International Cooperation, Climate Change Politics

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

IL, USA

Instructor of the Record

- **GLBL 100: Intro to Global Studies** SP 2025, FA 2024, SP 2024, FA 2023, SP 2023
- **GLBL 296: Global to Subnational: Actions for Climate Change** FA 2024
- **PS 385: Politics of the European Union (online)** SU 2023

Teaching Assistant

- **PS 270: Introduction to Political Theory** FA 2022
- **PS 100: Introduction to Political Science** SP 2022, FA 2021

Grader

- **PS 318: Interest Groups & Social Movements** SP 2021
- **PS 214: American Indian Law & Politics** FA 2020
- **PS 225: Environmental Politics & Policy** FA 2019

Yonsei University Graduate School of International Studies

Seoul, Korea

Teaching Assistant

- **Modern History of Korea** Winter 2016

TEACHING TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Pedagogical Coursework in College Teaching (Minor):** College Teaching; The College Student; The Community College; Assessment for Learning; eLearning Ecologies; Diversity in Higher Education; Critical Issues in Higher Ed
- University of Illinois Teaching in the Hybrid Classroom Certificate 2025
- University of Illinois Graduate College Mentoring 2024
- University of Illinois Certificate in Technology-Enhanced Teaching 2024
- University of Illinois Dr. Sandra J. Finley Teacher Scholar Certificate 2024
- University of Illinois Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Seminars for TAs 2023
- University of Illinois Graduate Teacher Certificate 2023
- University of Illinois Master Course in Online Teaching 2023
- University of Illinois Intermediate Canvas Training 2022
- IPSA – NUS 10th Annual Summer School Social Science Research Methods 2021

GRANTS & AWARDS

External Awards

- Travel Award, APSA (2024)
- Travel Award, The ISA-Midwest (2023)
- Pay It Forward, The ISA-Midwest (2023)

UIUC Political Science Department Awards

- Dean S. Dorman Scholarship (2025)
- George and Priscilla Yu Scholarship (2024)
- George and Priscilla Yu Scholarship (2023)

UIUC Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning

- CITL Teachers Ranked as Excellent (FA 2021)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Organizer, Job Market Group Workshop 2024
- Research Mentor, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP) AY23-24
- Vice President, Political Science Graduate Student Association AY23-24
- Survey Committee, Political Science Graduate Student Association AY21-22
- Culture Committee Member, Political Science Graduate Student Association AY20-23
- Climate Committee Member, Political Science Graduate Student Association AY19-20
- Graduate Student Mentor, Political Science Graduate Student Association AY20-21, AY22-23

SKILLS

Programming: R, Markdown, Git, LATEX

Language: Korean (native), English (fluent)