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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Notre Dame (O'Brien Notre Dame International Security Center) Notre Dame, IN
Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow (Non-Residential) 2026–2027

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin–Madison Madison, WI
Ph.D. in Political Science Expected 2027
Subfields: International Relations; Comparative Politics (second); Political Methodology (minor)
Dissertation: Populist Leaders in Power and International Cooperation
Committee: Jessica L. P. Weeks (Chair), Jon C. Pevehouse, Jonathan Renshon
M.A. in Political Science (en Route to Ph.D.) 2022

Yonsei University Seoul, South Korea
M.A. in Political Science 2021
B.A. in Political Science; Russian Language and Literature 2017
Graduated with Highest Honors

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Syracuse University (Center for Qualitative and Multi-Method Inquiry) Syracuse, NY
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Summer 2026

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research Summer 2022, 2023, 2024

PUBLICATIONS

Lee, Hyo Won, **Yena Kim**, and Whasun Jho. 2022. “Domestic Politics and Requests for UNESCO’s International Assistance Program.” *International Interactions* 48(3): 423–449.

WORKING PAPERS

“Populist Leaders, Domestic Populist Demand, and International Cooperation”
“Provocation and Domestic Leader Approval: An Experimental Analysis” with Jessica L. P. Weeks.
“The Impact of Leader Stability and Preferential Trade Agreements for Authoritarian Regimes” with Hyo Won Lee and Whasun Jho. *Under Review*
“Leaders’ Foreign Experience and Cosmopolitan Behavior within International Organizations: The Case of the UN General Assembly” with X. Zhang.
“The Cost of Defiance: Populist Rhetoric and Conditional Support for Non-Cooperation”
“Partners in Doubt: Empowered Populism and the Credibility Decay of Democratic Cooperation”

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

Graduate

- The O'Brien Notre Dame International Security Center Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2026–2027
- Political Science Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2025–2026
- Scott A. Harris Graduate Summer Writing Scholarship, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2026

- The 6th Experimental Politics Workshop Pilot Grant competition Award, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Spring 2026
- The Student Research Grants Competition (SRGC) Conference Presentation Awards, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Spring 2026
- Professor James McCamy Travel Fund, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Spring 2026
- MPSA Travel Fund, Midwest Political Science Association, Spring 2026
- The Graduate School Grant Writing Scholarship, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Summer 2025
- IR Summer Research Fellowship, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2022–2026
- Summer Initiatives Competition Award, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2022–2026
- University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2021–2022, 2024–2025
- Brain Korea 21 Graduate Scholarship, National Research Foundation of Korea, Fall 2020
- Research Scholarship, Center of Digital Social Science (CDSS), Yonsei University, 2019–2020
- Social Science Research Scholarship, Yonsei University, 2019–2020

Undergraduate

- Korea WEST Exchange Program, Government Sponsorship, Ministry of Education, 2018
- Academic Highest Honors Award (Top 1% of Department), Yonsei University, Fall 2014
- Academic Honors Award (Top 10% of Department), Yonsei University, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2015
- Academic Honors Scholarship, Yonsei University, 2013–2016
- Somang Fellowship, Somang Fellowship Association, 2013–2015
- National Scholarship for Social Sciences, Korea Student Aid Foundation, 2012–2013
- University Designated/Internal Scholarship, Yonsei University, 2012–2013

INVITED TALKS

“Populist Leaders, Domestic Populist Demand, and International Cooperation.” June 2026
International Dimensions and Effects of Populism (IDEoPOP) Network, Virtual Colloquium.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026

- “Provocation and Domestic Leader Approval: An Experimental Analysis.” *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL, April 2026.
- “Populist Leaders in Power and International Cooperation.” *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL, April 2026.
- “Populist Leaders in Power and International Cooperation.” *International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference*, Columbus, OH, March 2026.

2025

- “Populist Leaders in Power and Foreign Policy Behaviors.” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference*, Vancouver, Canada, September 2025.

2024

- “Leaders’ Foreign Experience and Cosmopolitan Behavior within International Organizations: The Case of the UN General Assembly.” *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL, April 2024.

2023

- “Alignment, Not Persuasion: The Role of Elite Framing about Free Trade.” *International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference*, Montréal, Canada, March 2023.

2022

- “Trade Liberalization and Regime Stability in Authoritarian Regimes.” *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

2020

- “Political Regime and Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) Participation.” *Brain Korea 21: 3rd International Graduate Student Conference on Political Science*, Seoul, Korea, August 2020.
- “Why Do Dictators Tie Hands? Exploring Domestic Determinants of Autocratic Participation in Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs).” *Korean Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Seoul, Korea, August 2020.
- “Do Dictators Care about Culture? Institutional Characteristics in Authoritarian Regimes and Participation in UNESCO Programs.” *MPSA Political Science Research Exchange*, Chicago, IL, May 2020.

2019

- “The Strategic Use of International Cultural Regimes: Evidence from UNESCO’s IA Program.” *7th Post-Generation Social Scientist Academic Contest*, Seoul, Korea, December 2019.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Lecturer

- Analysis of International Relations Spring 2027
- Research Methods in Political Science Summer 2025, Summer 2026

Teaching Assistant

- International Institutions and World Order Spring 2026
- Analysis in International Relations Spring 2024
- Introduction to Survey Research Fall 2023

Mentoring and Advising

- TA Mentor for Analysis of International Relations, Department of Political Science Spring 2025
- Peer Mentor, Department of Political Science 2024-2025
- Graduate Student Mentor, Undergraduate Research Scholars program Spring 2024

Yonsei University

Teaching Assistant, Graduate Courses (with Prof. Whasun Jho)

- International Political Economy Spring 2020
- Case Studies of International Political Economy in East Asia Fall 2019
- Politics of Technology Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Courses

- International Political Economy in East Asia (Prof. Whasun Jho) Fall 2019
- Social Network Politics (Prof. Whasun Jho) Spring 2019
- Principles of Macroeconomics (Prof. Taejin Kim) Fall 2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Project Assistant

- Prof. Jonathan Renshon Fall 2025
- Prof. Lisa L. Martin & Prof. Mark Copelovitch 2022–2023

Research Assistant

- Prof. Nadav Shelef Fall 2024
- Prof. Jonathan Renshon Summer 2024
- Prof. Tana Johnson & Prof. Adeline Lo Summer 2022

IR Summer Research Lab

- Prof. Jessica L. P. Weeks & Prof. Jon C. Pevehouse Summer 2022

Yonsei University

Research Assistant

- Prof. Whasun Jho 2019–2020
- Center of Digital Social Science (CDSS) 2019–2020

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: *International Interactions*

Graduate Student Co-Coordinator, International Relations Colloquium, University of Wisconsin–Madison 2022–2024

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Statistical Software: R, Stata, Python

Other Software: L^AT_EX, EndNote, Microsoft Office Suite

Languages: Korean (native); English (fluent); Russian (fluent)

Last updated: 17 мая 2026 г.