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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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#### **The George Washington University**

*Korea Foundation Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, 2012 – 2020*

*Korea Foundation Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs 2020 – present*

Core Faculty, GW Institute for Korean Studies

#### **Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University**

*Fellow, 2017 – 2018*

#### **Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ**

*Ginny and Robert Loughlin Founders' Circle Member, School of Social Science, 2011 – 2012*

#### **Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University**

*Advanced Research Fellow, 2010 – 2011*

### EDUCATION

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#### **University of California, Berkeley**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2010

#### **University of Cambridge, Trinity College**

MPhil, Japanese Studies, 2004

#### **Princeton University**

A.B., *Summa cum Laude*

Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs; certificate in East Asian Studies, 2003

### BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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*Accidental Activists: Victim Movements and Government Accountability in Japan and South Korea* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2016).

Part of the Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute publication series at Columbia University. Reviewed in *Mobilization*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Asian Journal of Law and Society*, *Japanese Law in the Asia-Pacific*, *Journal of Japanese Studies*, *International Studies Review*, *Global Asia*, *Social Science Japan Journal*

*Litigants, Lawyers and Legalism: Changing Governance in South Korea and Japan* (monograph, under contract with Cambridge University Press, Studies in Law and Society).

*Rights-Claiming in South Korea*, co-edited with Patricia Goedde (under contract with Cambridge Univ. Press).

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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“Cause Lawyering and Movement Tactics: Disability Rights Movements in South Korea and Japan,” with Yong-il Moon, *Law & Policy* 42, no. 1 (January 2020): 5-30.

“The Mechanisms behind Litigation’s ‘Radiating Effects’: Historical Grievances against Japan,” *Law & Society Review* 53, no. 1 (March 2019): 6-40.

“Hiding in Plain Sight: Pseudonymity and Participation in Legal Mobilization,” *Comparative Political Studies* (online first May 10, 2018), 52, no. 2 (Feb. 2019): 310-341.

- “The Mutual Constitution of the Abductions and North Korean Human Rights Issues in Japan and Internationally,” *Pacific Affairs* 91, no. 3 (September 2018): 471-498.
- “The Access Paradox: Media Environment Diversity and Coverage of Activist Groups in Japan and Korea,” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 17, no. 1 (March 2017): 69-93.
- “Leprosy, Legal Mobilization, and the Public Sphere in Japan and South Korea,” *Law & Society Review* 48, no. 3 (Sept. 2014): 563-93.
- “The Abductions Issue in Japan and South Korea: Ten Years after Pyongyang’s Admission,” *International Journal of Korean Studies* 17, no. 2 (Spring/Summer 2013): 108-39.
- “The Politics of NGOs and Democratic Governance in South Korea and Japan,” with Lee Sook-Jong, *Pacific Focus* 23, no. 1 (April 2008): 75-96.
- “Democratization and Changing Anti-American Sentiments in South Korea,” with Oh Chang Hun, *Asian Survey* 47, no. 2 (March/ April 2007): 327-50.

### **PEER-REVIEWED CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES & PROCEEDINGS**

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- “Legal Mobilization and the Transformation of State-Society Relations in the Realm of Disability Policy in Korea,” in David Chiavacci, Julia Obinger, and Simona Grano, eds. *Civil Society and the State in Post High Growth East Asia: Cooperation and Contention* (Amsterdam University Press, forthcoming).
- “How to Analyze Data: Qualitative Content and Frame Analysis,” in *Studying Japan: Research Design, Fieldwork, and Methods*, eds. Nora Kottmann and Cornelia Reiher, (forthcoming with Nomos Verlag).
- “Linking Abductee Activism and North Korean Human Rights Advocacy in Japan and Abroad,” in Andrew Yeo and Danielle Chubb, eds. *North Korean Human Rights: Activists and Networks* (Cambridge University Press, June 2018): 85-108.
- “The Public Sphere in South Korea: Civil Society, the Media, and Democracy,” *Asian Journal of International Studies*, Special Issue: Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Korean Studies (II) 22 (2017): 47-64.
- “Japan-South Korea Relations and Litigation,” in *Challenges Facing Japan*, (Washington: The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, 2014): 11-20.

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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- “Evolving Legal Opportunity Structures in South Korea” (chapter, under contract, Cambridge University Press).
- “Bottom-Up Drivers of Institutional Change: Legal Mobilization and Disability Rights in South Korea and Japan” (under review).
- “Mobility Rights and Contention in South Korea and Japan,” (working paper).
- “Insider-Outsider Coalitions in Activism: Second-Hand Smoking Policies in Japan,” (in progress).

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

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- Review of “Japanese Society and the Politics of the North Korean Threat,” by Seung Hyok Lee (2016), *Journal of Japanese Studies* 45, no. 1 (Winter 2019): 173-178.
- Review of “Curative Violence: Rehabilitating Disability, Gender, and Sexuality in Modern Korea,” by Eunjung Kim (2017), *Pacific Affairs* 91, no. 1 (March 2018): 172-174.

Review of “Making We the People: Democratic Constitutional Founding in Postwar Japan and South Korea,” by Chaihark Hahm and Sung Ho Kim (2015), *Pacific Affairs* 90, no. 2 (June 2017).

Review of “Witness to Transformation: Refugee Insights into North Korea,” by Stephan Haggard and Marcus Noland (2011), *Political Science Quarterly* 126, No. 4 (Winter 2011 – 2012): 682-83.

## **OTHER WRITING**

“Japan and South Korea Can’t Get Along: Why America Needs to Help Its Allies Mend Fences,” *Foreign Affairs* (with Andrew Yeo) (July 31, 2019).

“Japan claims it’s restricting exports to South Korea because of ‘national security.’ Here’s the real reason why.” The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post* (July 18, 2019).

“Abe is Aching for a Seat at the Table,” *East Asia Forum* (with Isozaki Atsuhito), <http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2018/07/19/abe-is-aching-for-a-seat-at-the-table/> (July 19, 2018).

“South Korea ended its review of its ‘comfort women’ deal with Japan. Here’s what you need to know,” The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post* (Jan. 11, 2018).

“Episode 7: New Voices in the Struggle over History,” *Council on Foreign Relations Podcast*, Dec. 5, 2017, <https://www.cfr.org/podcasts/episode-7-new-voices-struggle-over-history>.

“South Koreans will elect a new president on Tuesday. Here’s what to expect,” with See-Won Byun, The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post* (May 7, 2017).

“South Korea’s president was impeached. North Korea is increasingly threatening. Here’s what you need to know,” The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post* (March 12, 2017).

“South Korea’s president was just impeached. This is what it means and what comes next,” The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post* (Dec. 12, 2016).

“Can Japan and Korea ‘Resolve’ the Question of Japan’s Korean Sex Slaves during WWII?” The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post* (Jan. 13, 2016).

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS**

SSRC Research Fellowship	2020 – 2021
Fellow at the Princeton University Program in Law and Public Affairs	2017
Association for Korean Studies, 5-year grant—core faculty, GW Institute for Korean Studies (GWIKS)	2016
SOAR Faculty Research Fund, Elliott School—The George Washington University	2016
Korea Foundation Field Research Fellowship (declined)	2016
University Facilitating Fund—The George Washington University	2015 – 2016
Summer Research Grant, Sigur Center for Asian Studies—GWU	2015
Policy Research Scholar, GWIPP—GWU	2013 – 2014
Summer Research Grant, Sigur Center for Asian Studies—GWU	2013
Member of Cohort I, U.S.-Korea Scholar-Policymaker Nexus—Mansfield Foundation	2013 – 2015
Summer Research Grant, Sigur Center for Asian Studies—GWU	2012
Member of Cohort II, U.S.-Japan Network for the Future Program—Mansfield Foundation	2012 – 2014
Member, School of Social Science—Institute for Advanced Study	2011 – 2012
Advanced Research Fellow, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations—Harvard University	2010 – 2011
Center for Japanese Studies, Dissertation Fellowship—UC Berkeley	2009 – 2010
Fulbright IIE Fellowship for Japan—Graduate Research Fellow, University of Tokyo	2008 – 2009

Dean's Fellowship—UC Berkeley	2007 – 2008
Harvey Fellowship—Mustard Seed Foundation	2006 – 2009
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Korean—UC Berkeley	2006 – 2007
Center for Japanese Studies, Summer Language Funding—UC Berkeley	2006
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Korean—UC Berkeley	2005 – 2006
Boren Graduate Fellowship, National Security Education Program for Korean	2004 – 2006
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Japanese—UC Berkeley	2004 – 2005
Marjory Chadwick Buchanan Senior Thesis Prize—Princeton University	2003
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa—Princeton University	2003
All-Ivy Academic Honors—Princeton University	2003
National Scholar-Athlete Award—NCAA Division I, Women's Rowing, Princeton	2002 & 2003
R.W. van de Velde Award—Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton	2002

### INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

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2019	University of Michigan, Bridging Methodological Divides in Japanese Studies.
2019	University of Michigan, Nam Center for Korean Studies and Center for Japanese Studies.
2019	Freie Universität Berlin, International Conference on Studying Japan.
2019	Temple University, Comparative Politics Colloquium.
2018	Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley.
2018	GW Institute for Korean Studies Signature Conference: The Evolution of Rights in Korea (co-organizer).
2018	New York University Law School.
2018	Princeton University, Program in Law and Public Affairs, LAPA Seminar.
2018	Texas Christian University.
2017	Wesleyan University, the Catalyst Conference on East Asian Studies.
2017	DC Area Comparative Politics Workshop.
2017	U.S. Department of State, Analytic Exchange.
2017	Wilson Center, Asia Program.
2017	Truth and Human Rights in North Korea (THiNK), George Washington University.
2017	Mansfield Foundation, Capitol Hill Dialogue, Japan-U.S. Task Force on New Approach to the DPRK.
2016	Princeton University, Program in Law and Public Affairs and the Qualitative Research Colloquium.
2016	Foreign Affairs Congressional Staff Association and Wilson Center, Korean History and Public Policy.
2016	George Washington University, Elliott School Book Launch Series.
2016	Harvard University, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations.
2016	Council on Foreign Relations, Roundtable on Northeast Asian Nationalisms and Alliance Management.
2015	Kyung Hee University, South Korea.
2014	Capitol Hill and Mansfield Foundation, Challenges Facing Japan.
2013	Ministry of Unification, International Conference on Korean Unification and International Cooperation.
2013	Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies Seminar Series.
2012	University of Pennsylvania, Law School.
2012	Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Sciences Lunch Seminar.
2011	University of California, Berkeley, Workshop on Korean Studies.
2011	Harvard University, Japanese Contemporary Politics Study Group.
2011	University of Southern California, Rising Stars of Korean Studies Workshop.
2010	Harvard University, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Seminar.
2010	Wellesley College.
2010	University of Southern California, West Coast Workshop on International Relations in East Asia.
2009	U.S. Embassy, Tokyo.
2009	Chuo University, Japan.
2008	Sophia University, Japan.
2008	Tsukuba University, Japan.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS & OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

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- “Cause Lawyering: Infrastructures for Using and Changing Legal Opportunities in South Korea and Japan,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, June 1, 2019.
- “Disability Rights and Evolving Legal Opportunity Structures in South Korea and Japan,” Comparative Politics Symposium, Temple University, April 15, 2019.
- “Disability Rights Movements, Lawyers, and Tactical Innovation in Japan and South Korea,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 29, 2019.
- “Rights Refracted: Disability Rights Diffusion and Evolving Legal Opportunity Structures in South Korea and Japan,” Center for the Study of Law and Society, UC Berkeley, Oct. 22, 2018.
- “Evolving Legal Opportunity Structures in South Korea,” paper presented at *The Evolution of Rights in Korea*, a conference I co-organized at the GW-Institute for Korean Studies, April 20-21, 2018.
- “Legal Opportunity Structures and Political Participation through the Courts in South Korea,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, March 23-26, 2018.
- “The Past in Present-Day East Asian Politics,” Texas Christian University, March 8, 2018.
- “The Radiating Effects of Litigation Related to Historical Grievances against Japan,” paper presented at *Korea on Trial: Law and Justice in the Face of Violence*, University of Pennsylvania, April 28, 2017.
- “Rights Activism and Legislation for Persons with Disabilities in Japan and Korea,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 1-4, 2016 (with Yong-il Moon).
- “Lawyers’ Networks and Policy Change in Japan and South Korea,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, March 31 – April 3, 2016.
- “Court-Based Conflicts and Cross-National Cooperation,” paper presented on a panel that I organized (“Japan: A Swing to the Right?”) for the Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, March 26 – 29, 2015.
- “Mobilizing Support for the Sick: South Korean and Japanese Patient Activism in the Digital Era,” paper presented on a panel that I organized (“Activism in East Asia in the Digital Age”) for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Aug. 28 – 31, 2014.
- “Names and Namelessness: Plaintiff Anonymity and Legal Mobilization in Japan and Korea,” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, May 30 – June 2, 2013.
- “Legal Mobilization in Japan: Using Litigation to Influence Policy-Making,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 1 – 4, 2011.
- “Transnational Legal Mobilization: Japanese Cause Lawyers and Leprosy Redress Movements in East Asia,” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, June 2 – 4, 2011.
- “State Accountability and Responsiveness to Victim Redress Movements in South Korea and Japan,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 2 – Sept. 5, 2010.
- “Interest Group Influence in Policy-Making Processes: Comparing the Abductions Issue and North Korea Policy in Japan and South Korea,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2007.

**SELECT MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS & APPEARANCES**

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*The New York Times*, Nov. 3, 2017; Sept. 19, 2018; Aug. 1, 2019.  
*The Washington Post*, Sept. 21, 2017.  
*Los Angeles Times*, Aug. 17, 2019.  
*Bloomberg*, Aug. 27, 2017.  
*BBC/PRI*: Nov. 8, 2017.  
*Deutsche Welle*, Aug. 26, 2017.  
*Canadian Broadcasting Corporation*, June 21, 2017, January 2018.  
*NHK*: television interview, May 9, 2017.  
*Kyodo News*: profile and interview, Jan. 17, 2017.  
*Korea Times*: July 26, 2019.  
*WUSA9* live television interview on *Off Script* 7pm news: April 14, 2017.  
*NPR*: live interview on *AirTalk* with Larry Mantle, June 12, 2018.  
*Hearst TV*: television interview, July 3, 2018.  
*Arirang News*: television interview, Dec. 23, 2019.  
*DongA Ilbo*: May 29, 2013; March 18, 2015; March 10, 2017.  
*Chosun Ilbo*: Jan. 11, 2017.  
*Hankook Ilbo*: July 16, 2019.  
*Tokyo Shimbun*: May 10, 2017.  
*Chūnichī Shimbun*, May 13, 2017.  
*Ryūkyū Shimpō*: May 10, 2017.  
*Hokkaido Shimbun*: May 12, 2017.  
*Nishi Nippon Shimbun*: March 8, 2017; May 25, 2017; July 2, 2017.  
*South China Morning Post*, Nov. 22, 2018.  
*Christian Science Monitor*: Feb. 13, 2017.  
*Voice of America*, March 8, 2017; Sept. 12, 2018; March 20, 2019.  
*Radio Free Asia*: Sept. 12, 2012; April 10, 2013; Oct. 25, 2016; March 27, 2017; Aug. 14, 2019.

**TEACHING**

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**The George Washington University**

*Politics in the Two Koreas (undergraduate)*  
*Korean Politics (master's students)*  
*States and Societies in East Asia (master's students)*  
*State-Society Relations in East Asia ("writing-in-the-discipline" seminar)*  
*Protest and Participation in East Asia ("writing-in-the-discipline" seminar)*  
*Social Movements (doctoral)*

**Harvard University**

*Human Rights and Democracy in East Asia (junior research seminar)*—lecturer

**University of California, Berkeley**

*Northeast Asian Politics: Japan*—teaching assistant for Steven K. Vogel  
*Introduction to International Relations*—teaching assistant for Amy Gurowitz  
*The Politics of Japan*—teaching assistant for T.J. Pempel

**TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Foreign Expert, Korean Unification for Junior International Experts</b> —Seoul	July 2013
<b>Graduate Student Researcher for Prof. Steven K. Vogel</b> —UC Berkeley	2009 – 2010

<b>Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Social Science</b> —University of Tokyo	2008 – 2009
<b>Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies</b> —Yokohama, Japan	Summer 2006
<b>Yonsei University, Korean Language Institute</b> —Summer Special Program	Summer 2005
<b>Editorial Intern at the Arms Control Association (ACA)</b> —Washington, DC	Summer 2002
<b>Public Affairs Intern, U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, Japan</b> —Tokyo American Center (TAC)	Summer 2001
<b>Princeton in Ishikawa, Japan</b> —Japanese Language Program	Summer 2000

## FOREIGN LANGUAGES

<b>Japanese</b> —advanced	<b>German, Swiss-German</b> —fluent	<b>Greek</b> —proficient
<b>Korean</b> —advanced	<b>French</b> —fluent	<b>Italian</b> —proficient

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

<b>Editorial Board Member</b> — <i>Asian Survey</i>	2019 – present
<b>Governing Board Member, Association of Korean Political Science</b>	2019 – 2022
<b>Program Chair for APSA</b> —Association of Korean Political Science	2019 – 2021
<b>Manuscript Reviewer</b> — <i>World Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Law &amp; Society Review, Journal of Asian Studies, International Relations of the Asia Pacific, Routledge, Pacific Affairs, PS: Political Science &amp; Politics, Journal of Japanese Political Science, Korea Journal, Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies, Law &amp; Social Inquiry, Historia Scientarium, Korea Observer.</i>	
<b>Comparative Politics Workshop, George Washington University</b> —co-organizer	2016-17, 2018-20
<b>Institute for Korean Studies, George Washington University</b> —core faculty	2016 – present
<b>Member</b> —American Political Science Association, Law & Society Association, Association for Asian Studies, International Studies Association	
<b>Member</b> —Mansfield Foundation’s U.S.-Japan Network for the Future (Cohort II) and Mansfield/ Korea Foundation/ CSIS U.S.-Korea Scholar-Policymaker Nexus (2013-15)	
<b>Harvard Contemporary Japanese Politics Study Group</b> —member	2010 – 2011
<b>Japanese Politics Study Group</b> —UC Berkeley	2004 – 2010
<b>Young Leaders’ Program, Pacific Forum, CSIS</b>	2005 – 2007
<b>Royal Institute for International Affairs, Korea and Japan Discussion Groups</b>	2003 – 2004