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**Professional Appointments:**

Assistant Professor, International University of Japan, 2025 to present

**Education:** Ph.D., Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2024  
M.A., Political Science, Seoul National University, 2017  
B.A., Economics, International Relations, Handong Global University, 2014

**Dissertation:**

*Savagery, Intervention, and the Creation of International Law: Vitoria, Grotius, and Hobbes on the “New World”*

**Fields of Interests:**

International Law, Political Theology, History of Political Thought, Colonialism, Territoriality

**Publications & Works in Progress:**

“Individualizing Punishment: Grotius on the Sacrifice of the Innocent.” *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of International Political Theory.*

“Hobbes the Critic of Empire? Hobbes on Cannibalism in the New World.” *Explorations in Renaissance Culture*, Spring 2025. Invited submission for a special issue on Hobbes.  
(Forthcoming)

“Vitoria on the Law of Nations: Theological Origins of Justifying International Humanitarian Intervention.” *In Progress.*

“Challenging Grotius: The Evolution of Maritime Sovereignty from the Dutch Empire to Indonesian Independence.” *In Progress.*

**Presentations:**

“Challenging Grotius: The Evolution of Maritime Sovereignty from the Dutch Empire to Indonesian Independence.”

*Arguing over Empire: Hugo Grotius, European Expansionism and Slavery Workshop*,  
June 2024

“Vitoria on the Law of Nations: Theological Origins of Justifying International Humanitarian Intervention.”

*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, September 2024 (Accepted)  
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*, April 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

*Graduate Early Modern Student Society Symposium, UW-Madison*, April 2019

“Hobbes the Critic of Empire? Hobbes on Cannibalism in the New World.”

*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*, April 2024  
*The Renaissance Society of America Conference*, March 2024

*Social Contract Research Network Workshop, November 2023*  
“Individualizing Punishment: Grotius on the Sacrifice of the Innocent.”  
*UW-Madison Political Theory Workshop, November 2022*  
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2021*

**Fellowships & Awards:**

Adam Smith Fellowship, *Mercatus Center*, 2022-2023  
Summer Writing Scholarship, *UW-Madison Department of Political Science*, Summer 2022  
Humane Studies Fellowship, *Institute for Humane Studies*, 2021-2022  
Calihan Travel Grant, *Acton Institute*, Spring 2020  
Early Excellence in Teaching Award (department nomination), *UW-Madison College of Letters & Science*, 2019  
Summer Research Grant, *UW-Madison Department of Political Science*, Summer 2019, Summer 2020

**Teaching Experience:**

*University of Wisconsin–Madison:*

*Instructor:*

PS 356, [“Principles of International Law,”](#) Spring 2024

PS 461, [“Interdisciplinary Seminar in Political Economy, Philosophy, and Politics: Liberalism and Empire,”](#) Fall 2020

*Teaching Assistant:*

PS 140, “Introduction to International Relations,” Fall 2023

PS 160, “Introduction to Political Theory,” Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Fall 2018

PS 411, “The American Constitution: Powers and Structures,” Fall 2022

PS 323, “Islam and World Politics,” Spring 2020

PS 328, “Politics of East and Southeast Asia,” Fall 2019

**Languages:**

Korean (native), English (fluent), Indonesian (fluent), Latin (basic)

**References:**

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