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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2027 **Ph.D., Political Science**, University of Minnesota (expected).
Dissertation: *Authority without Territory: State Claims of Right in the Global Commons*.
Committee: Mark Bell, Ron Krebs (co-advisors), Tanisha Fazal, Kevin Luo.
Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology.
Geospatial Skills Badge; graduate coursework in GIS and remote sensing.
- 2024 **M.A., Political Science**, University of Minnesota.
- 2019 **M.A., Security Studies**, Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service.
International Security Concentration.
- 2015 **B.A., Political Science and International Relations**, Seoul National University.
B.A., Sociology, Seoul National University.
Honors: *summa cum laude*. Minor: Economics.

DISSERTATION AND FIRST BOOK PROJECT

Authority without Territory: State Claims of Right in the Global Commons

The dissertation asks why some state claims to bounded authority in legally open spaces are acknowledged and incorporated into international law, why others secure compliance without acknowledgment, and why still others fail even as the associated administrative forms and operational systems persist. It separates three outcomes often conflated—behavioral stabilization, expressed recognition, and legal incorporation—and codes each independently against dated baselines, preventing later settlements from being retroactively treated as recognition of materially different predecessor claims. Four propositions explain how foundational compatibility, institutional boundary maintenance, differentiation among target classes, and the conversion of failed claims into successor projects shape these trajectories. The design compares four trajectories: a positive case (the exclusive economic zone), a contested case (air defense identification zones), a failed claim and the project that outlived it (the 1976 Bogotá Declaration and its later reformulations), and a hard negative that defines the case universe (Australia’s 2004 maritime identification initiative). The book manuscript extends the argument to disputed flight information regions, where authority is acquired through international assignment rather than claim-making, and develops the normative questions bracketed by the dissertation.

RESEARCH

Working Papers

“Bounded Authority in Open Space.” Adapted from Chapter 1 of the dissertation; draft available upon request.

“The Exclusive Economic Zone: Recombining Coastal Claims into Bounded Legal Authority.” Adapted from Chapter 2 of the dissertation; draft available upon request.

Works in Progress

“The Air Defense Identification Zone: Short-Window Adjustment and Contested Authority.” Adapted from Chapter 3 of the dissertation; full draft in revision.

“The Deep Sea in Brackets: Environmental Compensation, Mediated Excess, and Corrective Power in the International Seabed Regime.” Full draft in revision.

“State Effects without Title: Flight Information Regions and the Separation of Map, Service, and User Attribution.” Full draft in revision.

“World Politics after Construction: Mediated Orders and the Authority to Correct.” Full draft in revision.

“Construction without Exhaustion: Mediated Realism and Objectivity as Organized Corrigibility.” Full draft in revision.

“Keeping 200 Miles, Changing the Rights: How States Converted Non-Standard Maritime Claims into the UNCLOS Template.” Research in progress.

“Building Facts on the Water: Measuring Reclamation and Its Effects at Antelope Reef.” Research in progress.

“Climate Shock and State Claims of Right in Polar Governance.” Research in progress.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2025	Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, University of Minnesota.
2024	Dissertation Proposal Development Program Fellowship, University of Minnesota.
2020–2021	College of Liberal Arts Graduate Fellowship, University of Minnesota.
2010–2014	National Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarship, Korea Student Aid Foundation.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026	“The Transformation of Semi-Sovereign Spaces.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference.
2026	“Territorialization of Global Commons: The Case of the South China Sea.” Research Group Workshop, 2026 APSA Virtual Research Meeting.
2026	“Governing the Gaps: The Emergence of Semi-Sovereign Spaces.” International Studies Association Annual Convention.
2024	“Extended Territorial Claims in Global Politics.” International Studies Association Virtual Conference.
2024	“Artificial Islands in the South China Sea.” Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference.
2021	“Four Faces of the Air Defense Identification Zone: Same Diffusion, Different Mechanisms” (with Yoonsoo Kim and Jeeyon Choi). IS-ISSS Annual Conference.
2021	“Artificial Island Building in the South China Sea: The Uncharted Race for Maritime Territorialization.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference.
2019	“Enhancing Cybersecurity as a Public Good.” International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference and IS-ISSS Annual Conference.
2019	“Riddles of Artificial Island Building in the South China Sea.” IS-ISSS Annual Conference.

TALKS AND ROUNDTABLES

- 2025 “Modeling the Stabilization of International Norms.” Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium.
- 2025 Roundtable on Historical International Relations (panelist). Minnesota International Relations Colloquium.
- 2021 “Four Faces of the Air Defense Identification Zone” (with Yoonsoo Kim and Jeeyon Choi). Minnesota International Relations Colloquium.

COMMENTARY AND PUBLIC WRITING

Full Drafts in Revision

- “The Deep Sea in Brackets: What One Unresolved Choice in the Mining Code Decides.”
- “The Age of Ambient Ideology: How Recommendation Feeds Socialize Teenagers without Recruiting Them.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021–2025 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota. Political Science Capstone, Kevin Luo, Spring 2025.
International Conflict and Security, Ron Krebs, Fall 2024.
The Politics of Nuclear Weapons, Mark Bell, Spring 2024.
Quantitative Analysis in Political Science, Dan Myers, Fall 2023.
Global Politics, John Freeman, Spring 2023.
American Democracy in a Changing World, Scott Abernathy, Spring 2023.
Global Politics, Ron Krebs, Fall 2022.
U.S. Supreme Court Decision-Making, Process, and Politics, Timothy R. Johnson, Spring 2022.
American Democracy in a Changing World, Dan Myers, Fall 2021.
- 2012–2015 **Assistant Instructor**, Seoul East Region Hana Center (government-supported resettlement center). Taught introductory English to North Korean resettlers.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020 **Volunteer Research Assistant**, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota. Research support for faculty projects on international judges and historical forced displacement.

METHODS, RESEARCH SKILLS, AND SOFTWARE

Methods Used in Current Research: qualitative and multi-method research design, process tracing, comparative historical analysis, comparative case studies, archival research, panel and event-history analysis, difference-in-differences, geospatial analysis, and satellite remote sensing.

Additional Methods Coursework and Training: quantitative text analysis (text-as-data), network analysis, computational image and video analysis, design-based causal inference, regression and maximum likelihood estimation, game theory, Bayesian process tracing, cartographic design, and data visualization.

Programming and Software: Python, R, Stata, SQL, ArcGIS Pro, QGIS.

SELECTED TRAINING AND CERTIFICATE

Methods Training and Certificate

- 2026 Panel Data Analysis with R and Stata, Korea Social Science Data Archive (in progress).
- 2026 Harnessing NISAR: Next-Generation Radar Observations for Earth Applications, NASA Applied Remote Sensing Training Program (ARSET).
- 2025 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR).
- 2025 Summer Workshop on Computational Social Science, University of Minnesota.
- 2023–2024 Mixtape Sessions: Causal Inference I–III, Design-Based Inference.

Teaching and Professional Training and Certificate

- 2026 Online Summer Courses: Public International Law Session, The Hague Academy of International Law (in progress).
- 2026 Advancing Diplomacy for Space Security, International Studies Association Virtual Professional Advancement Seminar Series.
- 2024 Equity Certificate Hosted Online (ECHO), University of Minnesota.
- 2024 Internationalizing Course Design Summer Institute, University of Minnesota.
- 2023 Assessment Deep Dive Program, University of Minnesota.
- 2018 Analyst Training: Writing, Analysis, and Preparing Briefings, Georgetown University Security Studies Program.

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2025–2026 Steward, University of Minnesota Graduate Labor Union.
- 2021–2024 Organizer, Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium.
- 2022–2023 International Student Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Life Committee, University of Minnesota.
- 2021–2023 Grant Application Reviewer, Council of Graduate Students, University of Minnesota.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2023 Application Reviewer, Georgetown Security Studies Summer Institute for HBCU Students.
- 2020–2022 Mentor, Georgetown Security Studies Program Mentorship Program.
- 2019–2020 Peer Reviewer, Georgetown Security Studies Review.

LANGUAGES, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, AND PROGRAMS

Languages: Korean (native), English (fluent), Japanese (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (intermediate), French (elementary).

Professional Affiliations and Programs: American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Minnesota Population Center, Pacific Forum Young Leaders Program.

SELECTED TRANSLATIONS AND EDITORIAL WORK

- 2018–2023 Co-translator, Korean edition of Allen W. Wood’s *Kant*. Philo-Electro-Ray.
- 2020 Co-translator, Korean edition of Odd Arne Westad’s *The Global Cold War*. Ecolivres.
- 2019 Translation reviser and co-editor, Korean edition of Walter Benjamin’s *Das Kunstwerk im Zeitalter seiner technischen Reproduzierbarkeit (The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction)*. Philo-Electro-Ray. Refined the Korean text by collating it against the Japanese translation.
- 2017 Co-translator, Korean translations of the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entries “Kant’s Critique of Metaphysics” and “Hegel’s Dialectics.” Philo-Electro-Ray.
- 2014–2015 Co-translator, Korean editions of three Japanese-language books on China and North Korea, including works by Masahiro Miyazaki, Yoji Gomi, and Minoru Kitamura. Hanul Books.

REFERENCES

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