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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Decolonization and Postcolonial Politics; Nationalism; State Formation; Political Violence; Historical Political Economy

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs 2023–Present
Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, Political Science May 2023
Ph.D. in Political Science
Dissertation: “The Causes and Implications of Indigenous Military Recruitment under Colonialism”
Committee: Matthew Fuhrmann (Chair), José Antonio Cheibub, Florian Hollenbach, Jason Parker

Korea University, Political Science and International Relations February 2015
B.A. in Political Science and International Relations

PUBLICATIONS

Yi, Joowon. 2026. “The Slave Trade and Military Formation under Colonialism: The Case of French West Africa.” *International Studies Quarterly* 70(2).

Yi, Joowon. 2025. “Decolonization Legacies and Financial Contributions to International Organizations.” *Review of International Organizations*, 1–19.

Yi, Joowon. 2023. “Demand for Statehood: The Case of Native Military Recruitment in World War II.” *International Studies Quarterly* 67(4).

Jo, Hyeran, and Joowon Yi. 2023. “When Do Rebels Sign Agreements with the United Nations? An Investigation into the Politics of International Humanitarian Engagement.” *European Journal of International Relations* 29(3): 602–627.

Jo, Hyeran, Joowon Yi, and Josiah Barrett. 2023. “Humanitarian Rebels? Rebel Governance and International Humanitarian Engagement.” *International Politics*, 1–22.

WORKING PAPERS

“Paradox of Nationalism: Contested Decolonization and Post-Independence Civil War.” *Revise and Resubmit*.

“Partition and Violence: The Case of Indonesia.” *Revise and Resubmit*.

“From Diplomas to Diplomacy: Are Western-Educated Leaders More Prone to Visit the West?” *With James D. Kim. (Under Review)*

“Who Captures the State? Party Manifestos and Contested Decolonization.” *With Bonkyu Lim (graduate student)*.

“Tailoring to the Target: External Interventions in Internal Conflicts.” *With Hyeran Jo*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Historical State, Proto-state, Secessionism, and Modern Statehood.” *With Bonkyu Lim (graduate student)*.

“When States Do Earmark? Financial Contributions to International Organizations from the Global South.” *With Seth Dial (undergraduate student)*.

“Decolonization as a Research Program.”

“When Rebels Claim the State: Relative Legitimacy and Exile Governments.” *With Myung Jung Kim*.

“The Price of a Seat: Targeted Foreign Aid and United Nations Security Council Campaigns.” *With Minjung Jun (graduate student)*.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

“World War II Colonial Soldiers and the Demand for Independence.” 2022. *Broadstreet*.

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Emory University, IR Journal Club — “Who Captures the State? Party Manifestos and Contested Decolonization.” 2026

Virtual Workshop in Historical Political Economy — “The Slave Trade and Military Formation under Colonialism.” 2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“From Diplomas to Diplomacy: Are Western-Educated Leaders More Prone to Visit the West?”

American Political Science Association (2026).

“Who Captures the State? Break and Continuity in Post-colonial Party Manifestos.”

American Political Science Association (2025).

“Decolonization Legacies and Financial Contributions to International Organizations.”

International Studies Association (2025); American Political Science Association (2024); Midwest Political Science Association (2024).

“Partition and Violence: The Case of Indonesia.”

International Studies Association (2025); Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (2025); SouthEastern Rights Network (2023); American Political Science Association (2023).

“World War II Indigenous Mobilization and Post-Independence Civil War.”

Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (2025); Peace Science Society (2023); American Political Science Association (2023).

“The Slave Trade and Military Formation under Colonialism.”

American Political Science Association (2022); Midwest Political Science Association (2022); International Studies Association (2022).

“Demand for Statehood: The Case of Native Military Recruitment in World War II.”

Texas Triangle International Relations Conference (2021); Southern Political Science Association (2020); International Studies Association–Midwest (2020); Political Economy and Political Violence Workshop, Texas A&M University (2019).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

Department of International Affairs Research Grant, University of Georgia	2025
Department of International Affairs Research Grant, University of Georgia (with Bonkyu Lim, graduate student)	2024
School of Public and International Affairs Seed Grant, University of Georgia (with Bonkyu Lim, graduate student)	2023–2024
Teaching Academy Fellow, University of Georgia	2023–2024
Glasscock Graduate Research Fellowship, Texas A&M University	2021
Lechner Graduate Grant Award, Texas A&M University	2020
Research Bursary, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University	2019
Best Master’s Thesis Proposal, Department of Political Science, Korea University	2017

TEACHING AND MENTORING

University of Georgia

Pre-Seminar in International Relations (graduate)	2025–2026
Historical Approaches in International Relations (graduate)	2025–2026
Introduction to Historical International Relations	2026
Introduction to International Relations	2024–2026
International Organizations	2023–2024
CURO Faculty-Mentored Undergraduate Research	2024–2026
Undergraduate Thesis Supervision	2025

Texas A&M University

Ethnic Conflicts	2022–2023
Graduate advisory committee: Carrie Ha Eun Park (Ph.D. candidate), University of Georgia.	
Undergraduate research supervision through CURO and thesis advising, including student presentations at the CURO Symposium and SPIA Undergraduate Research Colloquium.	

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member, Department of International Affairs Curriculum Committee, University of Georgia.

Member, International Relations Comprehensive Examination Committee, University of Georgia.
Chair, SPIA Undergraduate Research Colloquium, University of Georgia.

REFERENCES

Matthew Fuhrmann

Dean Rusk Chair and Professor of Security Studies Director,
Nuclear Policy Program Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public
Affairs Affiliated Faculty, Department of Government,
University of Texas at Austin
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