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## EDUCATION

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### University of Illinois

*Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science*

*Subfield: International Relations, Comparative Politics (Minor)*

**Dissertation:** *"The State of Disastrous Climate Policies"*

Investigates the independent climate actions of subnational governments, focusing on how climate vulnerability, particularly from recurring weather disasters, drives them to address climate change. What motivates these governments to take adaptation or mitigation measures?

**Committee:** Robert Pahre (Chair), Brian Gaines, Matthew Winters, Yujeong Yang

*Minor: College Teaching*

**(Expected) May 2026**

*Urbana-Champaign, Illinois*

- **Courses:** College Teaching, the College Student, the Community College, Assessment for Learning, eLearning Ecologies, Diversity in Higher Education, Critical Issues in Higher Ed

### Yonsei University Graduate School of International Studies

*Master of Global Affairs & Policy*

**2017**

*Seoul, Korea*

### University of Washington, Seattle

*Bachelor of Arts in International Studies*

**2015**

*Seattle, Washington*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International Cooperation, Multilateral Agreements, Climate Change Politics, Subnational research in comparative politics, Mixed-Method Research

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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### Task Force 2014 European Security Strategy

Seattle, WA

*Quarter-long milestone project for degree candidates to complete; the task was to provide policy recommendations on managing security crisis in developing security framework in Europe*

Student Researcher - China/East Asia Chapter Lead

January 2014-March 2014

- Participated in 319-page collaborative policy recommendations on European Security Strategy
- Contributed to China/East Asia Chapter and wrote policy recommendations on conventional security
- Presented to the Acting Head of Section, Political, Security and Development, EU Delegation, Washington DC

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

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- Bridge the Gap  
2024 New Era Workshop (NEW) Participant Denver, CO
- "Driving Forces Behind Subnational Actions in Addressing Climate Change Issues"  
2024 American Political Science Association Philadelphia, PA
- "Driving Forces Behind Subnational Actions in Addressing Climate Change Issues"  
2023 International Studies Association Midwest Annual Conference St. Louis, MO
- "The Impacts of Legislative Composition during Ratification Stage on Compliance with Bilateral Environmental Agreements"  
2021 Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association Chicago, IL

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Interests

International Relations, International Cooperation, Climate Change Politics

### University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

IL, USA

#### *Independent Instructor*

- **GLBL 100: Intro to Global Studies** SP 2025, FA 2024, SP 2024, FA 2023, SP 2023
- **GLBL 296: Global to Subnational: Actions for Climate Change** FA 2024
- **PS 385: Politics of the European Union (online)** SU 2023

#### *Teaching Assistant*

- **PS 270: Introduction to Political Theory** FA 2022
- **PS 100: Introduction to Political Science** SP 2022, FA 2021

#### *Grader*

- **PS 318: Interest Groups & Social Movements** SP 2021
- **PS 214: American Indian Law & Politics** FA 2020
- **PS 225: Environmental Politics & Policy** FA 2019

### Yonsei University Graduate School of International Studies

Seoul, Korea

#### *Teaching Assistant*

- **Modern History of Korea** Winter 2016

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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### Research Associate

Jincheon, Korea

Korean Information Society Development Institute

October 2018-June 2019

- Performed research on “Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Official Development Assistance (ODA) Evaluation Monitoring Result-Based Approach”
- Analyzed historical trends of South Korea’s ICT ODA and identify a future path for a successful policy implementation

### Summer Research Fellow

Daejeon, Korea

Nuclear Nonproliferation Education and Research Center (NEREC), KAIST

June 2014-August 2014

- Participated in lectures and workshops to gain insights from experts and leaders in nuclear nonproliferation and nuclear engineering
- Conducted research on "Global Norms in Nuclear Nonproliferation: How Can It Be Spread?" under the supervision of Chan Kim, Department of Nuclear & Quantum Engineering, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)
- Presented a research poster at the 2014 NEREC Conference on Nuclear Nonproliferation sponsored by the Ministry of Science, ICT, and Future Planning, the Korean Nuclear Safety and Security Commission, and the Korea Nuclear Policy Society

## TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

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- UIUC Teaching in the Hybrid Classroom Certificate 2025
- UIUC Graduate College Mentoring 2024
- UIUC Certificate in Technology-Enhanced Teaching 2024

- UIUC Dr. Sandra J. Finley Teacher Scholar Certificate 2024
- UIUC Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Seminars for TAs 2023
- UIUC Graduate Teacher Certificate 2023
- UIUC Master Course in Online Teaching 2023
- Intermediate Canvas Training 2022
- IPSA – NUS 10th Annual Summer School Social Science Research Methods 2021

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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### *External Awards*

- Travel Award, APSA (2024)
- Travel Award, The ISA-Midwest (2023)
- Pay It Forward, The ISA-Midwest (2023)

### *UIUC Political Science Department Awards*

- Dean S. Dorman Scholarship (2025)
- George and Priscilla Yu Scholarship (2024)
- George and Priscilla Yu Scholarship (2023)

### *UIUC Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning*

- CITL Teachers Ranked as Excellent (FA 2021)

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Organizer, Job Market Group Workshop 2024
- Research Mentor, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP) AY23-24
- Vice President, Political Science Graduate Student Association AY23-24
- Survey Committee, Political Science Graduate Student Association AY21-22
- Culture Committee Member, Political Science Graduate Student Association AY20-23
- Climate Committee Member, Political Science Graduate Student Association AY19-20
- Graduate Student Mentor, Political Science Graduate Student Association AY20-21, AY22-23

## SKILLS

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**Programming:** R, Markdown, Git, LATEX

**Language:** Korean (native), English (fluent)