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Education

University of Missouri

Ph.D., Political Science, 2024 (Expected)

Concentrations: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Committee: Stephen Quackenbush (Co-Chair), Bryce Reeder (Co-Chair), Aram Hur, and Victor McFarland (History)

Stanford University

M.A., East Asian Studies, 2014

Thesis: *The Balance of Power Between Powerful and Weak States: The Case of China and North Korea* (Advisor: David Straub)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

B.A., Asian Studies, International Studies, and Political Science, 2011

Certificate: African Studies

Publications

* = Graduate Student Coauthor

Editor-Reviewed Publications

- Kim, Yu Bin. 2014. "North Korean Defectors in China: Illegal Economic Migrants or Refugees?" *Stanford International Policy Review* 1(1): 35-42.

Media/Op-Eds

- "Strategic Patience 2.0? Here's How Biden Would Handle Both Koreas." *The National Interest*, August 20, 2020.
- "A Peace Treaty Ending the Korean War Isn't Likely Anytime Soon." *The National Interest*, July 9, 2020.
- "Hey, China: Deploying THAAD Is South Korea's Sovereign Right." *The Diplomat*, March 22, 2017.
- "Why U.S. Troops Must Stay in South Korea." *NK News*, March 15, 2017.

Working Papers

- “Authoritarian Audiences: Explaining Subnational Variation in North Korean Propaganda” (with Heather Ba and Sheena Greitens). *Under Review*.
- “Best Approaches to Using Geo-Referenced Data in Conflict Studies” (with Bryce Reeder and John Smith*).
- “Democracy and Conflict Management: The Effect of Regime Type on Civil War Mediation” (with Yujin Julia Jung*).
- “Public Opinion, Rivalry, and the Democratic Peace” (with Gidong Kim* and Dongjin Kwak).
- “Rebel Group Dynamics and Civil War-Interstate Conflict Linkages” (with Heather Kopp*).
- “The Diffusion of Peace: UN Peacekeeping and Militarized Interstate Disputes” (with Heather Kopp* and Bryce Reeder).
- “When Personalism Matters: Nuclear Latency and Conflict Propensity.”

Research Interests

Interstate and Intrastate Conflicts, Conflict Management and Resolution, Nuclear Politics, East Asian Regional Security, Mixed-Methods

Methods Training

- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Summer 2021.
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Summer 2021. *Awarded Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) certification.*

Research Experience

- Research Assistant, Dr. Bryce Reeder, University of Missouri, Fall 2020.
- Research Assistant, Dr. Heather Ba, University of Missouri, Fall 2020.
- Research Assistant, Dr. Sheena Greitens, University of Missouri, Summer 2019-Summer 2020.
- Research Assistant, Dr. Aram Hur, University of Missouri, Summer 2019.
- Global Asia Fellow, East Asia Foundation, June 2018-May 2019.
- Research Intern, Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK), Summer 2013.

Teaching Experience

Instructor

- International Relations, University of Missouri, expected to teach in Fall 2022.
- Naval English, Republic of Korea Naval Academy (ROKNA), June 2015-May 2018.

Teaching Assistant

- International Political Economy, University of Missouri, Fall 2021 (Instructor: Dr. Heather Ba).
- Politics and War, University of Missouri, Spring 2021 (Instructor: Dr. Stephen Quackenbush).
- America's Wars in Asia, University of Missouri, Spring 2020 (Instructor: Dr. Sheena Greitens).
- Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy, University of Missouri, Fall 2019 (Instructor: Dr. Sheena Greitens).

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Fellowship, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Summer 2021.
- Funding to attend the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Summer 2021 (\$2,600).
- Graduate Fellow, Institute for Korean Studies (IKS), University of Missouri, Fall 2020-Present.
- Research Fellowship, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Summer 2020.
- Jeffrey D. Byrne Award, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Spring 2020. *Awarded to graduate students in political science for academic excellence.*
- Research Fellowship, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Summer 2019.
- Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) M.A. Continuing Student Academic-Year Fellowship, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University, Fall 2013.

Conferences, Invited Talks, and Presentations

* = Virtual Event

- “When Personalism Matters: Nuclear Latency and Conflict Propensity,” to be presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Nashville, TN, 2022.
- “Authoritarian Audiences: Explaining Subnational Variation in North Korean Propaganda” (with Heather Ba and Sheena Greitens), presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2021.
- “Rebel Group Dynamics and Civil War-Interstate Conflict Linkages” (with Heather Kopp), presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2021.
- “The Diffusion of Peace: UN Peacekeeping and Militarized Interstate Disputes” (with Heather Kopp and Bryce Reeder), poster presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2021.*
- “When Personalism Matters: Nuclear Latency and Conflict Propensity,” presented at the 78th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL,

2021.*

- “Democracy and Conflict Management: The Effect of Regime Type on Civil War Mediation” (with Yujin Julia Jung), presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2020.*
- Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae (CFAC), “The Two Koreas and International Relations of East Asia,” 2016.
- Commander, Naval Forces Korea (CNFK), “The Two Koreas and International Relations of East Asia,” 2016.

Skills

- Computer: Stata, R, ArcGIS Pro, Gephi, and LaTeX
- Languages: Korean (native), English (proficient), and Mandarin Chinese (basic)

References

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