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Education **University of California, Merced**, California, USA 2022 –
• Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science
 · Research Focus: Historical Trauma, Political Psychology and Comparative Political Behavior
• M.A. in Political Science 2025

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (Hufs), Seoul, South Korea
• M.A. in Political Science 2020 – 2022
• B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science 2010 – 2014
 · Academic Excellence Award (Graduated Highest Standing of the Division)
 · Visiting Student, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya, Israel (2012–2013)

Publications **Articles Under Review**
[1] Christopher Ojeda, Youngbin Kim, & Victoria Davis. Political Ideology and Perceptions of Mental Illness. *Perspectives on Politics*.
[2] Jingyeong Song, Youngbin Kim, & Awais Khan. Do Online Petitions Frame Public Perceptions? An Association Rule Mining Analysis on Yemeni Refugees in South Korea. *Information Polity*.

Peer-Reviewed Journals (Korean-KCI accredited)
[1] Youngbin Kim, & Seunghoon Paik. (2022). US-China Strategic Competition and its Implication on the Changes of Threat Perception in Israel-Middle East Diplomatic Relations. *Korean Journal of the Middle Eastern Affairs*, 21(1), 1-34.
[2] Jingyeong Song, Youngbin Kim, & Seunghoon Paik. (2022). Migrants as the Threat of Terrorism?: An Analysis on the Korean Perception toward Migrants. *Korean Journal of National Defense Studies*, 65(1), 85-110.
[3] Youngbin Kim, & Seunghoon Paik. (2021). The Coalition Government in a Multiparty Knesset Democracy in Israel: An Analysis of the Coalition Government of Lapid-Bennett. *Korean Journal of the Middle Eastern Affairs*, 20(2), 33-66.

Working Papers
[1] “Not One Story: Multiple Historical Trauma and the Politics of Remembering.”
[2] “Empathetic Grounds: How Land Claim Shapes Outsider Support and Justifies Actions in Conflict.”
[3] “Memory in Motion: An Agent-Based Model of Trauma, Transmission, and Cleavage Formation.”
[4] “Korean Free Economic Zones (KFEZs) and Regional Unemployment: Application of Generalized Synthetic Control.” (with Raymond Kim)
[5] “Cross-National Evidence on Ideology and Physical Health Perceptions.” (with Christopher Ojeda and Victoria Davis)
[6] “Military Counterbalancing and State Repression: An Empirical Investigation.” (with Sung Min Yun and Shimaa Hanafy)

Teaching Experience	University of California, Merced	
	• Instructor of Record	
	Introduction to Comparative Politics	Summer 2026
	• Teaching Assistant	
	Advanced Analysis of Political Data (Computer Lab)	Fall 2025, Fall 2026
	Political Behavior Around the World	Spring 2025
	Introduction to American Politics	Fall 2023, Fall 2024
	Voting Behavior, Campaigns, and Elections	Spring 2024
Grants & Awards	Authoritarian Politics	Spring 2023
	Causes of International Conflict	Fall 2022
	Society for Political Methodology Travel Funding Award	2026
	PolMeth 2026: Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology	
	Nina Dolores Wack Family Fellowship , UC Merced	2026
	School of Social Science, Humanities and Arts Dean's Fellowship , UC Merced	2026
	Winter/Summer Graduate Student Research (GSR) Grant , UC Merced	2023 – 2026
	Political Science Skill Building and Research Fellowship , UC Merced	2023 – 2026
Research Experience	Grand Prize, National MENA Politics Paper Competition , Ministry of Foreign Affairs, South Korea	2021
	Excellence Award, KNDA Academic Paper Competition , Korea National Diplomatic Academy	2021
	Research Assistant, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)	
	• “Korea-MENA, Green New Deal Cooperation Plan”	2021 – 2022
Service	Research Assistant, Institute of Middle Eastern Studies, HUFs	
	• “Neo-Diaspora in the Middle East: Trans-borders and Identity Reconstruction”	2021 – 2022
	Political Science Lab Manager , University of California, Merced	2024 – 2026
	Reviewer , <i>Politics, Groups, and Identities</i>	2026 –
Conference Presentations	Reviewer , <i>Journal of Experimental Psychology</i>	2026 –
	Reviewer , <i>Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics</i>	2026 –
	[1] “Not One Story: Multiple Historical Trauma and the Politics of Remembering.” Poster presentation, <i>PolMeth 2026: Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology</i> , East Lansing, MI.	2026
	[2] “Ideology and Perceptions of Mental Health.” Co-authored presentation, <i>2026 Health Politics and Policy Conference</i> , Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.	2026
	[3] “Central Christian Themes and Political Polarization.” <i>Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)</i> , Religious Conservatism, Nationalism, and Politics Session, Chicago, IL.	2024
	[4] “Coups-Proofing and State Repression: An Empirical Analysis.” <i>Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)</i> , Political Violence, Terrorism & Resistance Session, Chicago, IL.	2023
	[5] “Israel-Middle East Relations Following Changes in U.S.-China Relations.” <i>KIEP and Associations of Area Studies (KIEP-KAAS)</i> , Busan, South Korea.	2021

Memberships	American Political Science Association	2023 –
	Midwest Political Science Association	2022 –
Work Experience	Republic of Korea Air Force	
	• Officer-in-Charge of Personnel Section (1st Lt.)	2014 – 2017
	Seoul International Aerospace & Defense Exhibition (ADEX)	
	• Arabic-English Interpreter	2017
	Hanatour Inc.	
	• Assistant Manager Government Certified Tour Guide (English)	2018 – 2020
Skills	R, Stata, Qualtrics, Python, Causal Inference, NetLogo (Agent Based Modeling), $\LaTeX$	
Languages	Korean (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Fluent), Arabic (Intermediate), Hebrew (Intermediate), Chinese-Mandarin (Basic), Spanish (Basic)	
References	Dr. Christopher Ojeda	Dr. Elaine K. Denny
	Associate Professor and Graduate Chair	Assistant Professor
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	Dr. Anil Menon	
	Assistant Professor	
	Department of Political Science	
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