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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, USA
Visiting Assistant Professor, Truman School of Government and Public Affairs, 2025-

EDUCATION

University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY, USA
Ph.D. in Political Science — June 2025
Subfields: International Relations, Comparative Politics
Committee: Jacob Kathman (chair), Sam R. Bell, Michelle A. Benson
Dissertation Title: Natural Resources in Conflict-Affected Countries and United Nations Peacekeeping Operations

Master of Arts in Global Affairs — 2022

Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea
Master of Arts in International Relations — 2017
Fields: International Relations
Committee: Chesung Chun (chair), Wookhee Shin, Okyeon Yi
Masters Thesis: The U.S.-Japan-R.O.K. Trilateral Security Relationship and South Korea's Relative Abandonment Threat

Sung Kyun Kwan University, Seoul, Korea
B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature, and International Trade — 2014

FIELDS

International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, Human Rights

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Violence, International Organizations, Natural Resource Politics, UN Peacekeeping, Fragile and Conflict-Affected States

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

University of Missouri, Truman School of Government and Public Affairs, Columbia, MO

International Relations	Fall 2025
Public Policy	Fall 2025, Spring 2026
American Foreign Policies	Fall 2026
Peacekeeping and Intervention	Fall 2026
American Foreign Policies	Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026
(Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies Program)	
International Relations Theory	Spring 2026
(Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies Program)	

University at Buffalo, SUNY, Department of Political Science, Buffalo, NY

International Relations Theory	Spring 2021, Spring 2022
War and International Security	Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Teaching Assistant

University at Buffalo, SUNY, Department of Political Science, Buffalo, NY

Introduction to Comparative Politics	Fall 2020
Comparative Foreign Policy	Fall 2020
Public Policy Making	Fall 2020
Constitutional Law	Spring 2020

Publications and Working Papers

Publications

1. **Kim, Bongjoo**, Chhandosi Roy, and Mehwish Sarwari. 2024. "Regime Type of Foreign Supporters of Resistance Movements and its Impact on State Repression." ***Terrorism and Political Violence.*** 1–17. https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2023.2296512

Works in Progress

1. "Rich Rebels, Poor Peacekeeping: How Natural Resources Shape the Effectiveness of UN Peacekeeping Operations" *(under review)*
2. "Backlash from Within: Gendered Reactions to Feminist Incidents in South Korea" (with Jiseon Chang) *(in preparation for submission)*
3. "Confidence in the UN: Government Ideology, Ideological Disposition, and Public Opinion in South Korea and the United States" (with Jiseon Chang, Ikhee Cho) *(in preparation for submission)*
4. "Punishing Time: Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and UN Peacekeeping Deployment" (with Hoshik Nam) *(in preparation for submission)*
5. "Public Attitudes of UN Peacekeeping Operations in Conflict-Affected Countries" (with Jiseon Chang)
6. "UN Peacekeeping, Refugees, and Sexual Violence in Civil Wars" (with Michelle Benson, Kristen Cruz)
7. "The Paradox of Piety: Religious Insurgents, Exclusiveness, and Sexual Violence"

Conferences and Invited Talks

APSA Annual Conference

2026 "From Participation to Perception: How UN PKO Shapes Public Confidence in the UN" (with Jiseon Chang)

ISA Annual Conference

2026 "Rich Rebels, Poor Peacekeeping: How Natural Resources Shape the Effectiveness of UN Peacekeeping Operations"

2026 "From Participation to Perception: How UN Peacekeeping Shapes Public Confidence in the United Nations" (with Jiseon Chang)

2025 "Public Attitudes of UN Peacekeeping Operations in Conflict-Affected Countries" (with Jiseon Chang)

2023 "Regime Type of State Supporters of Resistance Movements and its Impact on State Repression" (with Chhandosi Roy, Mehwish Sarwari)

2022 "Third Wheel's Dilemma: Text Analysis over South Korea's Relative Abandonment Threat within Maintaining the U.S.-Japan-South Korea Trilateral Security Relationship"

2021 "UN Peacekeeping, Refugees, and Sexual Violence in Civil Wars" (with Michelle Benson, Kristen Cruz) (Virtual)

MPSA Annual Conference

2025 "Natural Resource Conflicts and United Nations Peacekeeping Deployments"

"Public Attitudes of UN Peacekeeping Operations in Conflict-Affected Countries" (with Jiseon Chang)

2022 "Alliance Formations and Relative Abandonment Threat"

2019 "President Xi Jinping's BRI and its threat to the United States"

2018 "The U.S.-Japan-Republic of Korea Trilateral Security Relationship and South Korea's Relative Abandonment Threat"

SPSA Annual Conference

2026 "Backlash from Within: Gendered Reactions to Feminist Incidents in South Korea" (with Jiseon Chang)

2023 "The Role of Peacekeeping Operations in Reducing Violence in the Context of Foreign Aid" (with Jiseon Chang)

2021 "Need to Eat to Live: The Interacting Effects of Food Aid and UN Peacekeeping on Civilian Victimization" (with Samaila Adelaiye) (Virtual)

Peace Science, Online Peace Science Colloquium

2021 "Need to Eat to Live: The Interacting Effects of Food Aid and UN Peacekeeping on Civilian Victimization" (with Samaila Adelaiye) (Virtual)

Minorities in Social Science, Rice University

2021 "Need to Eat to Live: The Interacting Effects of Food Aid and UN Peacekeeping on Civilian Victimization" (with Samaila Adelaiye) (Virtual)

University at Buffalo, SUNY

2022 "U.S.-China Relations and South Korea"

2022 "Citizen Participation and South Korean Presidential Elections"

Professional Experience

University at Buffalo, SUNY, Department of Political Science, Buffalo, NY
Research Assistant Fall 2019, Fall 2021
UN PKO Personnel data generating task
Reference: Jacob Kathman, Ph.D.

Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea
Program Officer and Editor
Seoul National University Institute of International Studies (IIS) Spring 2016
Seoul National University Program on US-China Relations (PUCR) Fall 2014

Institutional Responsibilities

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, USA
Defense and Strategic Studies Committee, Committee member

University at Buffalo, SUNY, Department of Political Science, Buffalo, NY
Econometrics and Statistics Study Group, President, Spring 2022 – 2025
Department's Grievance Pool, Fall 2020 – 2025
Political Violence Research Group, Fall 2018 – present
Graduate School Association, Vice president, 2022 – 2024
Graduate School Association, Senator, 2019 – 2020

Professional Service

ISA Annual Conference
(Chair) Perception and Effects of Peacekeeping Operations Beyond Keeping Peace — March 2026

MPSA Annual Conference
(Discussant) International Conflict Poster Session — April 2019
(Discussant) Civil War Poster Session — April 2019

SPSA Annual Conference
(Discussant) Trafficking and Transformation (Human Rights) — January 2026

Reviewer
International Interactions — July 2025

Awards and Grants

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
The Byrne fund for research on non-profits and/or the science of philanthropy ($ 5,000), 2026

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Bloomington, IN
Graduate Student Travel Scholarship, 2025

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), Atlanta, GA
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2023
Artinian Travel Award, 2026

University at Buffalo, SUNY, Department of Political Science, Buffalo, NY
Graduate Student Association Conference Funding Grant, 2022
Graduate Fellowship, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Brain Korea (BK) Scholarship, Seoul, Korea
Seoul National University BK Scholarship on building basic research foundation and improving global status of South Korea International Relations Academia, 2014 – 2015

ROK-US Command Forces Command, Seoul, Korea
USFK Army Commendation Medal, 2010
CFC Plans Branch, CFC Plans Division, C3 Military Interpreter, 2008 – 2010
Sergeant Expiration, March 2010

Jeju Scholarship Foundation, Seoul, Korea
Academic Tuition and Stipends, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012

Additional Training

Certificate of completion of a workshop on systemist methods under the auspices of the Visual International Relations Project (VIRP), University of Missouri, 2025

The Certificate of Advanced Study in Data Analysis in Social Sciences, University at Buffalo, SUNY, 2021

The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Summer 2019
Courses Taken: Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE), Linear Regression II, Mathematics for Social Science II.

Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing, China, 2012-2013
Chinese Language Program

Beijing University, Beijing, China, 2018
Chinese Language Program

Skills

Languages: English (fluent), Korean (native), Chinese (advanced)

Technical Skills: STATA, R, LaTeX, Python, ArcGIS

References

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