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EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, CT

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B.A. in Ethics, Politics, and Economics

Relevant Coursework: Contemporary Political Theory, Econometrics, Machiavelli and Machiavellianism

Awards: First Place, 24th Annual National Security Debate Competition, South Korea (2024)

Chadwick International School, Incheon, South Korea

May 2021

Awards: IB Final Score of 45/45, 2x First Place National History Day (NHD) Korea (2020/2021)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Legislative Assembly of the Republic of Korea, *Legislative Assistant*, Seoul

Jun 2025 – Jul 2025

- Served as lead editor and co-author for the Office's official memo on intra-party democracy in Korea; distributed and read by Rep. Choi in internal meetings of the Reform Committee for the People Power Party
- Co-authored policy report assessing \$700M in funding for physical AI R&D in home district; delivered to senior staff and informed 2025 budget deliberations following bipartisan revision
- Authored Rep. Choi's speech delivered at the 2025 AmCham Cybersecurity Seminar

Republic of Korea Armed Forces, Cheolwon, South Korea

Oct 2023 – Apr 2025

Official Translator (Dec 2023 – Nov 2024)

- Translated live between Korean and U.S. field commanders during 2 theater-wide joint exercises (Freedom Shield & Ulchi Freedom Shield 2024); helped build direct professional line of contact between officers of home unit (ROK 6th Division Artillery) and members of the US 210th Field Artillery Brigade
- Interpreted high-trust joint operational briefings, tactical fragmentary orders and planning-stage documents

National Security Fellow (Nov 2024 – Jan 2025)

- Selected during active service following debate competition; received \$2K in funding for independent research from the Ministry of Defense, conducted comparative study of ROK/US social attitudes towards national security in NY

Freelance Academic Consultant, New Haven, CT

Mar 2025 – Present

- Provide guidance in English, standardized test prep, and essay coaching
- Specialize in supporting students applying to international and humanities-focused programs

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Yale Political Union, New Haven, CT

Dec 2021 – Present

Floor Leader of the Right, Executive Board (Jun 2022 – Jan 2023)

- Elected floor leader among 200+ members; coordinated debates, speeches, and guest invitations
- Managed internal communications and resolution drafting for 100+ Union members

Yale Debate Association, New Haven, CT

Dec 2022 – Mar 2023

- Competed in APDA circuit; debated peers from Stanford, Harvard, and Princeton on law, ethics, and policy

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- *Accepted Presenter*, 3rd International Young Researchers' Conference (IYRC), 2021: "Meth and Murder: The Violent Success of Duterte's War on Drugs"

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- *Language Skills:* English (native), Korean (native), Mandarin (HSK 6)
- *Interests:* Grand strategy (Indo-Pacific); democratic institutional design; musical theatre; card games (poker/bridge)