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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The George Washington University

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

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

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*, *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*

From Manners to Rules: Activism for Legalistic Policy Solutions 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 (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Insider Activists and Secondhand Smoke Countermeasures in Japan,” *Asian Survey* 61, no. 4 (July/August 2021).

“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

- “Legal Mobilization and the Transformation of State-Society Relations in the Realm of Disability Policy in Korea,” in *Civil Society and the State in Post High Growth East Asia*, edited by David Chiavacci, Simona Grano, and Julia Obinger (Amsterdam University Press, 2020): 297-323.
- “How to Analyze Data: Qualitative Content and Frame Analysis,” in *Studying Japan: Research Design, Fieldwork, and Methods*, edited by Nora Kottmann and Cornelia Reiher (Nomos Verlag, 2020): 349-362.
- “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, 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

- “Bottom-Up Drivers of Institutional Change: Legal Mobilization and Disability Rights in South Korea and Japan” (under review).
- “From Good Will to Rules: Disability Rights and Activism in South Korea and Japan,” for *Current History*.
- “Mobility Rights and Contention in South Korea and Japan,” (working paper).

BOOK REVIEWS

- 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

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| 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 |

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| 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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|------|--|
| 2020 | University of Pennsylvania, Center for East Asian Studies |
| 2020 | Syracuse University, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs |
| 2020 | Loyola Marymount University, Global Policy Institute |
| 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 | 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 | 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.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- “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

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.
PRI: Nov. 8, 2017; Nov. 17, 2020.
Deutsche Welle, Aug. 26, 2017.
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, June 21, 2017, January 2018.
NHK: television interview, May 9, 2017.
Yonhap: Nov. 2, 2020; Jan. 20, 2021.
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.
Chūnichū 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

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

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

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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| Japanese —advanced | German, Swiss-German —fluent | Greek —proficient |
| Korean —advanced | French —fluent | Italian —proficient |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

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| Editorial Board Member — <i>Asian Survey</i> | 2019 – present |
| <i>Social Science Japan Journal</i> | 2020 – present |
| Governing Board Member, Association of Korean Political Science | 2019 – 2022 |
| Program Chair for APSA —Association of Korean Political Science | 2019 – 2021 |
| Manuscript Reviewer — <i>World Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Law & Society Review, Journal of Asian Studies, International Relations of the Asia Pacific, Routledge, Pacific Affairs, PS: Political Science & Politics, Journal of Japanese Political Science, Korea Journal, Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies, Law & Social Inquiry, Historia Scientarium, Korea Observer.</i> | |
| Comparative Politics Workshop, George Washington University —co-organizer | 2016-17, 2018-20 |
| Institute for Korean Studies, George Washington University —core faculty | 2016 – present |
| Member —American Political Science Association, Law & Society Association, Association for Asian Studies, International Studies Association | |
| Member —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) | |
| Harvard Contemporary Japanese Politics Study Group —member | 2010 – 2011 |
| Japanese Politics Study Group —UC Berkeley | 2004 – 2010 |
| Young Leaders’ Program, Pacific Forum, CSIS | 2005 – 2007 |
| Royal Institute for International Affairs, Korea and Japan Discussion Groups | 2003 – 2004 |