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School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Fall 2013 – Current
School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida
- Visiting Professor, Fall 2012 –Spring 2013
School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida
- Assistant Professor, Fall 2007 – Summer 2012
Department of Government, University of West Florida

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

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Politics: Military Politics, East Asian Politics, Korean Politics, Dictatorship and Democracy, Comparative Democratization, Political Corruption

International Relations: Security Alliances, Causes of War, Conflict in the World, International Relations in East Asia, USA-China Relations,

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Military and Politics in North Korea: The Quest for Regime Survival* (book proposal under review).
2018. *Political Corruption and Democratic Governance* (Lanham: Lexington/Rowman & Littlefield) (with Eunjung Choi).
<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498541886/Political-Corruption-and-Democratic-Governance>.
2018. *Politics in North and South Korea: Political Development, Economy, and Foreign Relations* (New York: Routledge) (with Yangmo Ku & Inyeop Lee).
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).

Book Chapters

- n.d. "Military and Politics in Asia Pacific," in *Understanding Contemporary Asia Pacific, 2nd ed.*, edited by Katherine Kaup (Boulder: Lynne Rienner). [forthcoming]

Journal Articles

- n.d. "The Origins of the 'Park Jung-hee Syndrome in South Korea," *Issues & Studies* (accepted for publication). (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

- "Political and Policy Change under Kim Jong-un: Institutional Facelifts, Personnel Changes, and Policy Directions."
- "Perceptions of Political Corruption and Voting Behavior in South Korea," *Revise & Resubmit*. (with Eunjung Choi)
- "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*.

In Progress

“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).

“A Security-seeker or a Greedy State? The Politics of Nuclear Diplomacy in North Korea.”

“Theories of Authoritarian Survival and Regime Resilience in North Korea.”

“Marketization and Political Corruption in North Korea.”

GRANTS/AWARDS

2018. Korea Foundation Fellowship (under review)

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

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

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
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	East Asian International Security
INR6007	Seminar in International Relations
POS6933	International Security

UNIVERSITY/PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (USF)

Faculty Search Committee, Comparative Politics, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida, Fall 2017-Spring 2018.

Graduate Committee, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida,

Spring 2016 – Spring 2018.

Graduate Comprehensive Exam Committee, International Relations, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida, Spring 2016 – Spring 2018.

Computer Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, University of South Florida, Fall 2014 – Summer 2016

Faculty Search Committee, Department Chair, Department of Government & International Affairs, University of South Florida, Fall 2014

TV Appearances, Tampa Bay's Baynews9 (www.baynews9.com), February 2012; March 2013

Professional Services

Panel Discussant, International Studies Association, April 3-7, 2018

Panel Chair and Discussant, International Studies Association, February 15-18, 2017

Panel Chair, International Studies Association, March 19, 2016

Panel Chair and Discussant, International Studies Association-South, October 24, 2016

Panel Chair and Discussant, Florida Political Science Association, April 18, 2009

Journal Referee: British Journal of Political Science, Contemporary Politics, Globalizations, Asian Journal of Political Science, Social Science Quarterly, Asian Politics & Policy

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Association of Korean Political Studies

International Studies Association

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society

FIELD RESEARCH

2015. Institute for Far Eastern Studies (April 28 – August 27)

2014. Information Center on North Korea, South Korea (November 29-December 9)

2014. Bureaucratic Corruption Surveys, South Korea (May 15-June 30)

2013. Korean Library of Congress, South Korea (May 2-June 27)

2010. Election Surveys, South Korea, (May 10-June 29)

2009. Library Research at the University of Southern California, (May 15-June 21)

2008. Library Research at the Library of Congress, Washington D.C. (June 10-July 2)

2006. Library Research at the University of California at Berkeley (May 15-July 10)

2005. Field Trip to Seoul, South Korea (December 14-January 17)

2005. Library Research at the University of Michigan (May 25-July 31)