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EDUCATION:

Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University **Fairfax/Arlington, VA**
Ph.D. in Political Science **Sept. 2022 – Present**

- Dissertation: *Crossing the Rubicon: A Three-Paper Dissertation to Understand Transit Migrant Decision-Making.*
- Committee: Dr. Justin Gest (Chair); Dr. Jack A. Goldstone; Dr. Lucas Núñez; Dr. Meghan Garrity
- Research Interests: Climate Change, Migration, and Conflict
- Qualifying Exams: International Relations and Comparative Politics

Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) **Washington, DC**
M.A. in International Relations **Sept. 2018 – May 2020**

- Concentration: Conflict Management and International Economics
- Capstone: *Violence Does Not Need to Be the Answer: How South Korea Embraces Peaceful Methods of Discourse Over Social Issues Through the Constitution and Constitutional Court*
- Advisors: Dr. I. William Zartman and Dr. Siniša Vuković

Tufts University **Medford, MA**
B.A. in History and International Relations (dual degree) **Sept. 2014 – May 2018**

- Graduated *Cum Laude*
- Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Foster

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2026. “The Trump Effect: US Immigration Policy and Transit Migrants in Central America.” *Journal on Migration and Human Security*: 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23315024261460833>. (with Justin Gest and Lucas Núñez)
- 2021. “Violence Does Not Need to Be the Answer: How South Korea Embraces Peaceful Methods of Discourse Over Social Issues Through the Constitution and Constitutional Court.” *Korean Journal of Law and Legislation* 11(1): 171-206. <https://doi.org/10.22851/kjll.2021.11.1.005>.

Under-Review:

- “Beyond Abundance and Scarcity: Reassessing Freshwater Resources and Civil War Onset (1960-2023).”

Other Publications/Translations:

- 2020. “Finding Parity: Balancing Government Action for Internally Displaced People and Refugees.” In *Ethiopia: Between Hope and Peril*. Johns Hopkins SAIS, Washington, DC: Johns Hopkins SAIS. 101-110.
- People’s Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD). (2019). *[Annual Report 2018] Learning the Challenges, Academy “Neutinamu.”* Translated by Sanggyu Suh, Seoul, South Korea: People’s Solidarity for Participatory Democracy.

- People’s Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD). (2019). *[Annual Report 2018] Youth Life Can Be Better*. Translated by Sanggyu Suh, Seoul, South Korea: People’s Solidarity for Participatory Democracy.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

- “Return, Resume, or Remain: Migrant Decision-Making in Countries of Transit” (*dissertation paper*)
- “How Climate Inaction Strategies Drive International Insecurity: Fine Dust Case of China and South Korea.”
- “Sound of Silence: Eco-Nationalism and Forced Expulsion of Minorities for a Greener World”
- “Bridge Over Troubled Water: Comparing Freshwater Dispute Settlement in Chad and Sudan”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- March 2026 – International Studies Association (ISA) Conference, Columbus (OH)
- March 2025 – International Studies Association (ISA) Conference, March 2025, Chicago (IL)
- May 2024 – Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Ph.D. Conference, Washington (DC)
- April 2024 – Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago (IL)

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) Research Grant (2025) - \$2,340
- Dr. Daniel Druckman Fellowship, *Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University* (2023) - \$4,000
- Dean’s Scholarship, *School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University* (2018-2020) - \$20,000 total

AWARDS:

- Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year (2026)

ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND TEACHING:

Graduate Teaching Assistant	Fairfax/Arlington, VA
Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University	Sept. 2023 – Present
• GOVT-347: American Security Policy (Dr. Kendrick Kuo, Spring 2026) • GOVT-132: Introduction to International Politics (Dr. Meghan Garrity, Spring 2026) • GOVT-322: International Relations Theory (Dr. Ahsan Butt, Fall 2025) • GOVT-134: Grand Challenges to Human Security (Dr. Meghan Garrity, Fall 2024 – <i>ad hoc</i>) • GOVT-300: Research Methods and Analysis (Dr. Lucas Núñez, Spring 2024) • GOVT-132: Introduction to International Politics (Dr. Meghan Garrity, Fall 2023)	
Lecturer	Fairfax/Arlington, VA
Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University	Sept. 2022 – Present
• POGO-511: Introduction to Data Analysis – Workshop/Screening Exam (Mar. 2025-Present) ○ Developed syllabus, constructed lecture slides, and conducted lectures on statistical and data analysis for M.A. and Ph.D. students ○ Developed, proctored, and graded screening exams	

- **PUBP-555: Mathematics for Economics “Math Camp” (Sept. 2022 – Present)**
 - Developed video lectures of the Khan Academy-style to assist Math Camp student learning
 - Developed syllabus and conducted hybrid lectures on mathematics to master students
 - Prepared lecture slides and problem sets
 - Covered material on Functions of One Variable, Linear Equations, Geometry, Derivatives, Functions of Many Variables, Partial Derivatives, and Optimisation

Graduate Research Assistant **Fairfax/Arlington, VA**
Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University **Sept. 2023 – May 2025**

- **Dr. Meghan Garrity (Fall 2024 – Spring 2025) – Mass Expulsion Book Project**
 - Edited book manuscript
 - Compiled datasets for Government-Sponsored Mass Expulsion (GSME) database
 - Transcribed interviews and conducted analysis
- **Dr. Justin Gest (Fall 2023) – Micronesia Migration Research Group**
 - Conducted online data research on Micronesia migration trends

Student Researcher **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
SAIS Conflict Management Research Trip to Ethiopia **Jan. 2020**

- Chapter: “Finding Parity: Balancing Government Action for Internally Displaced People and Refugees”
- Researched migration, internal displacement, and refugee policy in Ethiopia
- Performed ethnographic research and conducted interviews with locals, NGO workers, government officials, and parliamentary members

Research Assistant **Bologna, IT**
Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development (CCSDD) **Oct. 2018 – July 2019**

- Researched the effect of preambulatory clauses of the South Korean constitution
- Pursued case study analysis of constitutional law applied to abortion legalisation
- Researched constitutional transplanting between Germany and South Korea
- Compiled Korean Constitutional Court cases and constitution-related data

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Student Assistant **Washington, DC**
Johns Hopkins SAIS Conflict Management Department **Jan. 2020 – May 2020**

- Participated, wrote, edited, and published Conflict Management Field Trip Report *Ethiopia: Between Hope and Peril*
- Piloted department social media outreach programme and managed department Instagram page
- Acted as liaison between Global Security and Conflict Management Club (GSCM) and the Conflict Management Department
- Restructured alumni database and led alumni outreach efforts

Volunteer Instructor **Washington, DC**
Johns Hopkins SAIS PeaceKidZ Programme **Sept. 2019 – May 2020**

- Developed curriculum to teach conflict management skills to middle school students
- Carried out workshops and simulations with students

- Piloted PeaceKidZ II programme, an extension of the usual PeaceKidZ I programme, between January 2020 and May 2020
- Created and revised original nine-week syllabus to six-week syllabus

**Translator and Research Assistant
People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD)**

**Seoul, South Korea
June 2012 – Aug. 2019**

- **Translator and Consultant (May 2019 – Aug. 2019)**
 - Translated annual reports written by the organisation from Korean to English for press release publication
 - Edited English translations for publication on PSPD website
 - Advised team focusing on foreign policy planning on North Korea-South Korea policy issues
- **Translator and Researcher (June 2016 – Aug. 2016)**
 - Translated government documents from English to Korean (Iraq War and Just War Project – Chilcot Report on the Iraq War)
 - Led discussions about projects surrounding the Sewol Ferry Disaster of 2014 and drafted letters to assist families of victims voice their opinions to the South Korean government
 - Researched refugee and human rights issues on the Korean peninsula
- **Translator and Researcher (June 2012 – Aug. 2012)**
 - Formulated and sent urgent appeal letter to the United Nations Human Rights Council
 - Designed and inspired personal project on freedom of speech in South Korea regarding the case of Park Jung-Geun
 - Worked in a team of 30 volunteers and lawyers for the release of the falsely accused victim under the National Security Act I
 - Ended with the release of Mr. Park Jung-Geun.

**Education Content Creator
100mentors**

**London, UK (Remote)
April 2019 – Nov. 2019**

- Developed video question content for K-12 education
- Filmed questions about various school subjects for professional response
- Utilised social media outlets to advertise 100mentors

SKILL COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS:

- Advanced Training in Intercultural Communication, supervised by Dr. Siniša Vuković (SAIS), 2019.
- Professional Development Skill Course on Election Observation and Reporting Training, supervised by Dr. Sara Pennicino (SAIS) and Ms. Svetlana Chetaikina (University of Padova), 2019.
- Korean Language Course, Korean Language Education Centre, Seoul National University, Summer 2016.

LANGUAGES:

- English (Advanced)
- German (Advanced)
- Korean (Mother-Tongue)
- Spanish (Intermediate-High/Professional Working Proficiency)