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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2025 (Expected)

Subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics (Minor)

The University of Chicago

MA in the Social Sciences (*Subfield: Political Theory*), Aug 2018

Korea University

MA in Political Science and International Relations (*Subfield: Political Theory*), Aug 2017

BA in Political Science and International Relations, Feb 2015

Study Abroad at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Oct 2011 - Feb 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2019. "Popularizing Grief: Tragedies and Tragic Events in Ancient Athens". *The Korean Review of Political Thought*. 25 (2): 9-38. (with Nam-Kook Kim)

Editorial Contributions (Copy Editor)

- Larmore, Charles, 2022, *What is Political Philosophy?* (Korean Translation), Myung In Publishers, Seoul.
- Baradat. Leon P., 2017. *Political Ideologies: Their Origins and Impact*, 12th ed. (Korean Translation), Myung In Publishers, Seoul.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Everyone Wants to Save Democracy: How Variations in Democratic Conceptions Take Form in the United States"

(Working Paper; a version of the paper presented at MPSA 23')

"Dominating Conceptions of Democracy and Sentiments of Democratic Decline"

(Working Paper; a version of the paper presented at MPSA 23')

"What Does Democracy Mean When My Neighbors Don't Like It: Two Cases in East Asia"

(In Progress; a version of the paper to be presented at APSA 23')

"Reactive Notions of Democracy: Contestations Among Definitions of Democracy in American Media" (with Jeong-ho Choi)

(In Progress)

SELECT GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023	APSA Travel Grant (\$150)
2023	UIUC Dean S. Dorman Scholarship (To attend GESIS Spring Seminar) (\$1,500)
2023	UIUC Constantine W. Curris Award (Conference Travel) (\$325)
2022	UIUC Political Science Graduate Scholarship for Conference Travel (\$400)
2022	UIUC Constantine W. Curris Award (Research Fund) (\$550)
2021	International Foundation for Korea University (IFKU) Scholar (\$1,000)
2020	UIUC Dean S. Dorman Scholarship (Research Fund) (\$500)
2018	University of Chicago Summer Language Scholarship (\$3,300)

2017	University of Chicago Social Sciences Scholarship (\$28,000)
2016	European Union Studies Association Asia Pacific Conference Travel Grant (\$300)
2016	Korea University International Conference Travel Grant (\$300)
2015	Korea University Brain Korea 21 Grant (\$3,600)
2014	Korea University School of Political Science and Economics Undergraduate Scholarship (\$2100)

SELECT AWARDS

2023	UIUC Graduate Teaching Certificate
2022	Winner of the University of Cincinnati SPIAGSA Graduate Student Poli Sci Symposium
2021 FA 2022 SP, FA	Teachers Ranked as Excellent (with Outstanding Distinction)** (UIUC)
2021	The Rita and Leonard Ogren Prize for Best Academic Performance (UIUC)
2019	Teachers Ranked as Excellent* (UIUC)
2016	Best Graduate Thesis Proposal (Korea University)
2010	LAS Edmund J. James Scholar (UIUC)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

SP 2023	GESIS Spring Seminar – Modeling Group Differences (Research Methods Training)
FA 2022	Master Course in Online Teaching (Teaching Certificate from UIUC)
SP 2021	Big 10 Academic Alliance Traveling Scholar to the University of Chicago

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

2023	Annual Graduate Student Exchange at Washington University in St. Louis
2023	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2023, 2022, 2016	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2022	University of Cincinnati SPIAGSA Graduate Student Political Science Symposium
2018	University of Chicago MAPSS Academic Conference
2017	Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2016	European Union Studies Association Asia Pacific

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Research Assistant

SP 2023	For Professor Emeritus Jim Kuklinski
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Independent Instructor

FA 2020	PS100: Introduction to Political Science (Online)
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Teaching Assistant

FA 2023	PS240: Introduction to Comparative Politics
FA 2019, FA 2022	PS270: Introduction to Political Theory*, **
FA 2021, SP 2022	PS101: Introduction to American Politics**, **
SP 2021	PS370: Justice in the Law (Grader)

Guest Lecturer

FA 2022 "On Positive versus Negative Liberty" (*PS270: Intro to Political Theory*; Prof. Ben Miller)

Korea University

FA 2015 POL778: On Multiculturalism (Graduate Course)

FA 2015 POL238: Law and Political Thought

SERVICES

Midwest Political Science Association

2022 Panel Chair (Identity and Political Engagement: Behavior and Methods)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Graduate College

2023-2024 Research Mentor, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Political Science Department

2021-2023 Graduate Student Mentor for First-Year Graduate Students

2020-2021 Grievance Representative of the Political Science Graduate Student Association

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND SKILLS

Technical Skills R, Python, STATA, \LaTeX , Markdown, Git,

Languages English (Fluent), Korean (Fluent), Chinese (Basic), Ancient Greek (Basic Reading)

SELECT NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

2020 - present **Korea Institute for National Unification**, *Korean-English Translator and Copy Editor*

2016 - 2022 **Woorigachi** (*Online Social Science Publishing Venue, 1M+ views*), *Editor & Graphic Designer*

2013 **Blue House (The Office of the President of the Republic of Korea)**, *English Editor*

2012 **Korea Foundation**, *Public Diplomacy Intern*

2011 **GlaxoSmithKline**, *Government Affairs Intern*

2010 **The National Assembly of the Republic of Korea**, *Intern (Shadowing)*