Holly Seonyeong Jo

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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, 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

Jo, Seonyeong and Kim, Donghun 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.

PUBLICATIONS IN PRESS

Jo, Seonyeong. Forthcoming. "When Gender Matters in Judging: Seniority, Authorship, and Sexual Assault Sentencing in Korean Collegial Courts." *Law & Society Review*.

WORKING PAPERS

Jo, Seonyeong. 2026. "When Feminism Enters the Courts: Gender Sensitivity and Legal Professionalism in South Korea."

Jo, Seonyeong. 2026. "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
	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 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	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

2026	Journal Reviewer, *Journal of Law and Courts*
2025	Journal Reviewer, *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