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EMPLOYMENT

- 2023-present **Assistant Professor**, Moravian University, Bethlehem, PA
- 2021-2022 **Visiting Instructor**, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

EDUCATION

- 2023 **Ph.D., Political Science**, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN
- 2015 **M.A., Political Science & International Relations**, Korea University, Seoul, Korea
- 2011 **B.A., Political Science**, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2025 **Early-Career Faculty Workshop**, ASIANetwork, Denison University, Columbus, OH, October
- 2024 **The Henry Luce Foundation Summer Institute - Modern Southeast Asia: Colonial Legacies, Lasting Diversities**, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI, July-August
- 2023 **Graduate Student & Early Career Workshop**, Law and Society Association (LSA), San Juan, Puerto Rico, May
- 2022 **Training Initiative for Asian Law & Society Scholars (TRIALS)**, National University of Singapore, August
- 2020 **Certificate, Artificial Intelligence (Python)**, Gwangju ICT Innovation Square, Online, October-December (160hrs)
- 2020 **Certificate, Human Rights Law**, Human Rights Center, Seoul National University Law School, Seoul, September-December
- 2017 **Certificate, Race, Ethnicity and Quantitative Methods**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, June-July
- 2014 **Certificate, Modern Regression Analysis**, IPSA Social Science Research Methods, National University of Singapore, June-July

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Seonyeong Jo, and Donghun Kim. 2019. “Decentralization and Foreign Direct Investment: Impact of Fiscal and Political Decentralization on FDI Inflow.” *The Journal of Northeast Asia Research* 34(1): 307-339.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Seonyeong Jo. “Gender Matters in the Judiciary: Adjudicating Sexual Assault in Korea.” *Law & Society Review* — Revise and Resubmit (2026).

WORKING PAPERS

Seonyeong Jo. “Judges’ Perspectives on Feminism and Gender Discrimination in Court”

Seonyeong Jo. “Unwilling to Punish, Too Willing to Forgive: Judicial Leniency in Sex Crime Sentencing”

INTERVIEWS & PODCASTS

- 2025 “[Interview with Dr. Holly Jo, faculty advisor for ASIANetwork 2025 Student Video Challenge Award](#)” With ASIANetwork, May 10th
- 2024 “[Fault Lines: Crimes Against Women in Asia](#)” Featured in World Affairs Podcasts, Keck Center for International and Strategies Studies, Claremont McKenna College, November 1st
- 2023 “[Experienced Female Judge Raises Sentences for Sexual Assault Offenders by 2.2 Months](#)” Featured in Kyunghyang Newspaper, October 23rd
- 2021 “[MeToo and South Korean Courts](#)” Featured in Korean Quarterly, Winter 2021 Issue.

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Awards

- 2026 **The Teddy Amoloza Conference Award**, *ASIANetwork: \$1,000*
- 2025 **The Provost Teaching Innovation Award**, *Moravian University*
The Provost Teaching Excellence Nominee, *Moravian University*
- 2025 **Arts & Lectures Award**, *Moravian University: \$500*
- 2018 **Best Prediction Award**, Graduate Division, MinneMUDAC, *Midwest Undergraduate Data Analytics Competition, MinneAnalytics: \$1,000*

Dissertation Fellowships and Research Grants

- 2022-2023 **Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (DDF)**, *Univ. of Minnesota Graduate School: \$25,000*
- 2020-2021 **Leadership in Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity (LEID) Fellowship**, *University of Minnesota Graduate School: \$33,000*
- 2020-2021 **APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG)**, *National Science Foundation: \$9,145*
- 2020 **Huang Hsing Chun-tu Hsueh International Fellowship Fund Research Grant**, *Centennial Center, American Political Science Association: \$2,500*
- 2020 **Thesis Research Travel Grant**, *University of Minnesota Graduate School: \$5,000*
- 2020 **Graduate Research Fellowship Award**, *Dept. of Political Science, UMN: \$5,500*
- 2019 **Graduate Research Partnership Program (GRPP) Fellowship** with Lisa Hilbink, *College of Liberal Arts, UMN: \$3,700*
- 2017 **Pre-Dissertation Fellowship** to ICPSR, *Dept. of Political Science, UMN: \$5,500*

Conference Grants

- 2025 **FDRC Conference Grant**, *Faculty Development and Research Committee: \$2,478*
- 2023 **FDRC Conference Grant**, *Faculty Development and Research Committee: \$2,500*
- 2022 **COGS Conference Grant**, *Council of Graduate Students: \$806*
- 2022 **DDF Conference Presentation Grant**, *Univ. of Minnesota Graduate School: \$1,000*
- 2022 **APSA DDRIG Conference Fund**, *American Political Science Association: \$1,000*

- 2022 **Travel Grant** to SPSA, *Dept. of Political Science, UMN: \$400*
- 2022 **Travel Grant** to APSA, *Dept. of Political Science, UMN: \$400*
- 2021 **Travel Grant** to APSA, *American Political Science Association: \$300*
- 2021 **Hayek Fund**, *Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University: \$500*
- 2018 **Travel Grant** to MPSA, *Dept of Political Science, UMN: \$400*
- 2018 **Travel Grant** to Human Rights Watch, *Dept of Political Science, UMN: \$400*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Moravian University

Courses Developed

- 2025 POSC396 Dictators and Dictatorships (Writing Intensive), Spring
TR131 Korea Travel Course, May
- 2024 POSC296A Comparative Law and Courts, Spring
POSC291A Asian Tigers: Comparative Political Economy, Spring
POSC290A Two Koreas: Authoritarianism and Democracy, Fall

Courses Taught

- 2024 POSC125A & B: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall, Moravian University
POSC296A Comparative Law and Courts, Spring, Moravian University
POSC291A Asian Tigers: Comparative Political Economy, Moravian University
POSC125A Introduction to Comparative Politics, Spring, Moravian University
- 2023 POSC290A Two Koreas: Authoritarianism and Democracy, Fall, Moravian University
POSC125A & B: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall, Moravian University
- 2022 POL 299 Comparative Law and Courts, Spring, St. Olaf College
POL 299 Politics in the Two Koreas (Online), Interim, St. Olaf College
- 2021 POL 258 World Politics (Section A and B), Fall, St. Olaf College

Teaching Assistantships

- 2019 POL 3321 Social Policy in U.S.
POL 3766 Political Psychology of Mass Behavior
- 2018 POL 4773w Advocacy Organizations and Social Movements
POL 3309 Justice in America
- 2017 POL 1001 American Democracy in a Changing World
POL 1054 Puzzles in World Politics
POL 3080 Individual Internships
- 2016 POL 1025 Global Politics

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 Political Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
- 2026 ASIANetwork Annual Conference, North Central College, Naperville, IL
- 2025 Gender and Politics in East Asia Conference (GPEA), University of Southern California
- 2025 International Political Science Association (IPSA), Seoul, Korea
- 2024 The Greater Philadelphia Area Korean Studies Conference, James Joo-Jin Kim Center for Korean Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 2023, 2021, 2020 American Political Science Association (APSA)

2023, 2020 Law and Society Association (LSA)
 2022, 2021 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)
 2022 Western Political Science Association (WPSA)
 2022 The Annual Graduate Student Conference in Public Law, University of Texas at Austin
 2018 Human Rights Watch

INVITED TALKS

2024 Gender and Sexuality in East Asia (GSEA) Faculty Working Group, University of Pennsylvania, December 5th
 2024 Korean Studies Colloquium, James Joo-Jin Kim Center for Korean Studies, University of Pennsylvania, December 5th

SERVICE

Moravian University

2026 Event Organizer, Public screening and panel discussion of *Judging Juries* (documentary), in collaboration with Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, April 13th
 2025 Event Co-organizer, Book talk by Dr. Ke Li from John Jay College, CUNY on *Marriage Unbound: State Law, Power, and Inequality in Contemporary China*, March 20th
 2024-2025 Honors Committee, Serving as liaison to Honors candidate, Ally Meeks in Nursing

Outreach Activities

2025 Video Interviewee, ASIANetwork on how to incorporate Student Video Challenge project (international collaboration and multimedia research project) into teaching, May 10th
 2025 Invited Discussant to “Beyond the Great Wall: The China You Don’t Know” Bethlehem Public Library, April 4th
 2024 Video Interviewee, ASIANetwork on Asia-related curriculum with the liberal arts community, August 16th
 2019 Graduate Student Ambassador, Eagle Mentoring Program, University of Minnesota

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2025 Journal Reviewer of *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*
 2020-2021 Comparative Politics Colloquium Graduate Student Co-coordinator, Dept. of Political Science, University of Minnesota
 2020-2021 American Politics Colloquium Graduate Student Co-coordinator, Dept. of Political Science, University of Minnesota
 2019 Council of Graduate Studies Grant Review Committee, University of Minnesota

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, LANGUAGE & SKILLS

American Political Science Association (APSA), International Political Science Association (IPSA), Law and Society Association (LSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA),
 Korean: Native, English: Fluent
 Stata, NVivo, Microsoft Office Suite