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Education

The University of Texas at Austin <i>Ph.D. Candidate in Government</i> Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics Dissertation: <i>Three Essays on Nonmarket Governance in International Investment Regimes</i> Committee: Nathan Jensen (chair), Rachel Wellhausen, Terrence Chapman, Sonal Pandya (external)	2021 – Present
Ewha Womans University , Seoul, South Korea <i>M.A. in Political Science and International Relations</i>	2021
Ewha Womans University , Seoul, South Korea <i>B.A. in International Studies with Honors, Political Science (minor)</i>	2018

Research Interests

International political economy; foreign direct investment; developing countries; mixed methods; big data

Under Review

- [1] “Leader Tenure through the Ages: The Growth of Constraints” (with John Gerring, Xin Nong, Ben Chatterton, Lee Cojocar, Cem Mert Dalli, Carl Knutsen, Andrej Kokkonen, Daniel Smith, Jan Teorell). Manuscript available at SSRN.

Working Papers

- [1] “Rights on Paper, Capabilities in Practice, and the Composition of Global Capital”
Presented at APSA 2026; APSA 2025; UT Methods Lightning Talks 2026; Women in Southeast Asian Social Sciences 2024
- [2] “Inviting Stakeholders to International Investment Agreement Negotiations”
Dissertation chapter; Presented at ISA 2026; UT Methods Lightning Talks 2026
- [3] “Naming, Praising, and Shaming Firms: Online Activism in the Russo–Ukrainian War” (with Artem Kvartalnov, Rachel Wellhausen, Boliang Zhu). Manuscript available at SSRN.
Presented at APSA 2025
- [4] “Political Leaders through Time: A Global, Historical Dataset” (with John Gerring, Ben Chatterton, Lee Cojocar, Andres Cruz, Cem Mert Dall, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Andrej Kokkonen, Daniel Steven Smith, Jan Teorell, Joel Yew)
- [5] “Female Political Leadership through History” (with John Gerring, Andrej Kokkonen)
- [6] “Learning to Participate: English Language Training and Immigrant Women’s Engagement with Public Institutions (with Danny Cowser, Elle Diether, Heartlee L. Harman, Rashid Ahmad, Joseph Amoah)

Teaching Experience

Instructor, The University of Texas at Austin
Human Rights/World Politics, Summer 2026
Globalization and U.S. Foreign Economic Policy, Fall 2025

Head Teaching Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin
United States Foreign Policy, Spring–Fall 2026; Spring 2025; Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin
Statistical Analysis in Political Science, Summer 2025
Business and Politics, Spring 2024
Politics and Film, Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant, Ewha Womans University
Globalization, Fall 2019

Introduction to International Politics, Fall 2018

Guest Lecturer, The University of Texas at Austin

“Doing Fieldwork”, *Scopes and Methods* (graduate), Fall 2025

“Multinational Corporations in Gender, Labor, and Environmental Governance”, *Ethnic Politics in Taiwan, China, and Asia*, Spring 2025

“Naming, Praising, and Shaming Firms”, *International Political Economy*, Fall 2024

“Political Science Methods,” *Innovations for Peace and Development Lab*, Fall 2024

Invited Talks

“Does gender equality affect foreign investors' willingness to invest?” Association of American University Women Austin Branch, May 2026

“Labor Rights and Foreign Direct Investment,” *Introduction to International Business*, Bentley University, April 2026

“Anti-refugee Sentiments and Movements in Asia,” Asia Society Korea, April 2019

Awards and Fellowships

External

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Doctoral Fellowship (\$5,000) 2026–2027

APSA Travel Award (\$400) 2026

Asian Graduate Student Fellowship, Asia Research Institute (NUS) 2020

BK21+ Fellowship, National Research Foundation of Korea (\$10,000) 2019–2020

Voice of Youth Research Fellowship (\$4,000), Asia Society Korea 2019

The University of Texas at Austin

Head Teaching Assistant Fellowship (\$1500) Spring 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026

Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award (\$500) 2026

Professional Development Award (\$400) 2024, 2025

Inclusive Course Design Fellowship (\$200) 2024

Innovations for Peace and Development Fellowship (\$5,000) 2022–2024

Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$5,000) 2023, 2024

Graduate Research Summer Fellowship 2022, 2023

Department Fellowship (\$4,000) 2021–2026

Ewha Womans University

Graduate Research Fellowship (\$10,000) 2019, 2020

Future Design Scholarship (\$5,000) 2018

Methods and Skills

Languages: English (native), Korean (native), Japanese (JLPT N2), French (DEL F B2), Spanish (beginner)

Software: R, Python (intermediate), Stata, Qualtrics

Service

Undergraduate Research Internship Program Advisor, The University of Texas at Austin (2023–2025)

Graduate Student Mentor, The University of Texas at Austin (2023–2025)

Founder and Co-organizer, International Students in Political Science (ISIPS)

Team Lead, Innovations for Peace and Development Lab (IPD) (2022–2025)

Co-founder, Studying Abroad Graduates of Ewha (SAGE)

Fieldwork and Additional Training

Inclusive Course Design Certificate, The University of Texas at Austin, 2024

Fieldwork in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Bac Ninh, and Dong Nai. Conducted interviews with chambers of commerce members, factory managers, foreign investors, and employees of foreign firms (June–July 2023).

Panel Data Analysis, Korea Social Science Data Archive (KOSSDA), 2020

Last updated: September 2026