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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Intrastate Conflicts, Conflict Management and Resolution, External Intervention in Civil Wars, Cross-Strait Relations

EDUCATION

- **University of South Carolina** August 2023 –
Ph.D. Student, Political Science
Columbia, South Carolina, USA
◦ Concentrations: International Relations (Major), Research Methodology (Minor)
- **National Taiwan University** September 2019 – January 2023
M.A. Political Science
Taipei, Taiwan
◦ Concentrations: International Relations (Major), National Politics (Minor)
◦ Thesis: Adjustments to Patterns of Hedging Among East Asian Allies: Case Studies of South Korea and Japan (Advisor: Hsiao-chuan Liao)
- **Sogang University** February 2013–August 2018
B.B.A. Business Administration and B.A. Chinese Culture
Seoul, Republic of Korea
- **Tsinghua University** February 2017–June 2017
Visiting Student
Beijing, People's Republic of China

WORKING PAPERS

5. "Misogyny, Militias, and the Foundations of Civil War" (with Dr. Chelsea Estancona, Dr. Lindsay Reid, and Anna Puente)
4. "Drone Functionality, Consensual Rivalry, and Threat: Experimental Evidence from a Cross-National Study" (with Sanghyun Han at Georgia Tech and Hyunsu Kim at Seoul National University)
3. "Framing Conflict: Leveraging Large Language Models for Global Media Framing Analysis" (with Dawoon Jung at Purdue University)
2. "China in Myanmar: Understanding Motives and Modes of Intervention in Civil Conflict"
1. "Determining Duration: How Types of External Support Shape Civil Conflicts" *Under review*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Research Assistant** June 2025 – August 2025
Dr. Chelsea Estancona, University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina, USA
◦ Conducted a literature review on organized crime
- **Research Assistant** January 2025 – August 2025
Dr. Robert Kubinec, University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina, USA
◦ Coding/evaluating Large Language Model(LLM) performance
- **Research Assistant** January 2024 – May 2024
Dr. Howard Liu, University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina, USA
◦ Religious Repression Database Documentation
- **Research Assistant** February 2021 – July 2022
Dr. Nien-Chung Chang Liao, Academia Sinica
Taipei, Taiwan
◦ Strategic Partnership Database Documentation
- **Research Assistant** July 2021 – September 2021
Dr. Hans H. Tung, National Taiwan University
Taipei, Taiwan
◦ Investigated changes in South Korea's entrance policy following the emergence of COVID-19
- **Research Assistant** April 2021 – May 2021
Dr. Hans H. Tung, National Taiwan University
Taipei, Taiwan
◦ Translated research questionnaires about the public perception of the COVID-19 vaccine

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- POLI 101 Introduction to Global Politics, University of South Carolina, Spring 2026
- POLI 101 Introduction to Global Politics (Section Instructor), University of South Carolina, Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

Course Designer

- POLI 706 Advanced Methods of Political Analysis (for Master of Arts in International Studies program), University of South Carolina, May 2025 – August 2025
- POLI 502 Methods of Political Analysis (for Master of Arts in International Studies program), University of South Carolina, May 2024 – August 2024

Teaching Assistant

- POLI 340 The Conduct and Formulation of United States Foreign Policy (Instructor: Dr. John Fuh-sheng Hsieh), University of South Carolina, Fall 2025
- POLI 105 Introduction to Politics (Instructor: Dr. Kelan Lu), University of South Carolina, Spring 2025
- POLI 304 Contemporary Political Theory (Instructor: Dr. Samuel Bagg), University of South Carolina, Fall 2024
- Contemporary Asia (Instructor: Dr. Philip Yang), National Taiwan University, Spring 2021 and Spring 2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

8. "Misogyny, Militias, and the Foundations of Civil War," presented at the North American Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), Orlando, Florida, USA, 2025
7. "Framing Conflict: Global Media Influence on the Type of Third-Party Intervention in Civil Wars," presented at the PolNet-PaCSS Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, 2025
6. "Determining Duration: How Types of External Support Shape Civil Conflicts," presented at the Carolinas Conflict Consortium, Charleston, South Carolina, USA, 2025
5. "Determining Duration: How Types of External Support Shape Civil Conflicts," presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 2025
4. "Determining Duration: How Types of External Support Shape Civil Conflicts," presented at the Political Science Graduate Symposium, Columbia, South Carolina, USA, 2025
3. "Sexual Violence in Non-Conflict Settings: North Korean Repatriated Defectors," presented at the Korean Association of International Studies Annual Summer Conference, Seoul, Korea, 2024
2. "Japan's Adjustments to Patterns of Hedging under the U.S.-China Power Competition (2003-2020)," presented at Taiwan Society of Japan Studies Annual Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, 2023
1. "Changes in East Asia's Alliance: Will East Asian Countries Bandwagon with China?," presented at Association of International Relations Annual Conference, ROC, Taipei, Taiwan, 2020

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- **PolNet-PaCSS 2025 Graduate Student Fellowship (\$200)**, 2025 PolNet-PaCSS Conference, August 2025
- **Thurmond-Atwater Fellowship in Political Science (\$1500)**, University of South Carolina, June 2025
- **Travel Grant (\$500)**, The Graduate School, University of South Carolina, April 2025
- **Travel Grant (\$250)**, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, April 2025
- **PSGS Paper Award for International Relations**, The Political Science Graduate Symposium, April 2025
- **Li-Ching Graduate Fellowship (\$3000)**, Walker Institute, University of South Carolina, March 2025
- **Strom Thurmond Fellowship in International Relations (\$1000)**, University of South Carolina, June 2024
- **Donald J. Puchala fellowship (\$750)**, Walker Institute, University of South Carolina, April 2024

- **Graduate Assistantship (Tuition & Stipend)**, *University of South Carolina*, August 2023 - Present
- **NTU Scholarship for International Students (≈ \$1300)**, *National Taiwan University*, August 2022
- **NTU Scholarship for International Students (≈ \$1300)**, *National Taiwan University*, August 2021
- **Taiwan Scholarship (Tuition & Stipend)**, *Taiwanese Ministry of Education*, August 2019 – July 2021
- **GLEE Scholarship, Globalization Category**, *Sogang Business School, Sogang University*, September 2017
- **Scholarship for Visiting Students**, *Sogang University*, February 2017

LANGUAGES

Languages: Languages: Korean (native), English (fluent), Mandarin (fluent)

Professional Skills: R, Python, L^AT_EX

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer
<i>Global Asia Leadership Forum</i> | <p><i>September 2018 – January 2019</i>
Seoul, Republic of Korea</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intern
<i>East Asia Foundation</i> | <p><i>July 2018 – December 2018</i>
Seoul, Republic of Korea</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member
<i>International Exchange Club HUG, Sogang University</i> | <p><i>August 2017 – December 2017</i>
Seoul, Republic of Korea</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer
<i>Buddy Program, Sogang Business School</i> | <p><i>August 2016 – December 2017</i>
Seoul, Republic of Korea</p> |