

Holly Seonyeong Jo

<https://seonyeongjo.com> jos@moravian.edu

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, 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. "When Gender Matters in Judging: Seniority, Authorship, and Sexual Assault Sentencing in Korean Collegial Courts." *Law & Society Review*. Conditionally accepted, September 2026.

WORKING PAPERS

Seonyeong Jo. "When Feminism Enters the Courts: Gender Sensitivity and Legal Professionalism in South Korea"
Seonyeong Jo. "When Victims Request Leniency: Institutionalized Mitigation in Korean Sexual Assault 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
- 2023 POSC125A Introduction to Comparative Politics, Spring, Moravian University
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 the 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 Asian Law and Society Association (ALSA), National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Hsinchu City, Taiwan
- 2026 Political Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
- 2026 ASIANetwork Annual Conference, North Central College, Naperville, IL
- 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 & WORKSHOPS

- 2026 Gender and Politics in East Asia Conference (GPEA), University of Texas at Austin, September 1st
- 2025 Gender and Politics in East Asia Conference (GPEA), University of Southern California, September 15th-16th
- 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