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EDUCATION

- 2007. Ph. D. in Government, University of Texas at Austin
- 2004. M.A. in Government, University of Texas at Austin
- 1999. B.A. in Political Science, Incheon National University, South Korea

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Military and Politics in North Korea: The Quest for Regime Survival* (under contract with Lynne Rienner).
- 2018. *Political Corruption and Democratic Governance* (Lanham: Lexington) (with Eunjung Choi). <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498541886/Political-Corruption-and-Democratic-Governance> (hardcover & paperback)
- 2018. *Politics in North and South Korea: Political Development, Economy, and Foreign Relations* (New York: Routledge) (with Yangmo Ku & Inyeop Lee). <https://www.routledge.com/Politics-in-North-and-South-Korea-Political-Development-Economy-and/Ku-Lee-Woo/p/book/9781138647503> (hardcover & paperback)
- 2011. *Security Challenges and Military Politics in East Asia: from State-Building to Post-Democratization* (New York: Bloomsbury) (translated into Chinese by the ROC National Defense University). (hardcover & paperback)

Book Chapters

- 2024. "Simmering Sino-US Rivalry and China's Asia Pacific Strategy." In June Teufel Dreyer, Mark Grzegorzewski, Christopher Marsh, and L. Christopher Reardon, eds., *China and Integrated Deterrence: Understanding How Cyberspace Operations Contest and Influence People* (Amherst: Cambria Press, forthcoming).
- 2023. "Military and Politics in Patrimonial North Korea." In Alan Chong and Nicole Jenne, eds., *Asian Military Evolutions: Entrenching Varieties of Civil-Military Relations and Its Security Initiatives in Asia* (Bristol University Press, 2023).

2021. "Military and Politics in Asia Pacific," in *Understanding Contemporary Asia Pacific, 2nd ed.*, edited by Katherine Kaup (Boulder: Lynne Rienner).

Journal Articles

2024. "Personalist Dictatorship and Political Roles of the Military in North Korea." *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* 23 (2): 277-303.
2021. "Social Trust and Popular Attitudes toward Foreign Migrants in Taiwan," *Democracy & Human Rights (민주주의와 인권)* 21 (4), pp. 221-250. (with Eunjung Choi)
2019. "The Origins of the 'Park Jung-hee Syndrome in South Korea," *Issues & Studies* 55 (1): 1-25. (with Eunjung Choi)
2018. "Defining the Nature and Future of the Party-Military Relations in North Korea," *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs* 5 (3): 227-244.
2018. "'Confucian Legacies and the Meaning of Democracy in South Korea: A Cultural Interpretation," *Korea Observer* 49 (3): 493-515. (with Eunjung Choi)
2016. "Songun Politics and the Political Weakness of the Military in North Korea: An Institutional Account," *Problems of Post-Communism* 63(4): 253-262.
2016. "The Origins of Political Trust in East Asian Democracies: Psychological, Cultural, and Institutional Arguments," *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 17 (3): 410-426. (with Eunjung Choi)
2016. "The 7TH Party Congress in Pyongyang: Institutional Adjustments Policy Priorities, and Future Prospects," *RINSA Forum* 44: 5-8.
2015. "Bureaucrats' Perception of Corruption and Political Trust in South Korea," *Korea Observer* 46 (1): 669-698. (with Eunjung Choi)
2015. "Structural Impediments, Domestic Politics, and Nuclear Diplomacy in Post-Kim Il-sung North Korea." *Pacific Focus* 30 (1): 59-77.
2014. "What Makes a Society Less Corrupt? The Influence of Democracy, Economy, and Culture on Political Corruption." *International Journal of Policy Studies* 5 (2): 1-22. (with Eunjung Choi)
2014. "Kim Jong-il's Military-First Politics and Beyond: Military Control Mechanisms and the Problem of Power Succession." *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 47 (2): 117-125.
2014. "Democratization and Building a Democratic Army: Lessons from South Korea." Washington D.C.: Middle East Institute (Available at: <http://www.mei.edu/profile/jongseok-woo>).
2012. "Corruption, Economy, and Citizens' Evaluation of Democracy in South Korea." *Contemporary Politics* 18 (3): 1-16. (with Eunjung Choi)
2011. "Liberal Reform, Political Corruption, and Socio-Economic Impacts in Asia and Eastern Europe." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 52 (3): 181- 196. (with Eunjung Choi)
2010. "Political Corruption, Economic Performance, and Electoral Outcomes: A Cross-National Analysis." *Contemporary Politics* 16 (3): 249-62. (with Eunjung Choi)

2010. "Crafting Democratic Control of the Military in South Korea and the Philippines: The Problem of Military Factions." *Contemporary Politics* 16 (4): 369-82.

Under Review/In Progress

- Sino-US Rivalry and South Korea's Strategic Choice for Security and Space Policy: A Neoclassical Realist Perspective." Under Review.
- "Where Is Kim Jong-un's North Korea Headed? Institutional Facelifts, Personnel Changes, and Policy Priorities."
- "The Legacies of Authoritarianism and Political Trust in New Democracies: A Cross-National Analysis." (with Eunjung Choi)
- "Political Polarization and the Perception of Corruption: A Cross-National Analysis" (with Eunjung Choi).
- "Theories of Authoritarian Survival and Regime Resilience in North Korea."
- "Marketization and Political Corruption in North Korea."

GRANTS/AWARDS

2019. Korea Foundation, Visiting Fellowship (Project Period: August 1 – November 30)
2019. USF Summer Humanities Grant (Project Period: June 15 – July 31)
2015. Korea Foundation, Fellowship (Project Period: May 1 – August 23)
2014. Internal Awards, University of South Florida
2014. New Researcher Grant (Project Title: Political Corruption and Development in South Korea), University of South Florida
2011. Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper of the 2010 Southern Political Science Association Conference: "The Socio-Economic Impact of Liberal Reform and Political Corruption in Developing Countries: A Cross-Regional Analysis" (with Eunjung Choi).
2009. Faculty Scholarly Activity Grant, University of West Florida
2008. Faculty Scholarly Activity Grant, University of West Florida
2006. Professional Development Award, University of Texas
2006. McDonald Research Fellowship, University of Texas
2006. POSCO Korean Studies Scholarship, University of Texas
2004. Patterson Fellowship, University of Texas

INVITED TALKS

2023. "Address by Professor Jongseok Woo on Korea's 78th Liberation Day," Korean Association of West Florida, August 13.
2022. "Making Sense of the Korean Peninsula: From Nuclear Gridlock to Peace and Prosperity," K-Peace Conference, University of South Florida, FL, November 5.
2022. "Address by Professor Jongseok Woo on Korea's 77th Liberation Day," Korean Association of West Florida, August 14.

2021. "Where Is Kim Jong-un's North Korea Headed?" Academy of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College, St. Pete, FL, September 24.
2019. "Policy Trajectory of North Korea in the Next Five Years." US State Department & Office of the Director of National Intelligence, April 30-May 1 (Unclassified event).
2018. "What Does Pyongyang Really Want? Prospects for US-DPRK Summit." Joint Special Operations University, April 24.
2018. "Military and Politics in North Korea: The Quest for Regime Survival." Naval War College, January 17.
2017. "Why No Military Coup in Pyongyang? The Political Influence of the Military in North Korea." Faculty Research Colloquium, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida, November 3.
2016. "What Does Pyongyang Really Want? The Politics of Nuclear Weapons in North Korea," International Studies Society, University of South Florida, March 10.
2016. "Neoclassical Realism and North Korea's Foreign Policy, the 1960s and 1990s," Joint Special Operations University, February 12.
2015. "A Security-Seeker or a Greedy State? North Korea's Nuclear Conundrum," Emory University, March 5.
2014. "Domestic Politics and the Nuclear Provocation in North Korea," USF Honors Society, April 3.
2013. "Trust-Building Process and the Future of Inter-Korean Relations," the ROK National Unification Advisory Council Miami Chapter, November 9.
2012. "International Perspectives on the US Presidential Election," USF World, University of South Florida, November 1.
2011. "The Nature and Future of Sino-N. Korean Relations," Leisure Learning Society, Pensacola, FL, September 21.
2011. "The North Korean Conundrum: Power Succession and the Political Map of North Korea," Korean-American Association Florida Chapter, Tampa, FL, February 28.
2009. "Politics of North Korean Nuclear Development," Leisure Learning Society, Pensacola, FL, October 23.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024. "Shifting Power and Influence in Asia and the Indo-Pacific." Presented at the *St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs*, St. Pete, FL, February 6-8.
2023. "Simmering US-China Rivalry and China's Asia-Pacific Strategy." Paper presented at the Fifth Domain Policy Submit, Sponsored by *the Florida Center for Cyber Security*, University of South Florida, Tampa FL, December 7.
2023. "Sino-US Rivalry and South Korea's Strategic Choice for Space Policy: A Neoclassical Realist Perspective." Paper presented at the *International Studies Association-South Conference*, Atlanta, GA, October 6-7.
2023. "The Rise of South Korea in the International Relations of Space." *University of Hawaii at Hilo*, Sponsored by the Korea Foundation, Hilo, HI, September 7-8.
2021. "The Military and Democracy in (South)East Asia: Patterns of Civil-Military Relations and Implications for Democratic Governance." Paper Presented at the *41st Anniversary*

- of the May 18 Pro-Democracy Movement*. Sponsored by the 5.18 Research Institute, Chonnam National University, Gwangju, South Korea, June 12.
2018. "Is *Songun* Politics Over in Pyongyang? Institutional Facelifts, Personnel Changes, and Policy Directions under Kim Jong-un." Paper Presented at the *International Studies Association* Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 3-7.
2018. "The Legacies of Authoritarianism and Political Trust in New Democracies: A Cross-National Analysis." Paper Presented at the *International Studies Association* Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 3-7 (with Eunjung Choi).
2017. "Institutional Modifications and Policy Changes under Kim Jong-un." Paper Presented at the *International Studies Association-South* Conference, Orlando, FL, October 20-21.
2017. "Theories of Authoritarian Survival and Regime Resilience in North Korea," Paper presented at the *International Studies Association* Conference, Baltimore, MD, February 22-26.
2017. "Authoritarian Nostalgia and Political Trust in South Korea and Taiwan," Paper presented at the *International Studies Association* Conference, Baltimore, MD, February 22-26.
2016. "The Origins and Political Consequences of the 'Park Jung-hee Syndrome in South Korea," Paper presented at the *International Studies Association* Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 16-19 (with Eunjung Choi).
2015. "Why No Military Coup in Post-Kim Il-sung North Korea? Institutional Arrangements and Authoritarian Tactics," Paper presented at the *Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society* Biennial Conference, Chicago, IL, October 30-November 1.
2015. "*Songun* Politics and the Political Weakness of the Military in North Korea," Paper presented at the *International Studies Association-South* Conference, Tampa, FL, October 22-24.
2015. "Confucius Legacy and the Perception of Corruption in East Asia." Paper presented at the *International Studies Association* Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 18-21 (with Eunjung Choi).
2014. "Neoclassical Realism and North Korea's Foreign Policy: When Regime Security Matters." Paper presented at the *International Studies Association* Conference, Toronto, Canada, March 26-30.
2013. "Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy Strategies in Post-Kim Il-sung's North Korea." Paper presented at the *Southern Political Science Association* Conference, Orlando, FL, January 3-5.
2012. "Kim Jong-il's 'Military-First' Strategy and Political Role of the Military in North Korea." Paper presented at the *American Political Science Association* Conference, New Orleans, LA, August 30-September 2.
2011. "Political Corruption and Electoral Outcomes: A Cross-National Analysis." Paper presented at the *Southern Political Science Association* Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 6-8 (with Eunjung Choi).
2010. "Corruption, Economy, and Citizens' Evaluation of Democracy in East Asia." Paper presented at the *American Political Science Association* Conference, Washington, DC., September 1-5 (with Eunjung Choi).

- 2010. "Does Liberal Reform Kill Corruption?: A Cross-Regional Analysis of East Asia and Eastern Europe." Paper presented at the *Asian Conference on the Social Sciences*, Osaka, Japan, June 18-21 (with Eunjung Choi).
- 2010. "Political Corruption, Economic Performance, and Electoral Outcomes: A Cross-National Analysis." Paper presented at the *International Studies Association Conference*, New Orleans, LA, February 17-21 (with Eunjung Choi).
- 2010. "The Socio-Economic Impact of Liberal Reform and Political Corruption in Developing Countries: A Cross-Regional Analysis." Paper presented at the *Southern Political Science Association Conference*, Atlanta, GA, January 6-8 (with Eunjung Choi) [**Winner: Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award**].
- 2009. "Crafting Civilian Control of the Military in Democratizing States: Lessons from East Asia." Paper presented at the *Florida Political Science Association Conference*, Orlando FL, April 18.
- 2009. "Crafting Democratic Control of the Military in South Korea and the Philippines." Paper presented at the *Southwest Political Science Association Conference*, Denver, CO, April 8-11.
- 2008. "State-Building and the Military's Political Role in (South)east Asia." Paper presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, IL, April 3-6.
- 2008. "Security Challenges, State-Building, and the Armed Forces in South Korea and the Philippines." Paper presented at the *Southern Political Science Association Conference*, New Orleans, LA, January 10-12.
- 2006. "Security Threats and the Military's Domestic Political Role in South Korea and the Philippines." Paper presented at the *American Political Science Association Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, August 31-September 3.
- 2006. "A Structural Account of the Military's Political Intervention: Military Coup D'etat in South Korea (1961) and Indonesia (1965)." Paper presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, IL, April 20-23.
- 2005. "Regime Change and Alliance Commitments: Why Democracies are Less Reliable Allies." Paper presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, IL, April 7-10.
- 2005. "Regime Types and Alliance Commitments: A Realist Account of the Democratic Peace Thesis." Paper presented at the *Southwest Political Science Association Conference*, New Orleans, LA.
- 2004. "Domestic Political Gridlock and the Initiation of Interstate Conflicts: A Time Series Analysis." Paper presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, IL (with Eunjung Choi).
- 2004. "Rethinking the Diversionary Theory of War: Domestic Politics and Presidents' Foreign Policy Strategy, from Reagan to Clinton." Paper presented at the *Western Political Science Association Conference*, Portland, OR (with Eunjung Choi).
- 2003. "The Politics of Military Intervention in South Korea: Disposition and Opportunity as Causal Variables." Paper presented at the *Southwestern Political Science Association Conference*, San Antonio, TX.

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

ASN3014	China Today
INR2002	Introduction to International Relations (In-class/Online)
INR3102	American Foreign Policy (In-class/Online)
INR3503	Model United Nations
INR4083	Conflict in the World (In-class/Online)
INR4930	International Relations in East Asia
INR4931	East Asian Politics
INR4931	Military and Politics
INR4931	USA-China Relations
INR4992	Causes of War
CPO4930	Korean Politics and Society

Graduate

CPO6096	Seminar in Comparative Politics
INR5086	Asia Pacific Security
INR6007	Seminar in International Relations (In-class/Online)
POS6933	International Security (In-class/Online)
POS6933	Research Colloquium