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## ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

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- 2023 - present      *Assistant Professor in Political Science, Loyola University Chicago*
- 2022 – 2023      *Non-resident Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School*
- 2021 – 2023      *Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University*
- 2019 – 2022      *Non-resident Fellow, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School*
- 2020 – 2021      *Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Fellow, United States Institute of Peace*
- 2020 – 2021      *Doctoral Research Fellow, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict*
- 2016 – 2021      *Research Fellow, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security & Diplomacy, University of Denver*

## EDUCATION

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- 2021      **Ph.D., Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver**  
*Dissertation:* “From reform to resignation: Explaining why some protest movements escalate their demands”  
*Committee:* Erica Chenoweth (Chair), Cullen Hendrix, Julia Macdonald  
*Fields:* International Relations; Comparative Politics
- 2013      **M.A., The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University**  
*Thesis:* “The North Korean Nuclear Negotiations: The Breakdown of the 1994 Agreed Framework and its Implications for the 2005 Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks”  
*Advisors:* Eileen Babbitt & Sung-Yoon Lee
- 2010      **B.A., Dartmouth College**  
*Majors:* Government; Psychology

## PUBLICATIONS AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

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### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

- “Upping the Ante without Taking up Arms: How Regime Violence Fuels Demand Escalation.” *Journal of Peace Research* (2023).
- “Constructing Community Cohesion Organically and Strategically.” *The Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution* 38.1 (2023).
- “State repression and nonviolent resistance” (with Erica Chenoweth and Evan Perkoski). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61.9 (2017): 1950-1969.

### *Under Review*

- Regime Elites and Civil Society: Assessing the Channels of Pro-Government Mobilization in Autocracies (with Marina G. Petrova)
- “Civilian action during Civil Wars: Doomed to Fail or Poised to Succeed” (with Marina G. Petrova)

### *Manuscripts in Preparation*

- *The Politics of Leaderless Movements* (**book project**)
- “Candle lights, computers, and counter-protests: Mass mobilization in South Korea as a harbinger of global trends”
- “North Korea’s cyber activities in South Korea: Past, present, and likely future scenarios”
- “Kinder, Gentler, but Still Costly: Nonviolent Civil Resistance and Economic Growth” (with Cullen Hendrix)
- “The Major Episodes of Contention (MEC) Data Project – Data Release Paper” (with Erica Chenoweth)
- “To condone or to condemn? Exploring tolerant solidarity through a survey experiment” (with Samson Yuen)

### *Policy Briefs and Select Commentary:*

- “Gender-Sensitive Political Analysis of the Korean Conflict” (with Sarah Lee). *The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD)*, May 2022.
- “Best Practices in Quantitative Conflict Studies” (with Trey Billing). *The Duck of Minerva*, April 21, 2022.
- “Bloomington, Indiana: Defusing Local Tensions and Building a Stronger Community” (with Bill Froehlich). *National Civil Review* 110.4, Winter 2022.
- “Demand Escalation: How Nonviolent Movements Raise the Heat on Powerholders.” *International Center on Nonviolent Conflict – Minds of the Movement*, July 19, 2021.
- “Could Trump Unite the Nation – Against Himself?” *Political Violence at a Glance*, June 24, 2020.
- “This may be the largest wave of nonviolent mass movements in world history. What comes next?” (with Erica Chenoweth, Sirianne Dahlum, Zoe Marks, Christopher Wiley Shay, and Tore Wig). *The Washington Post – Monkey Cage*, November 16, 2019.
- “Keeping Up with the Future: Upgrading Forecasts of Political Instability and Geopolitical Risk” (with Cullen Hendrix). *Peterson Institute for International Economics*, July 2019.

## PRESENTATIONS

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March 2023	“Civilian Action during Civil War: Doomed to Fail or Poised to Succeed?” at ISA Annual Conference 2023 (Montreal, Canada)
September 2022	“Civilian Action during Civil War: Doomed to Fail or Poised to Succeed?” accepted for APSA Annual Conference 2022 ( <i>Declined</i> )
April 2022	“Bottom-up and Top-down: Explaining Pro-Government Mobilization in Autocracies” at MPSA Annual Conference 2022 ( <i>Virtual</i> )
March 2022	“Regime Elites and Civil Society: Assessing the Channels of Pro-Government Mobilization in Autocracies” at ISA Annual Conference 2022 ( <i>Virtual</i> )
March 2022	“Constructing Community Cohesion Organically and Strategically” at Rethinking Systems Design for Racial Justice & Equity ( <i>Columbus, OH</i> )
September 2021	“Upping the Ante without Taking up Arms: Why Mass Movements Escalate Demands” at APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition ( <i>Virtual</i> )
January 2021	“From Reform to Resignation: Explaining why some protest movements escalate their demands, and why the United States should care” at Bridging Asia Conference, University of Southern California ( <i>Virtual</i> )
September 2020	“Why States Repress: Unpacking the Law of Coercive Responsiveness” at APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition ( <i>Virtual</i> )
March 2020	“A Latent Dimension of Political Protest” (with Erica Chenoweth, Vito D’Orazio, Christopher Fariss, and Joseph Wright) at ISA Annual Conference 2020 ( <i>Honolulu, HI</i> ) – Accepted for presentation, meeting cancelled
December 2019	“Securing economic ties: assessing the extent of extended nuclear deterrence” at CSIS – Project on Nuclear Issues ( <i>Washington, D.C.</i> )
November 2019	“Asia Beyond the Headlines Seminar Series – Repercussions: The Hong Kong Protest in Context” panelist at Harvard University – Asia Center event ( <i>Cambridge, MA</i> )
October 2019	“Understanding North Korea’s Cyber Capabilities through its Activities in South Korea” at the Harvard Korea Project Meeting ( <i>Cambridge, MA</i> )
October 2019	“Securing economic ties: assessing the extent of extended nuclear deterrence” at ISA ISSS-IS Conference 2019 ( <i>Denver, CO</i> )
October 2019	“From reform to resignation: Explaining why some protest movements escalate their demands” at Korbel Research Seminar ( <i>Denver, CO</i> )
September 2019	“The Economic Costs of Civil Resistance” at ISA-West Conference 2019 ( <i>Pasadena, CA</i> )
April 2019	“The Economic Costs of Civil Resistance” at the Fourth Annual Four Corners Conflict Network 2019 Meeting ( <i>Salt Lake City, UT</i> )
March 2019	“Securing Economic Ties: Assessing the Extent of Extended Nuclear Deterrence” at the Fourth Annual Deterrence and Assurance Academic Alliance Conference and Workshop ( <i>Omaha, NE</i> )

September 2017 “State repression and nonviolent resistance” (with Erica Chenoweth) at the 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations (*Barcelona, Spain*)

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### RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

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2021 – 2023 *Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University* - \$50,000 (for the Future of Data Workshop and creation of new database)

2021 – 2023 *The Ohio State University*, President’s Research Excellence Catalyst Award (co-PI on a collaborative research project titled “University Collaboration on Overcoming Attitudinal and Situational Barriers to Collaborative Initiatives to Advance Racial Equity: A Confluence of Dispute Process Design, Law & Social Science”) - \$199,995

2020 – 2021 *United States Institute of Peace*, Peace Scholar Fellowship - \$20,000

2020 – 2021 *International Center on Nonviolent Conflict*, Dissertation Fellowship - \$4,800

2019 – 2020 *Josef Korbel School*, PhD research funding (internally competitive) - \$2,000

February 2019 *Pacific Forum*, Young Leaders Program award to attend “Meeting the New Challenges of Extended Deterrence Workshop” held at the Center for Global Security Research, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (competitive)

2018 – 2019 *Josef Korbel School*, PhD methods training and research funding (internally competitive) - \$5,100

2017 – 2018 *Josef Korbel School*, PhD research funding (internally competitive) - \$1,960

2016 – 2017 *Josef Korbel School*, PhD research funding (internally competitive) - \$1,362

2016 – 2017 *University of Denver*, Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship (selected among all incoming doctoral students, university-wide) - \$4,500

Spring 2012 *Tufts Geographic Information System (GIS) Poster Expo* – Runner-up award for “Areas in North Korea most in need of Food Assistance”

2011 – 2012 *National Chengchi University Scholarship*, at Tufts University (internally competitive)

Fall 2009 *The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy*, Dartmouth College (internally competitive) - \$4,000

Summer 2009 *John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding*, Dartmouth College (internally competitive) - \$4,000

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### RESEARCH & POLICY EXPERIENCE

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Oct 2021 – 2022 *Research Consultant*, Gender-Sensitive Political Analysis of the Korean Conflict, The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD)

July – Aug. 2021 *Research Consultant*, Divided Communities Project – Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University

2015 – 2016	<i>Researcher, HarvardX and Harvard Humanitarian Initiative</i>
2014 – 2016	<i>Research Team Member, Harvard Kennedy School (for Jennifer Lerner)</i>
2014 – 2015	<i>Research Officer, Joseon Institute</i>
Summer – Fall 2015	<i>Writer and Editor, Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School</i>
Spring 2014	<i>Independent Consultant, World Vision International – East Asia Regional Office</i>
Summer 2012	<i>Research Assistant, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research, Harvard University</i>
Fall 2012	<i>Research Consultant, World Food Programme Regional Bureau for Asia - Bangkok</i>
2010 – 2011	<i>Research Assistant, The Center for Emerging Market Enterprises, The Fletcher School, Tufts University</i>
Fall 2009	<i>Economic and Financial Committee Intern, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations</i>

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### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Spring 2022, 2023	Topics in Comparative Politics – the Korean Peninsula, The Ohio State University (Instructor of Record)
Winter 2020	Major Issues in Human Rights, University of Denver (Teaching Assistant for Jack Donnelly)
Fall 2019	Korean Language Partner ( <i>Korean language instructor</i> ) at the Center for World Languages and Cultures, University of Denver
Fall 2018	Nuclear Weapons and International Security, University of Denver (Teaching Assistant for Julia Macdonald)

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### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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Summer 2023	Comparative Analyses Using Multi-Source Databases, Multilevel Models Workshop (The Ohio State University, Polish Academy of Sciences)
Summer 2019	ICPSR – Summer Program on Quantitative Methods of Social Research (Applied Multilevel Models for Longitudinal and Clustered Data, and Regression Analysis for Spatial Data Workshops)
Summer 2018	International Society of Political Psychology Summer Academy (San Antonio)
Summer 2017	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (Syracuse University)
Winter 2011	Mediation Training and Practicum (The Fletcher School, Tufts University)

## UNIVERSITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- Reviewer, *Journal of Peace Research, Comparative Political Studies*
- Reviewer, Graduate Research Grant Competition 2023 at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies (The Ohio State University)
- Student Representative, Tenure-line Promotions Committee 2019-2020 (University of Denver)
- Mentor, Rockefeller Alumni Mentoring Program (Dartmouth College)
- Workshop organizer (*with Trey Billing*), “Data in Contentious Politics” at The Ohio State University, January 18-19, 2022 (held virtually)
- Program Assistant, International Security Studies Section (ISSS) and the International Security and Arms Control Section of APSA (IS) hosted at the Josef Korbel School (October 18-19, 2019)
- Conference organizer (*with John Park*), “Inside the Negotiator’s World – Negotiating North Korea’s Denuclearization” at Harvard Kennedy School (September 23-24, 2019)
- Workshop organizer (*with Nadim Rouhana*), “Western and Non-Western Views on Conflict Resolution” at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (April 20-21, 2012)

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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### Datasets

- Protest Movements and Events (PME) Dataset
- Enhanced Major Episodes of Contention (EMEC) Dataset
- Major Episodes of Contention (MEC) Dataset (*with Erica Chenoweth*)

### Languages

- English (fluent), Korean (native), French (limited)

### Statistical software

- ArcGIS, NVivo, R, Stata

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Midwest Political Science Association (2022 – present)  
American Political Science Association (2020 – present)  
International Studies Association (2019 – present)  
Women in Conflict Studies (2017 – present)  
Four Corners Conflict Network (2019 – 2021)

## REFERENCES

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