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## **EDUCATION**

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- 2016                    **Ph.D. in History and East Asian Languages, Harvard University**  
Dissertation: “The Anatomy of *Chaju Kukpang*: Military-Civilian  
Convergence in the Development of the South Korean Defense Industry  
under Park Chung Hee, 1968–1979”  
Committee: Carter J. Eckert (chair), Sun Joo Kim, Andrew Gordon,  
Hyung-A Kim (external reader)
- 2008                    **M.A. in Regional Studies–East Asia, Harvard University**  
Thesis: “International Relations and the Shape of National Identity in  
North Korea: The Birth of *Chuch’ e* (Self-Reliance) Nationalism in the  
Context of a Changing International Environment”  
Supervisor: Carter J. Eckert
- 2006                    **B.A. in International Studies (focus on Asia), University of California,  
Irvine**
- 2003–05                **University of California Education Abroad Program**  
Peking University (China), UC-Peking Center for International Studies,  
Fall 2005  
Beijing Normal University (China), Intensive Language Program, Summer  
2005  
National University of Singapore (Singapore), Winter/Spring 2004  
Meiji Gakuin University (Japan), Global Peace and Conflict Studies,  
Spring 2003

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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- 2024–present           Associate Professor of Korean Studies, Department of East Asian Studies,  
University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY Albany)
- 2024–25                Fulbright U.S. Scholar (to South Korea), The Fulbright Program
- 2024–25                Visiting Professor, Korea National Defense University

2024–25	Visiting Scholar, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University
2018–24	Assistant Professor of Korean Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, SUNY Albany
2022–present	Affiliated Faculty, Department of History, SUNY Albany
2018–20	Research Associate, Korea Institute, Harvard University
2017–20	Adjunct Policy Researcher, Defense and Political Sciences Department, RAND Corporation
2017–18	Soon Young Kim Postdoctoral Fellow, Korea Institute, Harvard University
2017 Summer	Visiting Researcher, Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, Seoul National University
2017 Summer	Junior Research Fellow, Academy of Korean Studies
2013–14	Associate Researcher, Institute of Korean Studies, Yonsei University
2012–13	Predocctoral Fellow, Academy of Korean Studies
2011	Teaching Fellow, Harvard University
2007–11	Research Associate, Hanwha International

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Modern and contemporary Korean history; military history; Korean defense industry; global defense industries; civil-military relations; the national security state and technological development; political economy of security in East Asia; war and society; nationalism and identity formation; authoritarian politics and civil society; North Korea’s political ideology; popular Korean culture and society; Christianity and social movements

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Books**

*Cornerstone of the Nation: The Defense Industry and the Building of Modern Korea under Park Chung Hee* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2024). ISSN 9780674293823, <https://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674293823>

Korean translation of *Cornerstone of the Nation: The Defense Industry and the Building of Modern Korea under Park Chung Hee* (under contract w/ Korean publisher 푸른역사)

**Peer-reviewed articles**

- “South Korea’s military manufacturing hub needs revitalisation,” *East Asia Forum*, November 13, 2024, ISSN 1839-0242
- “Defender of the Nation, Champion of Science: The Agency for Defense Development as a Nexus for the Technological Transformation of South Korea,” *Journal of Korean Studies* 28, no. 1 (Spring 2023), ISSN 2158-1665
- “South Korea’s Ongoing Quest for Security Independence,” *East Asia Forum*, January 20, 2021, ISSN 1839-0242 (featured in *National Interest*, February 15, 2021)
- “Building Bombs, Building a Nation: The State, the *Chaebŏl*, and the Militarized Industrialization of South Korea, 1973–1979,” *Journal of Asian Studies* 79, no. 1 (February 2020), ISSN 0021-9118
- “Mars and Manna: Defense Industry and the Economic Transformation of Korea under Park Chung Hee,” in “Legacies of Militarism in the Korean Peninsula in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” special issue, *Korea Journal* 58, no. 3 (Autumn 2018), ISSN 0023-3900
- “Beyond Patron and Client: Historicizing the Dialectics of US-ROK Relations amid Park Chung Hee’s Independent Defense Industry Development in South Korea, 1968–1979,” *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies* 30, no. 2 (December 2017), ISSN 1225-0201

**Invited book reviews**

- Review of Hyung-A Kim, *Korean Skilled Workers: Toward a Labor Aristocracy*, *Journal of Social History* 55, no. 2 (Winter 2021), ISSN 0022-4529
- Contributor to “A Roundtable on Monica Kim, *The Interrogation Rooms of the Korean War: The Untold History*,” with Mitchell Lerner, Judy Tzu-Chun Wu, Arissa H. Oh, Zachary M. Matusheski, and Monica Kim, *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review* 51, no. 2 (September 2020), ISSN 1949-9760

**Selected op-eds**

- “The Korean Model’s Relevance for Saudi Arabia: Dual-Purpose Industrialization for Defense and Economic Growth,” *RINSA Forum*, vol. 89 (December 31, 2023) (published by Korea National Defense University’s Research Institute for National Security Affairs)
- “The Military in South Korea and Its Place in Korean Studies,” *KI Spring 2018 Newsletter* (Cambridge, MA: Korea Institute, Harvard University)

**Works in progress**

- Book manuscript on the history of South Korea’s Yulgok Operation (1974–1995), tentatively titled “Column of the Nation: The Yulgok Operation and South Korea’s Global Rise, 1974-1995”

Article manuscript, “The ‘K-Defense’ Effect: Defense Industrialization and South Korea’s Historic Transformation from Client State to Global Pivotal State”

Book manuscript on the post-Cold War defense industry of South Korea, tentatively titled “Tower of the Nation: The Rise of K-Defense”

Article manuscript, “Historicizing the International Origins of Kim Il Sung’s ‘Self-Reliance’ Ideology amid Evolving Soviet-North Korean Relations”

Article manuscript, “Factory New Village Movement and the Making of Modern Quality Control in South Korea”

Article manuscript, “Christianized Modernity in Korea”

Article manuscript on the history of Pastor David (Yonggi) Cho and the Yoido Full Gospel Church, which examines their impact on postwar socio-economic development of South Korea

#### **GRANT FUNDING (SELECTED)**

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2024–25	Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award (to South Korea)
2024	Korea Foundation Fellowship for Field Research, Korea Foundation (declined)
2023–24	Korean Studies Grant 2023 (Scholarly Book Publication), Academy of Korean Studies
2022–23	Association for Asian Studies Publication Support Grant award (under the “Striving for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Asian Studies: Humanities Grants for Asian Studies Scholars” program)
2022 Spring	Individual Development Award (declined due to the COVID-related conference travel restrictions), New York State/United University Professions Professional Development Committee, SUNY Albany
2021 Spring	Leave grant, Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Diversity and Inclusion Leave Program (competitive leave award granted by the Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Committee of the New York State/United University Professions Joint Labor-Management Committees; award used to complete my book manuscript)
2019 Spring	Individual Development Award, New York State/United University Professions Professional Development Committee, SUNY Albany
2019 Spring	Grant, College of Arts and Sciences Conference Participation Support Program, SUNY Albany

2013–14 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Dissertation Overseas Grant,  
U.S. Department of Education

2013 Summer Korea Institute Summer Research Travel Grant, Harvard University

### **PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

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***Book talks for “Cornerstone of the Nation”:***

Asia Center Author Series, Harvard Asia Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts,  
February 6, 2024

Book talk for visiting students and faculty from Ewha Womans University, South Korea  
(organized by Professors Eunju Lee of UAlbany and Noh Chungrae of Ewha), UAlbany  
School of Public Health and Social Welfare, Albany, New York, February 2, 2024

Author Book Talk and Discussion, Arizona State University School of Historical,  
Philosophical and Religious Studies, April 12, 2024

Distinguished Lecture Series, Korea Global Project, Boston College, Newton, Massachusetts,  
April 23, 2024

The Korea Society, New York City, New York, June 25, 2024

DX Korea 2024 (Defense Expo Korea/대한민국 방위산업전), invited by The Korean  
Association of Defense Industry Studies, Goyang City, South Korea, September 26, 2024

Kyujanggak Overseas Korean Studies Author Lecture (규장각 해외 한국학 저자 특강),  
Kyujanggak International Center for Korean Studies, Seoul National University, Seoul,  
South Korea, September 27, 2024

Roundtable Discussion on *Cornerstone of the Nation* (with chair/moderator Prof. Choi Hyungsub  
and discussants Prof. Moon Manyong and Prof. Yoo Sangwoon), “서평 라운드테이블:  
*Cornerstone of the Nation: The Defense Industry and the Building of Modern Korea  
under Park Chung Hee*,” The 68th National History Conference (전국역사학대회-  
과학사분과), Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, October 26, 2024 (in  
Korean)

3rd Colloquium of the Institute for Modern Korean Studies (현대한국연구소 3 차 콜로키움),  
“Book Talk by Peter Kwon,” The Academy of Korean Studies, November 7, 2024 (in  
Korean)

Institute of Modern Korean Studies, Yonsei University (forthcoming December 6, 2024)

Centre for Korean Research, University of British Columbia (forthcoming January 24, 2025)

***Book workshop***

Presentation of working book manuscript (to two invited experts) at the 2022 University of Michigan Manuscript Workshop for Junior Faculty, Nam Center for Korean Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 13, 2022

***Panels organized***

“Forged in the Crucible of Militarism: Technology, Ideology, and Race in the Making of Modern Korea,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, March 22, 2021

“New Perspectives on the U.S.-South Korea Military Alliance: Reexamining the Legacy from beyond a Cold War Lens,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, March 24, 2019

“The Park Chung Hee Period as History: New Sources and Perspectives on South Korea’s Modernization Project (1961–1979),” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Washington, DC, March 25, 2018

***Papers presented***

“The Agency for Defense Development and the Making of South Korea’s Techno-Security State,” Science Colloquium for Department of Science Studies, Seoul National University, November 28, 2024 (in Korean).

“The ‘K-Defense’ Effect: Defense Industrialization under Park Chung Hee and South Korea’s Historic Transformation from Client State to Global Pivotal State,” Boston University Political Economy of Security Workshop, virtual presentation, October 18, 2024

“The K-Defense Evolution: The Past, Present, and the Future of South Korea’s Defense Industry,” The 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress of Security Studies, Korea National Defense University, Daejeon, South Korea, September 7, 2023

“한국 방위산업단지로서 창원외 부상” (“From Planned City to Powerhouse: The Rise of Changwon as South Korea’s Military-Industrial Complex”), Institute of Social Sciences Annual Academic Conference: Transition and Issues of Industrial Cities, Changwon National University, Changwon, South Korea, June 15, 2023

“The Militarized Rise of South Korea in the Global Political Economy,” Korea in Global Time and Space: A Symposium, University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, Nevada, May 3, 2024

“Defenders of the Nation, Champions of Science: The Agency for Defense Development and the Origins of the Techno-security State in South Korea,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Hawai’i, March 26, 2022

“Scientization of All People: Park Chung Hee and the Militarized Creation of Technology in

South Korea,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, March 22, 2021

“South Korea’s Yulgok Operation and the U.S. Arms Control Regime in East Asia,” Deutschen Gesellschaft für Asienkunde Conference on Contemporary Asia: Global Challenges, Regional Conflicts, and National Logics, University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany, April 4, 2019

“Changing the Terms of the U.S.-ROK Alliance: The Yulgok Project, 1974–1979,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, March 24, 2019

“Rich Nation, Strong Military: The Role of Defense Industry Development in South Korea’s Economic Modernization, 1973–1979,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Washington, DC, March 25, 2018

“Beyond Patron and Client: Reframing ROK Defense Industry Development amid South Korea’s Challenges to the U.S. Arms Policies in the Park Chung Hee Era, 1968–1979,” 144th AKS Fellowship Colloquium, Academy of Korean Studies, Seongnam, South Korea, August 17, 2017

“Park Chung Hee’s ‘Self-Reliant National Defense’ Movement and the Homeland Reserve Forces in the 1970s,” 427th Korean Studies Colloquium, Institute of Korean Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul, December 18, 2013

“Military-Civilian Cooperation in the Emergence of the Modern Defense Industry in South Korea, 1971–1979,” 90th AKS Colloquium, Academy of Korean Studies, Seongnam, South Korea, April 29, 2013

***Invited talks***

“Building Defense and Economic Future: Insights from the South Korean Model,” Keynote presentation (webinar) for SAMI Talent Essentials Programs (STEP) by Emeritus, for SAMI (Saudi Arabian Military Industries) employees, invited by Professor Alessandro Lanteri (ESCP Business School), October 28, 2024.

“The ‘K-Defense’ (K-Pangsan) Effect: Park Chung Hee, Defense Industrialization, and South Korea’s Quest from Client State to Global Pivotal Power,” Korean History Symposium: Toward a Postnationalist History of Korea in honor of Professor Carter J. Eckert, Cambridge, Massachusetts, September 13, 2024

“Building Arms, Building a Nation,” Keynote presentation (webinar) for SAMI: Leadership in Defense Sector for SAMI-AEC (Saudi Arabian Military Industries - Advanced Electronics) employees, invited by Prof. Alessandro Lanteri, ESCP Business School, Turin campus, September 10, 2024.

“Korean Pop Culture,” National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (Freeman Foundation sponsored program designed to bring information about East Asia to K-12 teachers), Clarkson University, Schenectady, New York, January 6, 2024

- “The ‘K-Defense’ Evolution: From the Birth of the HCI (Heavy and Chemical Industries) Belt to the Global Rise of South Korean Defense Exports,” Korean Studies Colloquium, James Joo-Jin Kim Center for Korean Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 5, 2023
- “The Applicability of the South Korean Model for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Dual-Purpose Development for Militarization and Economic Growth,” Keynote presentation (webinar) for Global & Business Mindset Module, SAMI (Saudi Arabian Military Industries) IMPACT Program by Emeritus, invited by Professor Alessandro Lanteri (ESCP Business School), August 9, 2023
- “Mars from Manna: The ‘Miracle’ of South Korea’s Militarized Capitalism,” 2022 ANU Korea Update, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, November 22, 2022
- “Popular Korean Culture and Society,” National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, Clarkson University, Schenectady, New York, February 19, 2022
- “Korea, Inc.: Militarized and Modernized,” Honors College (per invitation by Dean Hui-Ching Chang), SUNY Albany, Albany, New York, October 15, 2021
- “*Chaju Kukpang* and the Birth of Science Korea,” BK 21 Program, Department of Korean History, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, July 28, 2021
- “Cornerstone of the Nation: The Defense Industry and the Building of Modern Korea under Park Chung Hee,” Webinar, Korean Association for Political and Diplomatic History, May 27, 2021
- “Converging Streams in the ‘Miracle on the Han River’: Civilian-Military Undercurrents in South Korea’s Techno-Industrial Transformation,” Korean Studies Colloquium, James Joo-Jin Kim Program in Korean Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 5, 2020
- “The Military in South Korea and Its Place in Korean Studies,” 2nd Peace Corps–Korea Reunion (invited by Professor Emeritus David McCann), Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 11, 2018
- “Mars and Manna: Defense Industry and the Economic Transformation of Korea under Park Chung Hee,” Kim Koo Forum on Korea Current Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 22, 2018
- “Defense-Centered Heavy and Chemical Industrialization (HCI) and the Rise of *Chaebŏl* in South Korea,” RAND Seminar, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California, September 19, 2017
- “Korea’s Search for Defense Autonomy: Park Chung Hee’s Defense Industry Development and



South Korea’s Challenges to U.S. Arms Policies, 1968–1979,” Korea and the World: New Frontiers in Korean Studies Workshop at the Institute for Korean Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC, May 24, 2017

“자주의 구성: 현대 한국 방위산업 개발과정에서의 군·민 협력, 1971-1979 (“The Anatomy of Self-Reliance: Military-Civilian Cooperation in the Development of the Modern Defense Industry in South Korea, 1971–1979”), 9th Worldwide Consortium of Korean Studies Centers Workshop, Peking University, Beijing, China, July 5, 2013

## **TEACHING**

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### ***SUNY Albany***

*Courses designed and taught* (currently teaching a full load of courses on Korean history, politics, and culture at SUNY Albany 2018–2024; Fulbright leave for 2024-25):

AEAK 170: Korea—Its Culture and History (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020/online, Fall 2020/online, Fall 2021, Spring 2022/online, Fall 2022, Spring 2023/online, Fall 2023, Winter 2024/online)

AEAK/AHST 376: History of Premodern Korea (cross-listed with History) (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020/online, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

AEAK/AHST 377: History of Modern Korea (cross-listed with History) (Spring 2019, Spring 2020/online, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)

AEAK 422/RPOS 422Z: North Korea—History, Culture, Politics (cross-listed with Political Science) (Spring 2020/online, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)

AEAK 497: Independent Study in Korean (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

### *Ph.D. advising:*

Member, Dissertation Committee (Ji-Won Lee), Sociology Department, College of Arts and Sciences (2020–present)

Member, Dissertation Committee (Charmaine Willis), Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, College of Arts and Sciences (2020–23)

### *Undergraduate advising:*

Faculty adviser, Department of East Asian Studies (9 students in 2023–24; 11 students in 2022–23; 5–16 students in 2021–22; 10 students in 2020–21; 8–10 students in 2019–20)

Member, Honors Thesis Evaluation Committee for Katerina Bucek, UAlbany Honors College, 2023

### *Guest lectures:*

2023 Fall                      Guest Lecturer, “From K-Pop to K-Trend: A Journey through the Phenomenon of Korean Entertainment,” UFSP 100: Freshman Seminar (Professor John Person), Department of East Asian Studies

- 2022 Fall Guest Lecturer, “Many Faces of K-Pop,” UFSP 100: Freshman Seminar (Professor John Person), Department of East Asian Studies
- 2021 Fall Guest Speaker, “Korea, Inc.: Militarized and Modernized,” Honors College (per invitation by Dean Hui-Ching Chang)
- 2021 Fall Guest Lecturer, “History of North Korea,” UFSP 100: Freshman Seminar (Professor Fan Pen Chen), Department of East Asian Studies
- 2019 Fall Guest Lecturer, “Korean Nationalism,” UFSP 100: Freshman Seminar (Professor Fan Pen Chen), Department of East Asian Studies

***Seoul National University of Science and Technology / POSTECH***

- 2024 Fall Guest Lecturer, “과학기술강국의 초석: 국방과학연구소의 역할과 유산” (The Cornerstone of Korea's Scientific Rise: The Role and Legacy of ADD), 20 세기 한국의 과학과 기술 (class co-taught by Prof. Hyungsub Choi and Prof. Jongsik Lee, Seoul, South Korea (in Korean))

***Korea National Defense University***

- 2024 Fall Guest Lecturer, “The Origins and Development of South Korea’s Defense Industry,” 한국의 미래전략 (South Korea’s Future Strategies) seminar (Professor Park Young-June), Graduate School of National Security at the Korea National Defense University, Nonsan, South Korea (in Korean)

***Arizona State University***

- 2024 Spring Guest Lecturer, “The Evolution of North Korea’s Self-Reliant Nationalism,” HST 303: Studies in Asian History: Modern Korean History through Film (Professor Sungik Yang), School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies

***Harvard University***

- 2022 Fall Guest Speaker, “Building Bombs, Building a Nation” (discussion of my published article in the *Journal of Asian Studies*), EASTD 270: Historiography of Modern Japan and Korea (Professors Carter Eckert and Andrew Gordon), Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- 2020 Fall Guest Speaker, “North Korean Nationalism and National Identity,” Freshman Seminar 43W: History, Nationalism, and the World: The Case of Korea (Professor Sun Joo Kim), Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- 2020 Spring Guest Speaker, “My Current Work on the Park Chung Hee Era,” Korean History 257: Modern Korean History Special Seminar (Professor Carter Eckert), Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations

- 2018 Spring      Guest Lecturer, “Two Koreas in the 20th Century,” East Asian Studies 97ab: Introduction to the Study of East Asia—Issues and Methods (Professor Ryuichi Abe), Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- 2018 Spring      Visiting Korea Specialist, GSD 1407: Korea Remade—Alternative Nature, DMZ, and the Hinterlands (Professor Niall Kirkwood), Department of Landscape Architecture, Graduate School of Design
- 2017 Fall         Guest Lecturer, “South Korea’s Militarization and Industrialization, from the Vietnam War in the 1960s to Nuclear Arms Development in the 1970s,” Korean History 140: History of the U.S.-Korea Relationship since 1945 (Professor Taegyun Park), Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- 2017 Spring      Visiting Korea Specialist, GSD 1409: Ulsan Remade—Manufacturing the Modern Industrial Landscape (Professor Niall Kirkwood), Department of Landscape Architecture, Graduate School of Design
- 2017 Spring      Guest Lecturer, “Korea’s Quest for Self-Reliance in the 20th Century,” East Asian Studies 97ab: Introduction to the Study of East Asia—Issues and Methods (Professor David Howell), Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- 2015 Spring      Guest Speaker, “South Korea’s Presidential Archives,” Korean History 257: Proseminar (Professor Carter Eckert), Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- 2011 Spring      Head Teaching Fellow, Aesthetics and Interpretative Understanding 35: Forms in Korean Cultural History (Professor David McCann), Program in General Education
- Earned Certificate of Distinction in Teaching from the Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning (received rating of 4.6/5.0 on student survey of teaching effectiveness)
- 2011 Spring      Teaching Fellow, Japanese History 146: Kyoto—Diplomacy, 1542–1642 (Professor Tomoko Kitagawa), History Department
- Earned Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning (received rating of 4.7/5.0 on student survey of teaching effectiveness)
- 2010 Spring      Teaching Assistant, Historical Studies A-75: Societies of the World: The Two Koreas (Professor Carter Eckert), Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations

***Brandeis University***

2018 Summer      Instructor, “Between Trump’s America and Xi’s China: Lifting the Veil on North Korea,” Summer 2018 Lecture Series, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Brandeis

***University of North Korean Studies, Kyungnam University***

2021 Summer      Guest Speaker/Discussant, Satohoe (monthly gathering of Korean M.A. and Ph.D. students under the advisement of Professor Shin Jong-dae)

2017 Summer      Guest Speaker, North Korea Seminar (Professor Shin Jong-dae)

***Yonsei University***

2014 Spring      Head Teaching Assistant, Korea’s Modernization and Globalization (Visiting Professor Hyung-A Kim), Sociology Department

**SERVICE (SELECTED)**

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***Departmental service***

2024 Spring      Survey Conductor (created and conducted a survey to generate pie charts illustrating alumni career fields), Department of East Asian Studies, SUNY Albany

2022–present      Sustainability Ambassador for Department of East Asian Studies, Sustainability Ambassador Program, Office of Sustainability, SUNY Albany

2022–23          Poster Designer (designed individual QR posters for each major and minor offered within the department to promote the department's programs among the student body), Department of East Asian Studies, SUNY Albany

2021–present      Library Liaison, Department of East Asian Studies, SUNY Albany

2019–present      East Asian Studies Major Adviser, Department of East Asian Studies, SUNY Albany

2018–present      Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of East Asian Studies, SUNY Albany

2007–08          Department Representative, Regional Studies–East Asia, Harvard University

***College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) service***

2024 Spring      Faculty Interviewer (for scholarship candidates), CAS Incoming Student Scholarship, Undergraduate Admissions, SUNY Albany

2023 Fall	Department Representative, Fall Preview Day 2023
2023	Faculty Interviewer (for scholarship candidates), CAS Incoming Student Scholarship, Undergraduate Admissions, SUNY Albany
2022–present	Member, Nominating Committee of the CAS Faculty Council
2022 Fall	Department Representative, Accepted-Student Open Houses
2020 Fall	Department Representative, Fall Preview Day 2020
2020–present	Member, Dissertation Committee (Ji-Won Lee), Sociology Department
2020–present	Member, Dissertation Committee (Charmaine Willis), Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy
2019 Spring	Faculty Representative, Undergraduate Individual Recognition Ceremony, CAS 2018 Fall Faculty Representative, UAlbany Opening Convocation
<i>University service</i>	
2024 Spring	Faculty Representative, Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony (stage crossing ceremony) on May 9, 2024, SUNY Albany
2024 Spring	Coordinator for Klosure's participation in the East Asian Studies Department Panel and the Opening Ceremony at Broadview Center for UAlbany Showcase Day on April 30, 2024, SUNY Albany
2023 Spring	Organizer of Korea-content student academic and dance presentations for UAlbany Showcase Day on April 27, 2023, SUNY Albany
2020–present	Faculty Adviser, Korean Christian Fellowship, SUNY Albany
2019–present	Faculty Adviser, Klosure (UAlbany K-Pop Dance Team), SUNY Albany
2019 Spring	Faculty Representative, Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies
2018 Fall	Organizer, Korean cultural booths for the 2018 International Fair, SUNY Albany
2018 Spring	Event Host and Moderator, discussion and Q&A with Grace Jo, North Korean defector and current vice president of NKinUSA, Harvard Human Rights in North Korea (HRINK), Harvard University
2017–18	Co-leader, Harvard to Nations (H2N) Christian fellowship meetings, Harvard University

2010–11 At-Large Representative for International Students, Graduate Student Council, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University

2007–08 Committee Member, Harvard Graduate Council, Harvard University

***Community service***

2024 Spring Invited alumnus for the event with graduate students in the Regional Studies-East Asia (RSEA) program, Harvard University (officially organized by the RSEA program director at Harvard), February 6, 2024

2021–present Deacon, Shalom Korean Church of Albany

2021–22 Small Group Leader, Shalom Korean Church of Albany

2021–22 Singer, Praise Team, Shalom Korean Church of Albany

2020 Consultant, *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates Jr.*, PBS television series that traces the genealogy of prominent guests

2019–20 Committee Member, Korean Association of Albany

2019 Fall Korean Cultural Performance Coordinator, 2019 Troy Asia Night Market, Troy, New York

2019 Summer Guest Speaker, “Korean History,” special lecture for U.S.-born Korean youth and Korean adoptees, Sarang Fellowship Church, Albany, NY

2010–11 President, Young Adult Ministry, Korean Church of Boston, Brookline, MA

***International service***

2012–14 Translator and transcriber (Korean-English), Pastor Scott Brenner’s Tribe of Levi Ministries International (Christian), Bundang, South Korea

2006 Summer English teacher, Irvine Baptist Church, Children’s Ministries outreach program in São Paulo, Brazil, and Neuquén, Argentina

2004 Summer Youth ministry teacher, Irvine Baptist Church, in Tijuana, Mexico

2004 Summer English teacher, Cru (campus Christian organization) summer mission, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

2003 Summer English teacher, Cru summer mission, Ramkhamhaeng University, Bangkok, Thailand

***Professional service***

2024–present Peer reviewer (article manuscript), *East Asia Forum* (ISSN 1839-0242)

2024	Peer Reviewer (book manuscript), Harvard University’s Asia Center Publications Program
2022–23	Peer Reviewer (article manuscript), <i>International Politics</i> (ISSN 1384-5748)
2022–23	Peer Reviewer (article manuscript), <i>Journal of Korean Studies</i> (ISSN 2158-1665)
2021–present	Editorial Board Member, <i>S/N Korean Humanities</i> (ISSN: 2384-0668)
2017–18	Peer Reviewer, <i>Planning Perspectives</i> (ISSN 0266-5433)

**HONORS AND AWARDS (SELECTED)**

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2024–25	Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award (to South Korea), Fulbright Program
2022	Recipient, College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences, SUNY Albany
2022 Summer	Manuscript selected for the 2022 University of Michigan Manuscript Workshop for Junior Faculty, Nam Center for Korean Studies, University of Michigan
2020 Spring	Nominee, Torch Award for Faculty and Student Engagement, SUNY Albany
2018–19	D. Kim Foundation for the History of Science & Technology in East Asia Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
2018 Summer	BOLLI Lectureship Prize, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Brandeis University
2017–18	Soon Young Kim Postdoctoral Fellowship, Korea Institute, Harvard University
2017 Summer	Junior Researcher Fellowship, Academy of Korean Studies
2014–15	Korea Institute Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
2013	Outstanding Paper Award, 9th Worldwide Consortium of Korean Studies Centers Workshop, Peking University
2012–13	Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Academy of Korean Studies

2011	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University
2007–08	Chair’s Merit Award, Regional Studies–East Asia, Harvard University
2006–08	Full Scholarship, Regional Studies–East Asia (AM degree program), Harvard University
2008 Spring	Commencement Marshal for Harvard University Commencement Ceremony (one of four school-wide) (June 5, 2008)
2007 Summer	Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer School Full Tuition Waiver Fellowship
2006	Designated Scholarship, Korean American Scholarship Foundation
2005 Summer	Most Outstanding Student Award, Beijing Normal University Intensive Language Program (Mandarin Chinese)
2004–06	Golden Key International Honor Society
2003 Spring	Association of International Exchange, Japan (AIEJ), Full Scholarship to study abroad in Japan

## **MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE**

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2022 Fall	Organizer and Moderator, Diaspora Is the Future (campuswide event featuring film director Joseph Juhn), Department of East Asian Studies, SUNY Albany
2016–17	<p>Program Coordinator, Korea Institute, Harvard University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided administrative support to the director of the institute in coordinating and organizing Korean Studies programs and academic events, including workshops, colloquiums, and conferences.</li> <li>• Managed the institute’s budget for office and event supplies; handled logistics and accommodations for guest speakers and visiting scholars.</li> <li>• Organized the institute’s signature programs, the Korea Colloquiums and the Kim Koo Forum on Current Korean Affairs.</li> </ul>
2013 Spring	<p>Event staff in Seoul, Korea Institute, Harvard University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted the Harvard Alumni Association in organizing then–Harvard University president Drew Faust’s visit to South Korea, March 21–22.</li> </ul>
2011 Fall	Graduate Student Events Coordinator, Harvard–Ewha University Joint



	Conference: East Asia Economic Development and Human Security, Korea Institute, Harvard University
2008 Spring	Co-organizer, 11th Annual Harvard East Asia Society Graduate Student Conference, Harvard University
2007–08	Co-president, Harvard East Asia Society, Harvard University
2007–08	Organizer, North Korea Human Rights Forums, Harvard East Asia Society, Harvard University

### **MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (SELECTED)**

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2021–present	RAND Alumni Association
2021–present	Korean American University Professors Association
2019–22	American Historical Association
2017–20	Korea Institute, Harvard University
2018–present	Committee on Korean Studies, Northeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies
2017–present	Association for Asian Studies
2012 Spring	Center for Korean Studies (as visiting graduate student), University of California, Los Angeles

### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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2024	“[현장] 한국방위산업학회, ‘DX KOREA 2024’에서 한국 방위산업 발전 주제로 세미나 개최,” <i>News2day</i> (September 27, 2024), <a href="https://www.news2day.co.kr/article/20240927500067">https://www.news2day.co.kr/article/20240927500067</a>
2024	“세계 전문가들, K-방산 도약에 주목...“제 2의 한강 기적 이룰 수도,” <i>The Epoch Times</i> (September 27, 2024) <a href="https://www.epochtimes.kr/2024/09/691902.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawF1rtJleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHc1nA-KyajZfQob-PCToZV2IvIFSWLDprtoSE4bDmFTAXd ty81zi9tktw aem yh-PVsZ0wxDOYNSZaqa3A">https://www.epochtimes.kr/2024/09/691902.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawF1rtJleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHc1nA-KyajZfQob-PCToZV2IvIFSWLDprtoSE4bDmFTAXd ty81zi9tktw aem yh-PVsZ0wxDOYNSZaqa3A</a>
2024	“[영상뉴스] 국가 발전의 초석, ‘한국 방위산업’을 짚다...컨텍스서 세미나 개최,” <i>The Epoch Times</i> (September 27, 2024) <a href="https://www.epochtimes.kr/2024/09/691884.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawF1ryxl">https://www.epochtimes.kr/2024/09/691884.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawF1ryxl</a>

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- 2024 “DX-KOREA 2024 한국방위산업학회 세미나 - 뉴욕주립대 권반석 교수,” *방산인 TV* (October 5, 2024)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8Lj6860tJU>
- 2024 “Cornerstone of the Nation,” The Korea Society (June 25, 2024)  
My book talk/interview with Thomas Byrne, President and CEO of The Korea Society, was live-streamed and featured on The Korea Society's official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/live/7f-QcQDrmk>
- 2024 Book talk at The Korea Society featured in “Noteworthy,” *Today at UAlbany* newsletter (June 25, 2024)
- 2024 AAS interview featured in “Noteworthy,” *Focus on Research, Today at UAlbany* (March 28, 2024)
- 2024 “‘Cornerstone of the Nation’: An Interview with Peter Banseok Kwon,” *#AsiaNow*, Association for Asian Studies (March 25, 2024)  
<https://www.asianstudies.org/cornerstone-of-the-nation-an-interview-with-peter-banseok-kwon/>
- 2024 Forthcoming book featured in “Noteworthy,” *Focus on Research, Today at UAlbany* (January 25, 2024)
- 2023 “Korea National Defense University Hosts World Security Studies Conference,” *Kupang Ilbo* (September 30, 2023)  
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- 2023 “Korea National Defense University to Host International Conference Inviting World Security and Defense Experts,” *Newsis* (August 31, 2023)  
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- 2023 *Journal of Korean Studies* article featured in “Noteworthy,” *Focus on Research, Today at UAlbany* (April 27, 2023)
- 2023 “UAlbany Professor’s Book Details Secret Weapons Program that Helped Build Modern Korea,” *Focus on Research, Today at UAlbany* (March 30, 2023), <https://www.albany.edu/news-center/news/2023-ualbany-professors-book-details-secret-weapons-program-helped-build-modern>

- 2022 Research Presentation at Australian National University featured in “Noteworthy,” *Focus on Research, Today at UAlbany* (November 17, 2022)
- 2022 “Meet the Grantees,” Publication Support Awardees, #AsiaNow, Association for Asian Studies (April 21, 2022)
- 2021 *National Interest* article featured in “Research Excellence,” *In the News*, UAlbany Office of Communications and Marketing, (February 19, 2021)
- 2019 Interview, *The Korea Now Podcast*, episode 48 (July 10, 2019)

## **SKILLS**

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- Multiple languages: English (fluent), Korean (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (intermediate), Japanese (intermediate)
- Leadership and administrative skills include project management and events planning

## **REFERENCES**

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