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M.A., Political Science, Seoul National University, 2017
B.A., Economics, International Relations, Handong Global University, 2014

Dissertation:

The Right to Punish Infidels: The Theological Origins of Justifying International Humanitarian Intervention

My dissertation explores into the relationship between the rights of colonized peoples, punishment, and international law as presented in the works of Vitoria, Grotius, and Hobbes - who are considered foundational figures in the development of modern international law. Through my research, I argue that theological controversies played a crucial role in shaping the rights of colonized peoples and the justification of punishment in international law during the early modern period. Furthermore, I illustrate how existing literature often overlooks the significant influence of theological controversies in the formation of modern international law. Additionally, I argue that the discovery of the Americas and the Amerindians' practice of cannibalism and humans sacrifice were crucial moments in the formation of rights in international law.

Fields of Interests: Political Theology, International Law, History of Political Thought, Colonialism

Working Papers:

“Subjective Rights of the Punished: Grotius on Human Sacrifice.” *Under Review*.

“Secularizing Punishment in International Law: Grotius and Hobbes on International Humanitarian Intervention.” *In Progress*.

“Vitoria on the Law of Nations: Theological Origins of Justifying International Humanitarian Intervention.” *In Progress*.

“Restlessness of Democracy and the Wilderness: Tocqueville’s Imperialism.” *In Progress*.

Presentations:

“Subjective Rights of the Punished: Grotius on Human Sacrifice.”

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 14, 2021

“Vitoria on the Law of Nations: Theological Origins of Justifying International Humanitarian Intervention.”

Graduate Early Modern Student Society Symposium, UW-Madison, April 26, 2019

Midwest Political Science Association, April 17, 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

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Adam Smith Fellowship, *Mercatus Center*, 2022-2023

Summer Writing Scholarship, *UW-Madison Department of Political Science*, Summer 2022
Humane Studies Fellowship, *Institute for Humane Studies*, 2021-2022
Calihan Travel Grant, *Acton Institute*, Spring 2020
Early Excellence in Teaching Award (department nomination), *UW-Madison College of Letters & Science*, 2019
Summer Research Grant, *UW-Madison Department of Political Science*, Summer 2019, Summer 2020

Teaching Experience:

Instructor, “Interdisciplinary Seminar in Political Economy, Philosophy, and Politics: Liberalism and Empire,” UW-Madison, Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant, “The American Constitution: Powers and Structures,” UW-Madison, Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Political Theory,” UW-Madison, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant, “Islam and World Politics,” UW-Madison, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant, “Politics of East and Southeast Asia,” UW-Madison, Fall 2019

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