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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT	University of Washington , Seattle, WA Department of Political Science Assistant Professor	2024–
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Cambridge, MA Security Studies Program Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellow	2023–2024
EDUCATION	Texas A&M University , College Station, TX <i>Ph.D.</i> , Political Science Dissertation: <i>The Political Consequences of Exposure to Wartime Violence</i> Committee: Matt Fuhrmann (Chair), Hyeran Jo, Erik Peterson, John Schuessler	2018–2023
	Tsinghua University , Beijing, China <i>M.A.</i> , International Relations	2015–2017
	Yonsei University , Seoul, Republic of Korea <i>B.A.</i> , Political Science and Diplomacy	2009–2014
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. “Socialization, Self-Selection, and the Life Experiences of World Leaders: Why Business Experience Influences Defense Spending.” (with Matthew Fuhrmann) - Conditionally Accepted, <i>The Journal of Politics</i>.6. “U.S. Diplomatic Visits and Allies’ Military Spending.” - Forthcoming, <i>Foreign Policy Analysis</i>.5. “Fear or Anger? Leaders’ Childhood War Trauma and Interstate Conflict Initiation.” 2024. <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 68 (2): sqae069.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-winner of the 2024 <i>Patricia Weitsman Award</i> from the International Security Studies Section (ISSS) of the International Studies Association (ISA)4. “Travel to Allies or Adversaries? A Compositional Analysis of U.S. Diplomatic Visits.” <i>Social Science Quarterly</i> 105 (4): 996-1013. (with Jonghoon Lee)3. “Presidential Hawkishness, Domestic Popularity, and Diplomatic Normalization.” 2024. <i>Presidential Studies Quarterly</i> 54 (1): 83-103.2. “The Long-run Impact of Childhood Wartime Violence on Preferences for Nuclear Proliferation.” 2024. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 68 (1): 108-137.1. “Nuclear Weapons and Low-Level Military Conflict.” 2022. <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 66 (4): sqac067. (with Kyungsuk Lee, Hwalmin Jin, and Matthew Fuhrmann)	
WORKING PAPERS	“State Repression Experience and Elite Support for International Human Rights.” - Invited to Revise and Resubmit “Casualties, the Partisanship and Culpability of the Government, and Incumbent Vote.” “Presidential Presence: US Crisis Reassurance in Divided Government.” (with Jonghoon Lee)	

SELECT WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>“Learning in Nuclear Proliferation.”</p> <p>“Business Background of Leaders and Domestic Approval for Defense Cost-Sharing Negotiations: An Experimental Approach.”</p> <p>“Leaders’ Business Experience and Uses of Military Force.” (with Matthew Fuhrmann)</p> <p>“Private Financial Interests and Foreign Policy.” (with Matthew Fuhrmann)</p>	
POLICY COMMENTARY	<p>“Dousing South Korea’s Nuclear Desires.” <i>East Asia Forum</i>, April 16, 2024.</p> <p>“Why a South Korean Nuclear Program Won’t Deter North Korean Provocations.” <i>NK News</i>, February 13, 2023. (With Hwalmin Jin, Kyungsuk Lee, and Matthew Fuhrmann)</p>	
AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>U.S.-Korea NextGen Scholars 2024-2025</p> <p>CSIS Korea Chair and USC Korean Studies Institute</p> <p>Patricia Weitsman Award (Best paper in security studies) 2024</p> <p>International Studies Association (ISA)</p> <p>Stanton Nuclear Security Fellowship Award (declined) 2023</p> <p>Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)</p> <p>Peace Science Society Graduate Student Travel Award, \$400 2022</p> <p>Peace Science Society (International)</p> <p>College Graduate Summer Research Grant, \$600 2022</p> <p>Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.</p> <p>Graduate and Professional Student Government Travel Award, \$300 2022</p> <p>Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.</p> <p>Kwanjeong Scholarship, \$48,000 2015–2017</p> <p>Kwanjeong Educational Foundation, Seoul, Republic of Korea.</p> <p>Academic Honors Scholarship, \$3,000 2010</p> <p>Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea.</p>	
CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS	<p>American Political Science Association 2022–2024</p> <p>International Studies Association 2021–2024</p> <p>Stanton Nuclear Security Fellows Seminar 2023</p> <p>Texas Triangle IR Conference 2023</p> <p>Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict and International Security Workshop 2023</p> <p>Peace Science Society (International) 2022</p> <p>Junior Scholars in International Security (JSISE) Workshop 2022</p> <p>Texas A&M University European Union Center Conference on Analyzing Compositional Variables in the Study of Politics and Policy 2022</p> <p>Midwestern Political Science Association 2021–2022</p> <p>Southern Political Science Association 2021</p>	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>University of Washington</p> <p>American Foreign Policy (undergraduate lecture) Fall 2024</p> <p>IR and East Asia (undergraduate seminar) Fall 2024</p>	

	Texas A&M University	
	International Conflict (undergraduate seminar)	Fall 2022, Spring 2023
	Introduction to Political Science Research (TA)	Fall 2021, Spring 2022
	Foundations of Political Science (TA)	Spring 2020
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Research Team Leader	Summer 2021
	NSF Project: Integrative International Interventions: Militant Violence and Human Security in Contemporary Conflicts (PI: Dr. Hyeran Jo)	
SERVICE	Manuscript Referee: <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> , <i>International Interactions</i>	
	Discussant: Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict and International Security Workshop (2023), Pacific International Politics Conference (2024)	
	Student Mentor to an Incoming Graduate Student	2021–2022
	Texas A&M University	
	Treasurer, Korean Students Association	2019–2021
	Texas A&M University	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	United States Department of State	2018–2019
	Virtual Student Federal Service (VSFS) eInternship	
	East Asia Institute, Seoul, Republic of Korea	2017–2018
	Associate Research Fellow	
	East Asia Foundation, Seoul, Republic of Korea	Spring 2015
	Internship	
	Republic of Korea Air Force	2011–2013
	Interpreter, F-15K Depot Maintenance and KF-16 Upgrade Program	
LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE	Korean (native) and Chinese (intermediate)	
	R, Stata, Qualtrics, ProfilerPlus, L ^A T _E X	
PERSONAL	Citizenship: United States of America, Republic of Korea (Dual)	
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