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Education

University of Missouri
Ph.D., Political Science, 2024 (Expected)
Concentrations: International Relations (Primary), Comparative Politics (Secondary)
Dissertation: Reversing Perspectives: Rebel Diplomacy, External Support, and Civil War Outcome
Committee: Bryce W. Reeder (Chair), Baekkwan Park, Aram Hur, and Sheena Chestnut Greitens

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

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- "Authoritarian Audiences: Theory and Evidence for Subnational Propaganda Targeting in North Korea," with Heather-Leigh K. Ba and Sheena Chestnut Greitens, ***Comparative Politics*** (2023), forthcoming.
  - Recipient of the 2021 ISA Midwest Frank J. Klingberg Award for Best Paper Presented by a Faculty Member

Editor-Reviewed Articles

- "North Korean Defectors in China: Illegal Economic Migrants or Refugees?" ***Stanford International Policy Review*** vol. 1 no. 1 (2014), 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

** = Graduate Student Coauthor*

- "Best Approaches to Using Geo-Referenced Data in Conflict Studies," with Bryce W. Reeder.
- "Public Opinion, Rivalry, and the Democratic Peace: Experimental Evidence from South Korea," with Gidong Kim and Dongjin Kwak. *R&R at* ***International Studies Quarterly***.
- "The Diffusion of Peace? UN Peacekeeping and the Prevention of Militarized Interstate Disputes in Conflict Neighborhoods," with Heather M. Kopp* and Bryce W. Reeder. *Under Review.*
- "When Personalism Matters: Nuclear Latency and Conflict Propensity." *R&R at* ***Cooperation and Conflict***.

Research Interests

*Inter*state and *Intra*state 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.
- 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 W. Reeder, University of Missouri, Fall 2020.
- Research Assistant, Dr. Heather-Leigh K. Ba, University of Missouri, Fall 2020.
- Research Assistant, Dr. Sheena Chestnut 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

- POL_SC 1400: International Relations, University of Missouri, expected to teach in Spring 2024.
- POL_SC 1400: International Relations, University of Missouri, Fall 2023.
- POL_SC 4412: Strategy and Warfare, University of Missouri, Spring 2023.
- POL_SC 1400: International Relations, University of Missouri, Fall 2022.
- Naval English, Republic of Korea Naval Academy (ROKNA), June 2015-May 2018.

Teaching Assistant

- POL_SC 1400: International Relations, University of Missouri, Spring 2022 (Instructor: Dr. Heather-Leigh K. 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).
- POL_SC 4420: International Political Economy, University of Missouri, Fall 2021 (Instructor: Dr. Heather-Leigh K. Ba).
  - Guest Lecture on "The Rise of China and the Contemporary International Economic Order: Is China a Revisionist Power?" (December 7, 2021).
- POL_SC 4410: Politics and War, University of Missouri, Spring 2021 (Instructor: Dr. Stephen L. Quackenbush).
- POL_SC 4700: America's Wars in Asia, University of Missouri, Spring 2020 (Instructor: Dr. Sheena Chestnut Greitens).
  - Guest Lecture on "Korean Peninsula: Conventional Threats & Nuclear Issues" (April 15, 2020).
- POL_SC 4680: Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy, University of Missouri, Fall 2019 (Instructor: Dr. Sheena Chestnut Greitens).

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- Conference Travel Grant, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Fall 2023 ($750).
- Paul Wallace & Robin Remington Graduate Research Scholarship, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Spring 2023 ($2,000). *Awarded to graduate students in political science for research excellence.*
- Missouri Excellence in Political Science Teaching Award, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Spring 2023 ($500). *Awarded to graduate students in political science for teaching excellence.*
- Professional Presentation Travel Scholarship, Graduate School, University of Missouri, Spring 2023 ($400).
- IKS Research & Travel Grant, Institute for Korean Studies, University of Missouri, Spring 2023 ($1,000).
- AKPS Travel Grant, Association of Korean Political Studies, Spring 2023 ($500).

- Graduate Student Research Funding, Harry S Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Spring 2023 ($1,500).
- 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, 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).
- Graduate Student Research Funding, 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.
- IKS Graduate Fellowship, Institute for Korean Studies, 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 ($250). *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*

- "Reversing Perspectives: Rebel Diplomacy, External Support, and Civil War Outcome," to be presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Los Angeles, CA, 2023.
- "Public Opinion, Rivalry, and the Democratic Peace: Experimental Evidence from South Korea," with Gidong Kim and Dongjin Kwak, presented at the Annual Institute for Korean Studies (IKS) Research Symposium, Columbia, MO, 2023.
- "When Personalism Matters: Nuclear Latency and Conflict Propensity," 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, 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 M. Kopp and Bryce W. 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.
- "Authoritarian Audiences: Explaining Subnational Variation in North Korean Propaganda," with Heather-Leigh K. Ba and Sheena Chestnut Greitens, 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 M. Kopp and Bryce W. 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 Annual Institute for Korean Studies (IKS) Research 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.*
- 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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