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Appointments	National University of Singapore Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Assistant Professor	Singapore 2026 -
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Education	New York University PhD in Politics	New York, United States 2026
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	Seoul National University MA in International Relations	Seoul, South Korea 2021
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	Sungkyunkwan University BA in Political Science	Seoul, South Korea 2018
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Research Interests	International Relations: War, Nuclear Politics, and Peacebuilding Political Violence: Legacy of Violence
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Dissertation	After the bomb: formation and transmission of attitudes toward nuclear weapons Committee: Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Amy Catalinac, Michael Gilligan Readers: Alberto Bisin and Alastair Smith
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Publications	[1] Legacy of Resisting State Repression: Evidence from Gwangju Uprising in South Korea <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> Vol. 59 No.12, pp.2808-2850, 2025
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	[2] Nonproliferation Information and Attitude Change: Evidence from South Korea Lead Article, with Jong Hee Park (SNU) <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> Vol.67 No.6, pp.1095-1127, 2023
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	[3] How the Fear of Entrapment Shapes South Korean Public Opinion on Conflicts with North Korea under the US Extended Deterrence Lead Article with Hyungpil Ham (ROK Army), Mansung Yim (Texas A&M) <i>The Nonproliferation Review</i> Vol.30 No.1-3, pp.35-60, 2023
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	[4] Correlates of South Korean Public Opinion on Nuclear Proliferation Lead Article, with Mansung Yim (Texas A&M) <i>Asian Survey</i> Vol.61 No.4, pp.1-30, 2021
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Working Papers

Extreme Wartime Violence and Attitudes toward the Use of Force: Evidence from Atomic Bomb Survivors

R&R at *American Political Science Review*

Intergenerational Transmission of Foreign Policy Preferences: Families, Memorial Institutions, and Attitudes toward the Use of Force

Across Borders, Beyond Contested History: How War Memorial Museums Persuade Domestic and International Audiences

Under Review

Democratic Integration of Migrants from Autocracy: Lab-in-the Field Evidence from North Korean Defectors with Mike Gilligan (NYU)

R&R at *International Organization*

Security Threats, Borders, and the Redistribution of Alliance Dilemmas: Evidence from European Union Defense Integration with Veronica Shirokova (CFR)

Research Grants & Fellowships

Faculty Startup Grant 2026
National University of Singapore

Intergenerational Transmission of Atomic Aversion 2025
Principal Investigator / NYU GSAS Predoctoral Summer Fellowship
Principal Investigator / NYU Downs Prize

Civic and Social Integration of North Korean Refugees 2023
Co-Principal Investigator / UniKorea Foundation

Formation of Atomic Aversion 2023
Principal Investigator / NYU Downs Prize

South Korean Public Opinion on Nuclear Weapons
Principal Investigator / KAIST 2019
Principal Investigator / KAIST 2022

Legacy of the 5.18 Gwangju Uprising
Principal Investigator / 5.18 Memorial Foundation & Declined 2022
Principal Investigator / 10-10 Project in Seoul National University 2021

Awards	NYU GSAS Outstanding Teaching Award	2026
	NYU CAS Outstanding Teaching Award	2025
Scholarships	SBS Overseas Graduate Scholarship	2021-2026
	NYU MacCracken Fellowship for Doctoral Students	2021-2026
Field Research	Agent Orange Survivors Vietnam	Principal Investigator 2026 -
	War Memorial Museums Vietnam and South Korea	Principal Investigator 2026 -
	Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum Hiroshima, Japan	Principal Investigator 2024 - 2025
	Atomic Bomb Survivors Japan and South Korea	Principal Investigator 2021 - 2025
	North Korean Defectors South Korea	Co-Principal Investigator 2023 - 2025
	Legacy of the Gwangju Uprising Gwangju, South Korea	Principal Investigator 2021 - 2023
Skills	Language: English (Fluent), Korean (Native), Japanese (Intermediate), Vietnamese (beginner) Software: Fluent in R, Python, $\LaTeX$, and Qualtrics	
Service	Review for Journals Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Studies Quarterly, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Foreign Policy Analysis, Journal of East Asian Studies, Asian Survey, Geopolitics, International Journal, Environmental Management	

REFERENCES

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