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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Victoria University of Wellington — New Zealand
Lecturer (Asst. Prof.) in International Relations/International Security — February 2026

College of William & Mary — Williamsburg, VA
Global Research Institute (GRI) — 2023 – 2025
Postdoctoral Fellow, Security and Foreign Policy

Public Policy Program — 2024-2025
Faculty Affiliate

Department of Government — 2023-2024
Faculty Affiliate

Stanford University — Palo Alto, CA
The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (APARC) — 2022 – 2023
Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Southern California (USC) — Los Angeles, CA
USC Korean Studies Institute (KSI) — 2019 – 2021
US-Asia Grand Strategy Predoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

University of Southern California — Los Angeles, CA
Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations — Aug. 2022

- Dissertation: "Goldilocks' Signal for Security Cooperation in East Asia: China's Rise, Hedging, and Joint Military Exercises."
- Committee: David C. Kang (Chair), Patrick James, Thomas Valente
- Concentrations: International Security & Foreign Policy (1st field), Comparative Politics (2nd field), Research Methods (3rd field)

Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service — Washington D.C.
Master of Arts in Asian Studies, Politics and Security of Asia — Dec. 2015

- Thesis: "China's Behavior in Maritime Dispute with its Neighbors: The Double-edged Sword Model."
- Thesis Advisor: Victor D. Cha

Ewha Womans University — Seoul, South Korea
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies — Feb. 2014

- Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*
- Double concentration: International Law & Diplomacy/East Asian Studies

BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PREPARATION

Connection Strategies of Asia-Pacific Secondary States: Security Cooperation and Network Power

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATION

"Network strategies of secondary states in the Asia-Pacific: evidence from joint military exercises, 1970–2024." ***Journal of Peace Research***, vol. 63, issue 2, March 2026, 214–231.

"South Korea's Mismatched Diplomacy in Asia: Middle Power Identity, Interests, and Foreign Policy." ***International Politics***, vol. 55, 2018, pp. 242-263, with Leif-Eric Easley.

REFEREED ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

"Why Does the U.S. Fear China More than South Korea? Relational History of (A)symmetry and Threat Perception" (with David C. Kang).

"Autonomy-Loyalty Dilemma of Junior Allies: The Case of the US-South Korea Alliance."

""Alone" at the Top? Unipole Without Followers or Authority" (with David C. Kang).

"Peace of Mind: Pacifist Beliefs and Cooperation Despite Mistrust in East Asia."

"Divergent Paths to Strategic Autonomy: Nuclear Deterrence Debates in Asia and Europe."

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, "Korea Project." *Forthcoming.*

Asian Survey, "Year-ender: The US and Asia in 2026." *Work in progress* (with David C. Kang).

"Unipolarity, Hegemony, and Moral Authority: Why China Will Not Recreate the Tributary System in the 21st Century." *The Long East Asia: Governing China in the 21st Century*, edited by Zhengxu Wang, Palgrave Macmillan, 2023, pp. 175-198, with David C. Kang.

"On Board for a Dual Track Approach: Korea-Japan," in *Comparative Connections: A Triannual E-Journal on East Asian Bilateral Relations*, Vol. 19, No. 2, September 2017, with David C. Kang.

"Continuation of Dual Track Approach: Korea-Japan," in *Comparative Connections: A Triannual E-Journal on East Asian Bilateral Relations*, Vol. 19, No. 3, January 2018, with David C. Kang.

"The North Korea Factor: Korea-Japan," in *Comparative Connections: A Triannual E-Journal on East Asian Bilateral Relations*, Vol. 20, No. 1, May 2018, with David C. Kang.

"Back to Normal Business: Korea-Japan," in *Comparative Connections: A Triannual E-Journal on East Asian Bilateral Relations*, Vol. 20, No. 2, September 2018, with David C. Kang.

"China's Behavior in Maritime Dispute with its Neighbors: The Double-edged Sword Model," in *ProQuest Dissertations & Theses database*, December 14, 2015.

"Fishery Disputes Between China and the Two Koreas," in *E-International Relations,* June 20, 2013.

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, and AWARDS

GRI Security & Foreign Policy Initiative (SFPI) Postdoctoral Fellowship

- 2023-2025 Research Support Funding: $67,600 total ($33,800 per year)
- 2023-2025 Fellowship Stipend: $112,783 total

Charles Koch Foundation (CKF) U.S. Grand Strategy and U.S. Foreign Policy Postdoc Fellowship

- Postdoctoral fellowship award ($78,000), 2022-2023

CKF Graduate Research Grant

- Competitive dissertation research grant ($10,000), 2020-2022

USC Center for International Studies (CIS) Graduate Student Research Funding

- Competitive dissertation research ($1000), Summer 2021

CATO Institute Junior Scholar Symposium (JSS) Funding

- Funding for the 2020 CATO JSS participants ($500), 2020

USC School of International Relations (SIR) Summer Funding Award

- Summer 2017 ($2500), Summer 2018 ($3100), Summer 2019 ($4600), Summer 2020 ($4000), Summer 2021 ($4000)

Merit-Based Graduate School Scholarship, Georgetown University

- Fall 2014 (full tuition); Fall 2015 (half tuition)

Professional/Academic Development Grant, Georgetown University

- Spring 2015 (compensation for working as an RA of Professor Jordan A. Sand)

Research Assistant Scholarship, Ewha Womans University

- Fall 2013, Spring 2013 (compensation for working as an RA of Professor Leif-Eric Easley)

Honors Scholarship, Ewha Womans University

- Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Spring 2011

Dean's list, Ewha Womans University

- Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2011, Fall 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Victoria University of Wellington: Instructor of Record

Special Topic: The Politics of Nuclear Weapons (500-level graduate course)

- Scheduled for Trimester 2 in 2026, as part of the Master of Strategic Studies programme

Power, Influence, and International Security (300-level undergraduate course)

- Offered in Trimester 1, 2026

Foreign Policy Analysis (200-level undergraduate course)

- Offered in Trimester 1, 2026 (co-taught)

College of William & Mary: Instructor of Record

East Asian Security (400-level undergrad research seminar/capstone course)

- Offered at the Department of Government in Spring 2024.
- Student Course Evaluation: 4.75 out of 5.

China's Engagements with the World: Past, Present, & Future (300-level study abroad class)

- Offered as one module within a yearlong, three-course *Global Scholars Program (GSP)* sequence on "US-China Relations" in the Public Policy program in Fall 2024-Winter 2025.
- As the inaugural China Program Director, organized and led a study abroad trip to Beijing, China (Jan 3-12, 2025) for 15 undergraduate students, with assistance from Sailor Miao

(Associate Program Manager of AidData's TUFF team). This program was sponsored by William & Mary's Reves Center in partnership with Beijing Normal University (BNU).

- Included lectures and academic exchanges at Peking University, Tsinghua University, Renmin University, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS), China Center for Globalization (CCG).
- Student Course Evaluation: 5 out of 5.

Invited Guest Lectures: Graduate, Undergraduate, & Professional Courses

Stanford University, "US-Korean relations," (200-level undergrad class)

- Offered as a part of Prof. Gi-Wook Shin's class on "State & Society in Korea" in Spring 2023.

Stanford University, "MA thesis writing in the Social Sciences," (300-level MA class)

- Offered as a part of Prof. Dafna Zur's class on "Debates and Methods in East Asian Studies" in Fall 2022.

Georgetown University, "Joint Military Exercises Network in the Asia-Pacific" (600-level MA class)

- Offered as a part of Prof. Victor D. Cha's class on "Theory and Policy in Asia" in Fall 2022.

University of Southern California, "Korean Peninsula" (300-level undergrad class)

- Offered as a part of Prof. Saori N. Katada's class on "International Relations of the Pacific Rim" in Fall 2021.

University of Southern California, "Academic Debate" (300-level undergrad class)

- Offered as a part of Dr. Nate Ming Curran's class on "Argumentation and Advocacy" in Summer 2020.

William & Mary, "China's Global Rise" (300-level undergrad class)

- Offered as a part of a class Dr. Ryan A. Musto's GSP students in Fall 2023.

U.S. Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, "South Korea's Foreign Policy: Navigating Between the US and China" (for diplomats)

- Offered a lecture for the US diplomats assigned to S. Korea and Japan in December 2023. Upon invitation of Dr. Chris Carothers, the Deputy Chair of East Asia & Pacific Area Studies.

Teaching Assistant: University of Southern California

Introduction to International Relations (200-level undergrad class)

- Fall 2017, Spring 2020 (for Prof. David C. Kang)
- Spring 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2022 (for Prof. Brian C. Rathbun)

International Relations of the Pacific Rim (300-level undergrad class)

- Fall 2021 (for Prof. Saori N. Katada)

The Global Economy 2040 (300-level undergrad class)

- Fall 2021 (for Prof. Jonathan D. Aronson and Prof. John Eatwell)

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE AND UNIVERSITIES

Book Proposal/Manuscript Reviewer

Yale University Press

Journal Peer Reviewer

International Politics, International Interactions, Pacific Review, Journal of Politics, Asian Security, Contemporary Security Policy, Conflict Management and Peace Science, RUSI Journal, Journal of East Asian Affairs

Admission Search Committee
2023-2024 Stanford University's M.A program for the Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS).

Faculty Sponsor
2023-2025 Wargaming Lab at the College of William & Mary

- Leveraging a postdoctoral research grant, I mentored the development of a wargame, *Silent Tides*, based on my research on East Asian security. Developed in collaboration with students from W&M's Wargaming Lab and U.S. generals (ret.) affiliated with the Whole of Government Center of Excellence, the simulation was successfully executed at W&M's Washington DC Center on April 4, 2025, and was participated in by 13 US foreign policy elites.

Organizing Committee
2025 Power Competition and Power Vacuums in the New Global Order at W&M

- Organizing committee member of the conference, Feb 19-21, 2025, in Williamsburg.

2024 Cooperation, Competition, & Conflict in East Asia Conference at W&M

- Organizing committee member of the conference, Feb 15-16, 2024, in Williamsburg.

2023 Roundtable with CG ROK Army Missile Strategic Command at Stanford University

- Organizer. Recruited participants by reaching out to scholars and practitioners affiliated with APARC and the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) in Palo Alto.

2018 USC KSI Graduate Student Symposium

- Co-organizer of the symposium supported by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea & Korean Studies Promotion Service of the Academy of Korean Studies in LA.

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Contributing Author
Comparative Connections May 2017 – Aug. 2018

- Wrote foreign policy analysis on 'Korea-Japan relations' for *Comparative Connections,* a triannual E-journal of bilateral relations in the Indo-Pacific published by the Pacific Forum.

Research Assistant
USC Center for International Studies Aug. 2018 – May 2019

- Graduate student organizer of weekly working paper series.

RA of Professor Jordan A. Sand at Georgetown University Jan. 2015 – Feb. 2015

- Provided research support for a paper on Korean society under Japanese occupation. Conducted content analysis using primary sources from the Library of Congress in Korean and Chinese.

RA of Professor Leif-Eric Easley at Ewha Womans University Jan. 2013 - June 2014

- Provided research support for a paper on international relations in East Asia, national identity, the level of trust in East Asia, Six Party talks, and middle power.

METHOD AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

APSA Annual Meeting Pre-Conference Short Course Sept. 14, 2022
Palais des congrès de Montréal Montréal, Québec

- Attended two pre-conference short courses on "Studying Causal Mechanisms Using In-Depth Case Studies" taught by Prof. Derek Beach and "Managing and Sharing Qualitative Data" by Dr. Sebastian Karcher.

Annual IPSA-NUS Summer School for Social Science Research Method July 1-12, 2019
National University of Singapore Singapore

- Training in social network analysis (SNA). Attended course on "Network Analysis I and II" taught by Professor Adam Henry, University of Arizona.

Essex Summer Method School in Social Science Data Analysis July 10-21, 2017
University of Essex United Kingdom, Colchester

- Training in in-depth qualitative research (archival work, interview, survey designing).
- Attended a course on "Qualitative Research: Practical Principles" taught by Professor Bethany Morgan Brett (University of East London) and Katy Wheeler (University of Essex).

The 3rd Open Academy of Public International Law Mar. 19, 2013 - May 21, 2013
Seoul National University Seoul, South Korea

- Studied legal issues ranging from maritime dispute, climate change, international trade dispute & resolution, private military company, North Korea nuclear crisis & NPT, and human rights.

SKILLS

Languages

- Korean (Native); English (Fluent); Spanish (Intermediate); Mandarin Chinese (Basic)

Statistical Software and Computer Skills

- Proficient R and STATA user; Microsoft Office Specialist Certification in Expert Level

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND TALKS

2026 New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Command and Staff College's Academic Day organized by Victoria University of Wellington, "Panel Discussion: Regional and Global Issues"
2026 Victoria University of Wellington, "Politic Year In Review" by Political Science and International Relations programme (PSIR)
2025 John Quincy Adams Society's Podcast "Security Dilemma"
2025 Brown University, Watson Institute for International & Public Affairs' China Initiative "Defusing Militarized Rivalry between the U.S. and China" conference
2025 Wargame "Silent Tides" at the Washington Center of the College of William & Mary
2025 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual meeting, Panel on "Alliances and Security Politics in East and Southeast Asia"
2025 W&M Security and Foreign Policy Initiative (SFPI)'s Conference on "Power Vacuum and Power Competition," Panel on "Small and Middle Powers and International Order"
2025 George Washington University, The Elliott School of International Affairs, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (ISCS) Workshop
2024-2025 Texas A&M University, the Albritton Center for Grand Strategy (CGS)'s Program on Grand Strategy Workshop
2024 Book Proposal and Manuscript Workshop at College of William & Mary

2024 American Political Science Association (APSA), "Middle Powers, Competition, and Conflict" panel in "Division 19: International Security"
2024 University of Chicago's Department of Political Science, "International Politics" Workshop
2024 ISA Annual meeting, "Alternative Strategies" and "Doing Non-essentialist IR Theorization in/of East Asia" panels.
2024 W&M SFPI's Conference on "Cooperation, Competition, & Conflict in East Asia," Panel on "U.S.-Japan-South Korea Alliance"
2023 University of Maryland & Virginia Commonwealth University, "Reimaging Alliance Workshop"
2023 GRI Research in Progress Seminar at W&M
2023 NATO Strategic Foresight Workshop at the Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk
2023 APSA, Panel on "Traditional and New Security Issues in Korea"
2022-2023 The Korean Political Studies Colloquium (KPSC)
2023 ISA Annual meeting, "East Asian Peace" panel
2023 W&M SFPI's Conference on "The Past, Present, and Future of US Alliances," Panel on "Asia-Pacific Alliances and Alignments"
2023 "Varieties of Restraint" conference, organized by Texas A&M and Rand Corporation
2022 "New Wave Realism Conference IV," organized by the Ohio State University's Mershon Center
2022 Roundtable on "South Korean Perceptions of Strategic Risk," organized by the Asia-Pacific Leadership Network (APLN) and the European Leadership Network (ELN)
2022 CKF IR Paper Workshop
2022 APSA, "Security Issues in Eastern Asia" panel in Division 19: International Security
2022 ISA, "After "Unipolar Politics": A Research Tribute to Nuno Monteiro" panel
2022 Briefing for the Former Governor of California, Jerry Brown
2022 The John Quincy Adams Society (JQAS) East Asian Security Speaker Series
2021 APSA, "Networks and Coercion in IR" panel in Division 17: International Collaboration
2021 ANU Women in Asia-Pacific Security Research (WIAPSR) Seminar Series, supported by the Graduate Research & Development Network for Asian Security (GRADNAS) and the Australian National University (ANU) Gender Institute
2021 Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS) New Faces Conference, hosted by the TISS, a consortium of Duke University, UNC-Chapel Hill, and NCSU
2021 ISA, "Asian Stability and Cooperation" panel
2021 Bridging Asia Workshop for "US-Asia Grand Strategy Program," co-sponsored by the USC KSI, UCSD Center for Peace & Security Studies, USC CIS, the Korea Foundation (KF), and the CKF
2021 USC KSI Undergraduate Fellows Mini Conference, Discussant.
2020 Briefing for the Former U.S. Secretary of Defense, General James N. Mattis (Ret.)
2020 APSA, "Alliance Dynamics in East Asia" panel in Division 19: International Security
2020 CATO Institute Junior Scholar (JSS) Symposium
2020 Bridging Asia Workshop for "US-Asia Grand Strategy Program" at USC
2020 USC KSI Working Paper Series
2019 USC KSI Graduate Student Symposium
2019 USC CIS Working Paper Series

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND EXPERIENCES

2024-Present, Defense Priorities
Asia Coalition Group member

- An initiative led by Lyle J. Goldstein, Director of Asia Engagement at Defense Priorities, that brings together scholars and practitioners working on Asia for monthly/bi-monthly dialogue within the restraint-oriented policy community.

2023-2025 TAMU Program on Grand Strategy
Inaugural cohort member

- An initiative of the Albritton Center for Grand Strategy at the Bush School, Texas A&M University, led by Jasen J. Castillo and John M. Schuessler. A two-year working paper series that brings together a cohort of junior scholars focused on grand strategy.

2022-2023 The U.S.-Korea NextGen Scholars Program
Non-Resident Fellow

- A program co-led by Victor D. Cha (Center for Strategic & International Studies, Korea Chair), and David C. Kang (USC Korean Studies Institute), focused on nurturing the next generation of experts in US-Korea relations.

2022-2023 The Korean Political Studies Colloquium (KPSC)
Inaugural cohort member

- An initiative sponsored by the Association of Korean Political Studies (AKPS) that brings scholars working on Korean politics together for working paper series.

2016-2022 USC Korean Studies Institute
Graduate Student Affiliate Los Angeles, CA

2015 MIKTA Young Professional Camp
Young Fellow Seoul, South Korea

- Discussed middle power cooperation in theory and practice with MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, Turkey, S. Korea, and Australia) young fellows. Supported by the MOFA Korea and the KF.

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request.