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Education	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign PhD in Political Science Major: Comparative Politics, Minor: International Relations	United States 2022 – Present
	London School of Economics and Political Science MSc in Development Studies	United Kingdom
	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) BA in Arabic Interpretation and Translation Minor: Political Science and Diplomacy <i>Study Abroad Program: Cairo University (Egypt); University of Jordan (Jordan)</i>	Republic of Korea
Academic Training	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Admitted Participant (General Open Pool; fees and lodging covered)	United States 2026
	Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Computational Social Science Training	Republic of Korea 2025
	Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Rothberg International School) Summer Course: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict	Israel
	Bourguiba Institute of Modern Languages Arabic Language Training	Tunisia
Working Papers	Beyond Economic and Political Motives: Exploring the Religious Dynamics in Gulf States' Foreign Aid Allocation (with Paul Un)	
Work in Progress	Flocking Together: NGO Identity and Cooperation in Jordan (Dissertation project) Donor Identity and Recipient Perceptions: A Conjoint Experiment on Foreign Aid in Indonesia (with Paul Un)	

Fellowships and Grants	Internal (University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign)	
	Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grant, \$4,995	2026
	Graduate Research and Professionalization Fund (Department), \$1,200	2026
	Department Travel Support (IQMR), \$500	2026
	Illinois Global Institute Language Fellowship (Arabic), \$20,000	2024–2025
	Conference Travel Award (3 awards), \$100 each	2024, 2025
	Kneier Fellowship, \$3,927	2023
	External	
	IQMR: Admitted Participant, fees + lodging covered, \$3,085	2026
	ISA–Midwest: Conference Travel Grant, \$250	2024
	HUFS: Study Abroad Scholarship (Jordan), \$3,700	
Teaching Experience	Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign	
	PS 241: Comparative Politics in the Global South (Discussion Leader)	Fall 2025
	PS 322: Law and Public Policy (Course Grader)	Spring 2024
	PS 250: Rise Up: Organizing Resistance (Course Grader)	Fall 2023
Conferences	International Studies Association Annual Convention (Presenter)	2025
	International Studies Association–Midwest Annual Convention (Presenter)	2024, 2025
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Presenter)	2024, 2025
Professional Experience	Korea International Cooperation Agency	Republic of Korea and Iraq
	Development Cooperation Junior Consultant – Middle East/North Africa	2021
	UN Women, Palestine Country Office	Palestinian Territories
	Social Media and Youth Engagement Officer	2018–2020
Skills	Languages	
	<i>Korean</i> (Native), <i>English</i> (Professional Working Proficiency), <i>Modern Standard Arabic</i> (Advanced), <i>Levantine Arabic</i> (Advanced)	
	Programming	
	R, Python, L ^A T _E X, Jupyter Notebook, Qualtrics	

References

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