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Academic positions

Fondazione 1563 per l'Arte e la Cultura (Turin, Italy)

- Junior Fellow, Turin Humanities Programme (THP) November 2026 – October 2028

Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW–Madison; Wisconsin, USA)

- Ph.D., Political Science 2020 – 2026
  - Fields: Political Theory (first field), Comparative Politics (second field)
  - Dissertation: *Between Hope and Despair: Imagining Freedom in Modern Japan, China, and Korea*
  - Committee: Daniel J. Kapust (chair), Joshua F. Dienstag, Howard Schweber, Viren Murthy, Simon Sihang Luo
- M.A., Political Science 2022

Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU; Seoul, South Korea)

- M.A., Political Science and Diplomacy 2019
  - Thesis: "Plato's Concept of Rhetoric in *Gorgias*"
- B.A., Political Science and Diplomacy 2013

Research Interests

- History of political thought; comparative political theory; modern Chinese, Japanese, and Korean political thought; language and translation; liberalism and empire; intercultural understanding.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Park, Hyemin. "Inventing the Grammar of Liberty: Yan Fu and the translation of *ziyou*." *Polity* (forthcoming).

Working Papers

- "Writing an Independent People: Jae-Pil Seo and the Formation of Modern Korea." First author, with Daniel Kapust.

Awards, Fellowships, and Grant

- Best Dissertation Prize in Political Theory, Department of Political Science, UW-Madison 2026
- Dana Allen Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison (declined) 2026
- Junior Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies 2026
- Summer Initiative Research Award, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison 2021 – 2026
- Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies 2021; 2022; 2024; 2025
- Expense Support, Institute for Humane Studies 2025
- Department of Political Science Teaching Fellows Award, UW–Madison 2025
- University Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison 2025
- Conference Travel Award, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison 2023 – 2025
- Overseas Korean Scholarship, OK Bae & Jung Scholarship Foundation and YBLN 2023 – 2024
- Bradley Fellowship, Bradley Foundation 2022
- APSA First Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant, APSA 2022
- Hayek Fund, Institute for Humane Studies 2022
- Scholarship for Combined Track of Master's and Doctoral Course, SKKU 2013 – 2014
- MunHaeng Scholarship, SKKU 2009; 2011; 2012
- National Labor Scholarship, SKKU 2011
- Sungkyun Neighborly Love Scholarship, SKKU 2009; 2010

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

- PS 400 Ancient Ideas: East and West — Fall 2025
  - A comparative course on Plato and Confucius; Aristotle and Mencius; Thucydides and Sima Qian.
- ILS 206 Western Culture: Political, Economic, and Social Thought II — Spring 2024
  - In the Integrated Liberal Studies Program, covering Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Smith, J. S. Mill, Schumpeter, Marx, Lenin, Weber, Nozick, Wollstonecraft, Douglass, and Arendt.

Teaching Assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

- PS 361 Contemporary American Political Thought — Spring 2026
  - Professor Joshua Dienstag
- PS 400 Continental Political Theory — Fall 2024
  - Professor Joshua Dienstag
- History/Asian 104 Introduction to East Asian History: Japanese Civilization — Fall 2023
  - Professor Viren Murthy, Department of History
- PS 120 Introduction to Comparative Politics — Fall 2022 – Spring 2023
  - Professor Nils Ringe and Professor Steven Brook
- PS 160 Introduction to Political Theory — Fall 2021 – Spring 2022
  - Professor Daniel Kapust and Professor Michelle Schwarze

Academic Service and Experience

Administrative Assistant

- Graduate Student Coordinator, Political Theory Workshop, UW–Madison — 2024 – 2026
  - Supported the faculty coordinator with communication and logistics for the invited speakers, including travel and accommodations, and with other workshop arrangements.
- Project Assistant, Center for Early Modern Studies and Medieval Studies Program, UW–Madison — 2020 – 2021
  - Assisted with the production of *Medieval Chronicle* (the program's quarterly newsletter) and facilitated seminars with visiting scholars.
- Administrative Assistant, Department of Political Science and Diplomacy, SKKU — 2013 – 2014
  - Provided administrative support for undergraduate-level courses through grading, staff-student liaison work, and other tasks of the department.

Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

- UW–Madison, Guest Lecture for *History/Asian 255: Introduction to East Asian Civilizations* (Professor Viren Murthy). "Korea's Responses to the Meiji Restoration," April 2024.
- UW–Madison, Guest Lecture for *History/Asian 255: Introduction to East Asian Civilizations* (Professor Viren Murthy). "Korea After Its Annexation to Japan," April 2024.
- Center for East Asian Studies, UW–Madison, 2023 Spring Lecture Series. "Writing an Independent People: Jae-Pil Seo and the Formation of Modern Korea" with Daniel Kapust, April 2023.

Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars

Conference Presentations

- Western Political Science Association 2026 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, USA. "Yi Kwangsu and liberties permissible to colonial subjects." April 2-4, 2026 (upcoming).
- Britain & Ireland Association for Political Thought Conference (BIAPT), Edinburgh, Scotland. "Yi Kwangsu and liberties permissible to colonial subjects." January 7-9, 2026.
- Association for Political Theory Annual Conference (APT), Chicago, IL, USA. "Yi Kwangsu and liberties permissible to colonial subjects." November 6-8, 2025.
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition (APSA), Vancouver, BC, Canada. "Fukuzawa Yukichi and his story of the west." September 11-14, 2025.
- International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress, Seoul, South Korea. "Fukuzawa Yukichi and his story of the west." July 12-16, 2025.

- APT, Blacksburg, VA, USA. “Inventing the Grammar of Liberty: Yan Fu and the translation of *ziyou*.” November 21-23, 2024.
- APSA, Philadelphia, PA, USA. “Inventing the Grammar of Liberty: Yan Fu and the translation of *ziyou*.” September 5-8, 2024.
- AAS-in-Asia, Daegu, Korea. “Writing an Independent People: Jae-Pil Seo and the Formation of Modern Korea” (with Daniel Kapust). June 24-27, 2023.
- APSA, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. “Writing an Independent People: Jae-Pil Seo and the Formation of Modern Korea” (with Daniel Kapust). September 15-18, 2022.

Graduate Conference Presentations

- Institute for Humane Studies Summer Graduate Conference (Online). “Fukuzawa Yukichi and his story of the west.” May 30-31, 2025.
- Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Durham, NC, USA. “Translation as Interpretation: Yan Fu's Translation of the Concept of Liberty.” February 9-10, 2023.
- Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Conference (Online), “Translation as Interpretation: Yan Fu's Translation of the Concept of Liberty.” April 22-23, 2022.

Workshop Presentations

- Political Theory Workshop (PTW), UW–Madison. “Writing an Independent People: Jae-Pil Seo and the Formation of Modern Korea” (with Daniel Kapust). 2023.
- PTW, UW–Madison. “Translation as Interpretation: Yan Fu’s Translation of the Concept of Liberty.” 2022.

Discussion

- Annual Trans-Asia Graduate Conference, UW–Madison, 2023 – 2024.
- PTW, UW–Madison, for Jennifer Pitts (University of Chicago), April 2026.
- PTW, UW–Madison, for Harry Brighouse (University of Minnesota), February 2026.
- PTW, UW–Madison, for Arash Davari (University of Minnesota), October 2024.
- PTW, UW–Madison, for Lawrie Balfour (University of Virginia), April 2024.
- PTW, UW–Madison, for Deborah Baumgold (University of Oregon), April 2023.
- PTW, UW–Madison, for Alex Haskins (Wheaton College), January 2021.

Seminars

- Institute for Humane Studies 2026 Junior Fellowship Convening, Charlotte, NC, May and August 2026.
- Institute for Humane Studies 2022 Graduate Student Seminar, Chapel Hill, NC, 2022.
- International Summer Seminar at the School of Law, Nagoya University, Japan, 2014.

Languages

- Fluent: Korean (native), English
- Academic reading: Chinese (classical and mandarin), Japanese, French (also conversational)

References

- Daniel J. Kapust, Professor of Political Science, UW–Madison
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- Joshua F. Dienstag, Professor of Political Science, UW–Madison
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- Howard Schweber, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, UW–Madison
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- Viren Murthy, Professor of History, UW-Madison
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- Simon Sihang Luo, Nanyang Assistant Professor, Nanyang Technological University
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