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Research Interests: Migration, Climate Change, and Conflict

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EDUCATION:

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

- Dissertation: *Crossing the Rubicon? Navigating Environmental Shocks and Migration Policies*
- Committee: Justin Gest (Chair); Jack A. Goldstone; Lucas Núñez; Meghan Garrity
- Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics

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

- 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 **Sept. 2014 – May 2018**
B.A. in History and International Relations (dual degree)

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

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2026. "Is it Abundance or Scarcity? Reassessing Freshwater Resources and Civil War Onset (1960-2023)." *World Development* 210: 107605. Published online ahead of print. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2026.107605.
- 2026. "The Trump Effect: US Immigration Policy and Transit Migrants in Central America." *Journal on Migration and Human Security*: 1-15. Published online ahead of print. 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.

Policy Publications:

- 2020. "Finding Parity: Balancing Government Action for Internally Displaced People and Refugees." In *Ethiopia: Between Hope and Peril*. Johns Hopkins SAIS, Washington, DC. 101-110.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

Working Papers:

- "Return, Resume, or Remain: Migrant Decision-Making in Countries of Transit"
- "The Wells of Power: Insurgencies, Water Resources, and the Challenge for Control"
- "Sound of Silence: 'Green Rentierism,' State Vision, and the Politics of Leaving Minorities Behind in the Middle East"

Research in Development:

- "Safe to Return? Intentions of Migrants in Transit following Maduro's Capture"
- "Motivations to Move: The Environment and Migration"
- "Bridge Over Troubled Water: Comparing Freshwater Dispute Settlement in Chad and Sudan"

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)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

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

ACADEMIC TEACHING:

Lead Lecturer/Instructor of Record **Sept. 2022 – Present**
Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University

- **POGO-511: Introduction to Data Analysis – Workshop/Screening Exam (Mar. 2025-Present)**
  - Developed syllabus and conducted lectures on quantitative methods and data analysis for M.A. and Ph.D. students
  - Drafted, proctored, and graded screening exams

- **PUBP-555: Mathematics for Economics "Math Camp" (Sept. 2022 – Present)**
  - Created "Math 101" video modules of Khan Academy-style tailored specifically for course

- Developed syllabus and conducted lectures on mathematics to M.A. and Ph.D. students
- Prepared lecture slides, problem sets, and tests
- Covered material on Functions of One Variable, Linear Equations, Geometry, Derivatives, Functions of Many Variables, Partial Derivatives, and Optimization

Graduate Teaching Assistant **Sept. 2023 – Present**
Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University

- GOVT-300: Research Methods and Analysis (Lucas Núñez, Fall 2026)
  - Lab Instructor – independently taught weekly laboratory sections
- GOVT-347: American Security Policy (Kendrick Kuo, Spring 2026)
- GOVT-132: Introduction to International Politics (Meghan Garrity, Spring 2026)
- GOVT-322: International Relations Theory (Ahsan Butt, Fall 2025)
- GOVT-134: Grand Challenges to Human Security (Meghan Garrity, Fall 2024)
- GOVT-300: Research Methods and Analysis (Lucas Núñez, Spring 2024)
  - Lab Instructor – independently taught weekly laboratory sections
- GOVT-132: Introduction to International Politics (Meghan Garrity, Fall 2023)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

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

- **Meghan Garrity (Fall 2024 – Spring 2025) – Mass Expulsion Book Project**
  - Compiled datasets for Government-Sponsored Mass Expulsion (GSME) database
  - Analyzed correlations and relationships between expulsion episodes and violent conflict using Correlates of War (COW), UCDP/Prio Armed Conflict and One-Sided Violence (OSV), Targeted Mass Killing (TMK), and Political Instability Task Force (PITF) datasets
  - Transcribed interviews and conducted analysis
- **Justin Gest (Fall 2023) – Micronesia Migration Research Group**
  - Conducted online data research on Micronesia migration trends

Researcher **Jan. 2020**
SAIS Conflict Management Research Trip to Ethiopia

- Published 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 in Addis Ababa and Holeta

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

- Researched the effectiveness 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

Research Assistant and Translator **June 2012 – Aug. 2019**
People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD)

- **Translator and Consultant (May 2019 – Aug. 2019)**
  - Translated annual reports written by the organization 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 and grievances 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

MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE:

Consultant **Sept. 2024 – Present**
Schar School Writing Support Lab (WSL)

- Founded and developed writing support resource for undergraduate and graduate students at the Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University
- Offered consulting, review, and feedback on written assignments and projects
- Planned and led workshops, such as "How to Write in Academia" and "Approaching Effective Reading for courses"

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

- 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 PeaceKidZ I program

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 Center, Seoul National University, 2016.

LANGUAGES:

- English (Native Fluent)
- German (Native Fluent)
- Korean (Native Fluent)
- Spanish (Intermediate-High/Professional Working Proficiency)