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## Education

### Texas A&M University

Ph.D. Political Science (Expected May 2026)

Dissertation: Divide and Conquer: Major Power Diplomacy in the Modern Era

Committee: Matthew Fuhrmann (Chair), Scott Cook, Casey Crisman-Cox, William Norris (External)

Fields: International Relations; Political Methodology; Comparative Politics

### Korea University (Seoul, Republic of Korea)

M.A. Political Science, 2019.

### Korea University (Seoul, Republic of Korea)

B.A. International Studies & Economics, 2012.

## Research Interests

**Substantive**: International Relations; alliances; security; nuclear politics

**Methodology**: Spatial econometrics

## Publications

(2) **Yang, Hankyeul**. Nuclear Latency: Janus-faced Consequences of U.S. Political Influence for Protégés' Nuclear Capability, *Foreign Policy Analysis*

(1) **Yang, Hankyeul** (with Daekwon Son and Kyung Suk Lee). U.S. Allies' Foreign Policy Alignment in an Era of Great Power Competition: An Analysis of Domestic Politics, *Contemporary Security Policy*

## Working Papers

(5) **Yang, Hankyeul**. Major Power Diplomacy and Wedge Strategy of Concessions (invited to revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*)

(4) **Yang, Hankyeul** (with Quan Li). Extended Trade Dependence, Alliance Network, and Conflict Initiation. (invited to revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Peace Research*)

(3) **Yang, Hankyeul** (with Chen Shen). Revisiting Our Understanding of Major Power Diplomacy: The Causes and Consequences of High-Level Diplomatic Visits with China, 1960-2020. (invited to revise and resubmit at *International Studies Quarterly*)

(2) **Yang, Hankyeul** (with Ringailė Kuokšytė). Introducing the Diplomatic Visits with France Dataset, 1950-2020. (invited to revise and resubmit at *Conflict Management and Peace Science*)

(1) **Yang, Hankyeul** (with Ali Kagalwala). Hierarchical Spatial Models for Limited Dependent Variables. (invited to revise and resubmit at *Political Analysis*)

## Dissertation

(3) **Yang, Hankyeul**. Major Power Diplomacy and Effectiveness of Wedge Strategy

(2) **Yang, Hankyeul**. Major Power Diplomacy and Wedge Strategy of Concessions

(1) **Yang, Hankyeul**. Reassurance, Resolve, and Wedge Strategy

## Conference Presentations

(6) Competing Conceptualizations of Alliance Relations and the Polarization of Foreign Policy. Presented at the **Midwest Political Science Association Conference**, 2024.

(5) Modeling Hierarchical Spatial Interdependence for Limited Dependent Variables. Presented at the **Texas Methods Conference**, 2024.

(4) Does Extended Dependence Preserve Peace and Reduce Conflict? Presented at the **Midwest Political Science Association Conference**, 2023.

(3) The Strategic Logic of U.S. Arms Transfers. Presented at the **Midwest Political Science Association Conference**, 2023.

(2) Retrenchment and Reassurance. Presented at the **American Political Science Association Conference**, 2022.

(1) Protégé's Credible Signaling in the Era of Great Power Competition (with Kyung Suk Lee). Presented at the **Midwest Political Science Association Conference**, 2022.

## Teaching Experience

**Instructor of Record**, Texas A&M University

POLS 318: Theories of International Relations, 2023

**Teaching Assistant**, Texas A&M University

POLS 606: Modeling in Time and Space II (Graduate. Instructor: Scott Cook and Ali Kagalwala), 2023

POLS 606: Modeling in Time and Space I (Graduate. Instructors: Guy Whitten and Scott Cook), 2022

POLS 603: Maximum Likelihood Estimation (Graduate. Instructors: Scott Cook), 2021  
POLS 602: Quantitative Political Analysis I (Graduate. Instructor: Casey Crisman-Cox), 2020

**Teaching Assistant**, Essex Summer School  
Spatial Econometrics (Instructor: Scott Cook), 2021

## Service

**Student Senator**. Texas A&M University, 2021.  
**Replication Analyst**, *Political Science Research and Methods*, 2021-23.

## Grants & Awards

- (4) POLS Summer Research Grant. Department of Political Science, TAMU, Summer 2023.
- (3) Travel Grant. TAMU Graduate and Professional Student Government, 2022.
- (2) POLS Summer Research Grant. Department of Political Science, TAMU, Summer 2021.
- (1) Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. 2021.

## Professional Experience

**Republic of Korea Air Force**  
Intelligence Officer, 2012-2015.

**Languages**  
Korean (native)  
French, Spanish (reading)

## References

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