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Education	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	United States
	PhD in Political Science	2022 – Present
	Major: Comparative Politics, Minor: International Relations	
	London School of Economics and Political Science	United Kingdom
	MSc in Development Studies	2018
	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	Republic of Korea
	BA in Arabic Interpretation and Translation	2016
Additional Education	Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Rothberg International School)	Israel
	Summer Course: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict	2019
	University of Jordan	Jordan
	Study Abroad Program (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)	2015
	Bourguiba Institute of Modern Languages	Tunisia
	Arabic Language Training	2014
	Cairo University	Egypt
	Arabic Language Training (with Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)	2011
Professional Experience	Korea International Cooperation Agency	Republic of Korea and Iraq
	Development Cooperation Junior Consultant – Middle East/North Africa	2021
	UN Women Palestine Office	Palestinian Territories
	Social Media and Youth Engagement Officer	2018 – 2020
Fellowships and Grants	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	
	Illinois Global Institute Language Fellowship (Arabic), \$20,000	2024
	Kneier Fellowship, \$3,927	2023
	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	
	First Distinction Scholarship, \$1,700	2016
	Study Abroad Scholarship, \$3,700	2015
	Department Chief Scholarship, \$1,100	2014

Work in progress Humanitarianism or Geopolitics? Unveiling Saudi Arabia's Humanitarian Aid Strategy in the Yemeni Civil War

Beyond Economic and Political Motives: Exploring the Religious Dynamics in Gulf States' Foreign Aid Allocation (with Paul Un)

Does Foreign Aid Create Disharmony among NGOs? The case of Palestine

Teaching experience **Grader, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

PS 322: Law and Public Policy (Prof. Joseph Hinchliffe) Spring 2024

PS 250: Rise Up: Organizing Resistance (Prof. Rana Khoury) Fall 2023

PS 220: Intro to Public Policy (Prof. Jeffrey Ashley) Fall 2022

Conferences **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)** 2024

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Skills **Languages**

Korean: Native

English: Professional fluency

Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic; Levantine dialect):

Advanced (reading); Intermediate (speaking, writing)

Programming

R, \LaTeX , SPSS, Qualtrics, Markdown

Other interests Photography, Basketball, and Lego