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Education

University of Texas, Arlington <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science</i>	2024 September – Arlington, TX
Northwestern University <i>PhD, Political Science</i> • Major: International Relations • Minor: Methods	2017 – 2024 August Evanston, IL
Northwestern University <i>Master of Arts</i>	2017 – 2020 Evanston, IL
University of Chicago Law School <i>Master of Legal Studies</i> • With Full Scholarship and Stipend	2019 – 2020 Chicago, IL
Korea University <i>Course Completion, Masters in Political Science and International Relations</i> • Major: International Relations	2015 – 2017 Seoul, South Korea
Korea University <i>Bachelor of International Studies and Political Science</i> • Valedictorian with Collegial Honors • Summa Cum Laude • Division of International Studies Major • Political Science and International Relations Double Major	2011 – 2015 Seoul, South Korea

Publications

"The Nuclear Arms Control Index (NACI): A Dataset on the Design of the Nuclear Regime Complex" Co-authored with Saera Lee. (*Forthcoming at Conflict Management and Peace Science*)

"Arbitrators as Advisors: Evidence from Changes in Investment Treaty Design." Co-authored with Minju Kim (*Review of International Organizations*).

"Facing a Blow to Sovereignty, Why Comply? An Analysis of Compliance at the International Court of Justice." Published in the *Yonsei Journal of International Studies*. Volume 9, Issue 2. (ISSN: 2005-9809). P 206-230.

Invited Book Chapters

"The Complex of Issue Networks in Transitional Justice" (with Sumin Lee) in *The Role of Networks in Advancing Human Rights* Edward Elgar Press. DOI: 10.4337/9781035336111.00024

Book Project

Designing Global Crime Governance

Related Fieldwork

- Book Workshop scheduled for January 29th, 2027
- Washington, USA. Organization of the American States Archives (2025 May)
- Washington, USA. Organization of the American States Archives (2023 December)
- Vienna, Austria. United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (2022 October - 2023 April)
- Seoul and Daejeon, South Korea. Interview with Diplomats, Prosecutors, and Academics (2022 March - 2022 May)

Under Review

"Forced Consensus: Why Environmental Negotiations Choose Deadlock Over Efficiency." Co-authored with Diana Elhard *Paper available upon request*

"How Legal Flexibility Becomes Toxic: Stigma and the Quiet Death of GATT/WTO BOP Safeguards." Co-authored with Stephen C. Nelson *Paper available upon request*

"Cooperation that Endures: Informal Consensus and the Monitoring of UN Crime Treaties."

Working Papers

"Leaving the Door Open: ICC Withdrawal and the Curious Norm Compliance in Africa." Co-authored with Sumin Lee. *Paper available upon request*

Works in Progress

"Institutional Echoes: Diffusion in the Making of the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture." Co-authored with Dagmar Heintze.

"The Socialization Dilemma: How Ratification Impacts Future Collaboration." Co-authored with Rachel Hulvey.

Paper Presentations and Invited Talks

Invited Talks: *University of Chicago Workshop on International Politics* (2026 May)

Large Language Models & the Social Sciences, October 15, 2026: (co-authored paper presented by Saera Lee)

ISA: 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023

APSA: 2025, 2024, 2022 (Poster, declined)

MPSA: 2025, 2021, 2019 (JSS)

PEIO: 2023,

2026 Pre-ISA Workshop on the Decline of the Liberal Order, Ohio State University, March 21-22.

Biennial International Law & Social Sciences Conference: 2024(chicago)

2023 Junior IO Workshop.

2023 ISA Midwest Conference.

2023 Economy and Society Summer Conference.

"The Strategy of Non-traditional Security Cooperation of China-Japan-Korea from the Perspective of Nuclear Power Plants" presented at the Contested Regional Order and China-Japan-Korea Relations: Expert Meetings and Young Leaders' Forum hosted by Korea Association of International Studies, Seoul, 2016.

Awards & Honors

Valedictorian of the Division of International Studies at Korea University <i>Korea University</i>	2015
Highest Honor from Korea University <i>Korea University</i>	Winter 2015
Semester Highest Honors from Korea University <i>Korea University</i>	2014
Semester High Honors from Korea University <i>Korea University</i>	2011-2013
Award of Excellence Peer Tutoring Program (EMC) <i>Korea University</i>	23 June 2014

Grants & Scholarships

ASU Global Human Rights Hub Mini Research Grant (with Sumin Lee) \$1000	2023
<i>Arizona State University</i>	
ISA Travel Grant \$500	2023
<i>International Studies Association</i>	
ISA-Midwest Travel Grant \$250	2023
<i>International Studies Association</i>	
Bridge Grant for Conference Travel \$150	2023
<i>Northwestern University</i>	
Minar Awards Summer Research Funding \$500	2023
<i>Northwestern University</i>	
The Graduate School, Graduate Research Grant \$3,000	2023
<i>Northwestern University</i>	
Buffett Institute for Global Affairs Research Travel Award \$5,000	2022
<i>Northwestern University</i>	
Department of Political Science Conference Funding \$500	2021-2023
<i>Northwestern University</i>	
Access Lex Emergency Stipend, University of Chicago Law School \$3,000	2020
<i>University of Chicago</i>	
University of Chicago Law School Stipend \$24,633	2019-2020
<i>University of Chicago</i>	
University of Chicago Law School Full Scholarship \$72,174	2019-2020
<i>University of Chicago</i>	
Minar Awards Summer Research Funding \$1,000	2019
<i>Northwestern University</i>	
Department of Political Science Conference Funding \$500	2019
<i>Northwestern University</i>	
Department of Political Science, University Fellowship \$30,780	2017-2018
<i>Northwestern University</i>	
Master's Degree Honor Graduates Full Scholarship \$47,546	2015-2017
<i>Korea University</i>	
Brain Korea 21 Plus, MPSA Travel Scholarship \$300	2016
<i>Brain Korea 21 Plus</i>	
Brain Korea 21 Plus Scholarship \$5,572	2015
<i>Brain Korea 21 Plus</i>	
Collegiate Honors Full Scholarship	2014
<i>Korea University</i>	
Honors Scholarship	2012
<i>Korea University</i>	
Best Honors Full Scholarship	2012
<i>Korea University</i>	
1:1 Language Exchange Program Scholarships from Korea University	2011
<i>Korea University</i>	

Teaching

Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Arlington:

- Special Topics: International Law (POLS 5342, Spring 2026)
- Qualitative Methods (POLS 4312, Fall 2025)
- International Organization (POLS 4312, Spring 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026)
- Global Governance and International Institutions (POLS 4392 / POLS 5342, Spring 2025)
- Politics of International Law (POLS 4373, Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
- Introduction to International Relations (POLS 3302, Fall 2024, Fall 2026)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University:

- Drug and Politics (PS 377, 2021)
- International Political Economy (PS 341, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- Ethics in International Relations (PS 347, 2018)

Department Service

- Search Committee for American Politics Assistant Professor 2025
- Graduate Studies Restructuring Committee 2024-2026
- Student Success Committee 2024-2026
- Student Grievance Committee (alternate) 2024-2026
- Department Library Liason 2024-2026
- Merit Evaluation Committee 2025-2026
- Student Experiential Learning Committee 2025-2026
- Programs and Outreach Committee 2024-2025
- Technology Committee 2024-2025

Research and Work Experience

Intern, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime	2022 – 2023
<i>Division of Treaty Affairs, Firearms Trafficking Section</i>	
GA, Buffett Institute for Global Affairs	2021-2022
<i>Northwestern University</i>	
RA for Professors Karen Alter and Stephen Nelson	2017 - 2021
<i>Northwestern University</i>	
RA for Center for Global Climate and Marine Governance, Korea University	2017
<i>Korean University</i>	

RA for Social Science Korea Human Rights Forum <i>Korea University</i>	2016-2017
Junior Fellow, Seoul Forum for International Affairs	2015 - 2016
Intern, Trilateral Commission Annual Meeting, Seoul, Korea	2015

Language & Training

Statistical Programming: R programming

Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research 2023

Referee

Review of International Organizations, Political Research Exchange

References

Karen J. Alter (Dissertation Committee Chair) <i>Northwestern University</i>	Phone: 847-491-4842 <i>kalter@northwestern.edu</i>
Stephen C. Nelson (Dissertation Committee) <i>Northwestern University</i>	Phone: 847-491-2589 <i>Stephen-nelson@northwestern.edu</i>
Barbara Koremenos (Dissertation Committee) <i>University of Michigan</i>	Phone: 734-763-8842 <i>koremeno@umich.edu</i>