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Education

University of Missouri

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

Concentrations: International Relations (Primary), Comparative Politics (Secondary)

Dissertation: “Reversing” Perspectives: The Effects of Rebel Diplomacy on Third-Party Intervention and Civil War Outcome

Committee: Stephen Quackenbush (Co-Chair), Bryce Reeder (Co-Chair), Heather Ba, 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 Articles

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

Selected 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*.
- Recipient of the 2021 ISA Midwest Frank J. Klingberg Award for Best Paper Presented by a Faculty Member
- “Best Approaches to Using Geo-Referenced Data in Conflict Studies” (with Bryce Reeder).
- “Democracy and Conflict Management: The Effect of Regime Type on Civil War Mediation” (with Yujin Julia Jung*).
- “Public Opinion, Rivalry, and the Democratic Peace: Experimental Evidence from South Korea” (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 the Prevention of Militarized Interstate Disputes in Conflict Neighborhoods” (with Heather Kopp* and Bryce Reeder).
- “When Personalism Matters: Nuclear Latency and Conflict Propensity.”

Research Interests

Interstate and Intrastate Conflicts, Conflict Management and Resolution, Rebel Governance and Diplomacy, Nuclear Politics, East Asian Regional Security, Mixed-Methods, Survey Experiment

Additional (Methods) Training

- North Korea Program, Fall 2022.
- University of Missouri System Online Teaching Certification Seminar, Fall 2022. *Recertification required every 5 years.*
- Public Policy and Nuclear Threats (PPNT) Boot Camp, Summer 2022.
- 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

- PS 1400: International Relations, University of Missouri, expected to teach in Fall 2023.
- PS 4412: Strategy and Warfare, University of Missouri, Spring 2023.
- PS 1400: International Relations, University of Missouri, Fall 2022.
- Naval English, Republic of Korea Naval Academy (ROKNA), June 2015-May 2018.

Teaching Assistant

- PS 1400: International Relations, University of Missouri, Spring 2022 (Instructor: Dr. Heather Ba).
 - Guest Lecture on “The Rise of China and the Contemporary International Economic Order: Is China a Revisionist Power?” (May 2, 2022).
 - Guest Lecture on “Explaining Civil War Onset: Greed, Grievance, and Opportunity” (April 18, 2022).
- PS 4420: International Political Economy, University of Missouri, Fall 2021 (Instructor: Dr. Heather Ba).
 - Guest Lecture on “The Rise of China and the Contemporary International Economic Order: Is China a Revisionist Power?” (December 7, 2021).
- PS 4410: Politics and War, University of Missouri, Spring 2021 (Instructor: Dr. Stephen Quackenbush).
- PS 4700: America’s Wars in Asia, University of Missouri, Spring 2020 (Instructor: Dr. Sheena Greitens).
 - Guest Lecture on “Korean Peninsula: Conventional Threats & Nuclear Issues” (April 15, 2020).
- PS 4680: Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy, University of Missouri, Fall 2019 (Instructor: Dr. Sheena Greitens).

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- Conference Travel Grant, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Spring 2023 (\$750).
- ISA Midwest Frank J. Klingberg Award for Best Paper Presented by a Faculty Member, International Studies Association Midwest, Fall 2022 (\$200).
- ISA Midwest Travel Grant, International Studies Association Midwest, Fall 2022 (\$250).
- North Korea Program Fellowship, Institute for Korean Studies, George Washington University, Fall 2022.
- Korean Honor Scholarship (KHS), Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the USA, Fall 2022 (\$1,000).
- APSA Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, Fall 2022 (\$150).
- Conference Travel Grant, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Fall 2022 (\$750).
- Public Policy and Nuclear Threats (PPNT) Boot Camp Fellowship, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California San Diego, Summer 2022.
- GAPS Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Graduate Association of Political Scientists,

Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Spring 2022. *Awarded to graduate students in political science for academic excellence.*

- GPC Research Development Award, Graduate Professional Council, University of Missouri, Spring 2022 (\$600).
- Funding to conduct survey experiments for the “Public Opinion, Rivalry, and the Democratic Peace: Experimental Evidence from South Korea” project, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Spring 2022 (\$3,500).
- Conference Travel Grant, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Spring 2022 (\$750).
- 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).
- Research Fellowship, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Summer 2021.
- 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 Junior Scholars in International Security (JSISE) Workshop, Spring 2023.*
- “Public Opinion, Rivalry, and the Democratic Peace: Experimental Evidence from South Korea” (with Gidong Kim and Dongjin Kwak), to be presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Montréal, Québec, Canada, 2023.
- “The Diffusion of Peace? UN Peacekeeping and the Prevention of Militarized Interstate Disputes in Conflict Neighborhoods” (with Heather Kopp and Bryce Reeder), presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2022.
- “Public Opinion, Rivalry, and the Democratic Peace: Experimental Evidence from South Korea” (with Gidong Kim and Dongjin Kwak), presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2022.
- “Public Opinion, Rivalry, and the Democratic Peace: Experimental Evidence from South Korea” (with Gidong Kim and Dongjin Kwak), presented at the Korean Studies Research Network (KoRN) Conference, Iowa City, IA, 2022.

- “Public Opinion, Rivalry, and the Democratic Peace: Experimental Evidence from South Korea” (with Gidong Kim and Dongjin Kwak), presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Montréal, Québec, Canada, 2022.
- “When Personalism Matters: Nuclear Latency and Conflict Propensity,” presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Nashville, TN, 2022.
- “Democracy and Conflict Management: The Effect of Regime Type on Civil War Mediation” (with Yujin Julia Jung), 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 the Prevention of Militarized Interstate Disputes in Conflict Neighborhoods” (with Heather Kopp and Bryce Reeder), poster presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Seattle, WA, 2021.*
- “When Personalism Matters: Nuclear Latency and Conflict Propensity,” presented at the Institute for Korean Studies (IKS) Inaugural Symposium, Columbia, MO, 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)

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