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Education

University of Texas, Arlington 2024 September –
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science *Arlington, TX*

Northwestern University 2017 – 2024 August
PhD, Political Science *Evanston, IL*
- Major: International Relations
- Minor: Methods

Northwestern University 2017 – 2020
Master of Arts *Evanston, IL*

University of Chicago Law School 2019 – 2020
Master of Legal Studies *Chicago, IL*
- With Full Scholarship and Stipend

Korea University 2015 – 2017
Course Completion, Masters in Political Science and International Relations *Seoul, South Korea*
- Major: International Relations

Korea University 2011 – 2015
Bachelor of International Studies and Political Science *Seoul, South Korea*
- Valedictorian with Collegial Honors
- Summa Cum Laude
- Division of International Studies Major
- Political Science and International Relations Double Major

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.

Revise and Resubmit at International Studies Quarterly

"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*

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

Works in Progress

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

"Consensus Practice in Treaty Negotiations

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 2015
Korea University

Highest Honor from Korea University Winter 2015
Korea University

Semester Highest Honors from Korea University 2014
Korea University

Semester High Honors from Korea University 2011-2013
Korea University

Award of Excellence Peer Tutoring Program (EMC) 23 June 2014
Korea University

Grants & Scholarships

ASU Global Human Rights Hub Mini Research Grant (with Sumin Lee) $1000 2023
Arizona State University

ISA Travel Grant $500 2023
International Studies Association

ISA-Midwest Travel Grant $250 2023
International Studies Association

Bridge Grant for Conference Travel $150 2023
Northwestern University

Minar Awards Summer Research Funding $500 2023
Northwestern University

The Graduate School, Graduate Research Grant $3,000 2023
Northwestern University

Buffett Institute for Global Affairs Research Travel Award $5,000 2022
Northwestern University

Department of Political Science Conference Funding $500 2021-2023
Northwestern University

Access Lex Emergency Stipend, University of Chicago Law School $3,000 2020
University of Chicago

University of Chicago Law School Stipend $24,633 2019-2020
University of Chicago

University of Chicago Law School Full Scholarship $72,174 2019-2020
University of Chicago

Minar Awards Summer Research Funding $1,000 2019
Northwestern University

Department of Political Science Conference Funding $500 2019
Northwestern University

Department of Political Science, University Fellowship $30,780 2017-2018
Northwestern University

Master's Degree Honor Graduates Full Scholarship $47,546 2015-2017
Korea University

Brain Korea 21 Plus, MPSA Travel Scholarship $300 2016
Brain Korea 21 Plus

Brain Korea 21 Plus Scholarship $5,572 2015
Brain Korea 21 Plus

Collegiate Honors Full Scholarship 2014
Korea University

Honors Scholarship 2012
Korea University

Best Honors Full Scholarship 2012
Korea University

1:1 Language Exchange Program Scholarships from Korea University 2011
Korea University

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
Division of Treaty Affairs, Firearms Trafficking Section

GA, Buffett Institute for Global Affairs 2021-2022
Northwestern University

RA for Professors Karen Alter and Stephen Nelson 2017 - 2021
Northwestern University

RA for Center for Global Climate and Marine Governance, Korea University 2017
Korean University

RA for Social Science Korea Human Rights Forum 2016-2017
Korea University
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

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Northwestern University *Stephen-nelson@northwestern.edu*
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University of Michigan *koremeno@umich.edu*