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## Academic Positions

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- 2020 – 2021 *Peace Scholar Fellow*, United States Institute of Peace  
2020 – 2021 *Doctoral Research Fellow*, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict  
2019 – present *Pre-doctoral Fellow*, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School  
2016 – present *Research Fellow*, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security & Diplomacy, University of Denver

## Education

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- 2016 – present **Ph.D. Candidate**, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, U. of Denver  
*Dissertation*: “From reform to resignation: Explaining why some protest movements escalate their demands”  
*Committee*: Professor Erica Chenoweth (Chair), Professor Cullen Hendrix, Professor Julia Macdonald  
*Fields*: International Relations; Comparative Politics
- 2011 – 2013 **M.A.**, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University  
*Thesis*: “The North Korean Nuclear Negotiations: The Breakdown of the 1994 Agreed Framework and its Implications for the 2005 Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks”  
*Advisors*: Professor Eileen Babbitt & Professor Sung-Yoon Lee
- 2006 – 2010 **B.A.**, Dartmouth College  
*Majors*: Government; Psychology

## Publications and Presentations

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### **Peer-Reviewed Articles:**

- 2017 “State repression and nonviolent resistance” (with Erica Chenoweth and Evan Perkoski). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61.9: 1950-1969.

### **Policy Briefs and Select Commentary:**

- 2020 “Could Trump Unite the Nation – Against Himself?” *Political Violence at a Glance*, June 24, 2020.

2019	“This may be the largest wave of nonviolent mass movements in world history. What comes next?” (with Erica Chenoweth, Sirianne Dahlum, Zoe Marks, Christopher Wiley Shay, and Tore Wig). <i>The Washington Post – Monkey Cage</i> , November 16, 2019.
2019	“Keeping Up with the Future: Upgrading Forecasts of Political Instability and Geopolitical Risk” (with Cullen Hendrix). <i>Peterson Institute for International Economics</i> , July 2019.
<b>Presentations:</b>	
March 2020	“A Latent Dimension of Political Protest” (with Drs. Erica Chenoweth, Vito D’Orazio, Christopher Fariss, and Joseph Wright) <i>at ISA Annual Conference 2020 (Honolulu, HI) – Accepted for presentation</i>
December 2019	“Securing economic ties: assessing the extent of extended nuclear deterrence” <i>at CSIS (Washington, D.C.)</i> for the Project on Nuclear Issues
November 2019	“Asia Beyond the Headlines Seminar Series – Repercussions: The Hong Kong Protest in Context” panelist <i>at Harvard University – Asia Center (Cambridge, MA)</i>
October 2019	“Understanding North Korea’s Cyber Capabilities through its Activities in South Korea” <i>at Harvard Korea Project Meeting (Cambridge, MA)</i>
October 2019	“Securing economic ties: assessing the extent of extended nuclear deterrence” <i>at ISA ISSS-IS Conference 2019 (Denver, CO)</i>
October 2019	“From reform to resignation: Explaining why some protest movements escalate their demands” <i>at Korbel Research Seminar (Denver, CO)</i>
September 2019	“The Economic Costs of Civil Resistance” <i>at ISA-West Conference 2019 (Pasadena, CA)</i>
April 2019	“The Economic Costs of Civil Resistance” <i>at the Fourth Annual Four Corners Conflict Network 2019 Meeting (Salt Lake City, UT)</i>
March 2019	“Securing Economic Ties: Assessing the Extent of Extended Nuclear Deterrence” <i>at the Fourth Annual Deterrence and Assurance Academic Alliance Conference and Workshop (Omaha, NE)</i>
September 2017	“State repression and nonviolent resistance” (with Dr. Erica Chenoweth) <i>at the 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations (Barcelona, Spain)</i>

## Funding and Awards

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2020 – 2021	<i>United States Institute of Peace</i> , Peace Scholar Fellowship - \$20,000
2020 – 2021	<i>International Center on Nonviolent Conflict</i> , Dissertation Fellowship - \$4,800
2019 – 2020	<i>Josef Korbel School</i> , PhD research funding (internally competitive) - \$2,000
February 2019	<i>Pacific Forum</i> , Young Leaders Program award to attend “Meeting the New Challenges of Extended Deterrence Workshop” held at the Center for Global Security Research, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (competitive)

2018 – 2019	<i>Josef Korbel School, PhD methods training and research funding (internally competitive) - \$5,100</i>
2017 – 2018	<i>Josef Korbel School, PhD research funding (internally competitive) - \$1,960</i>
2016 – 2017	<i>Josef Korbel School, PhD research funding (internally competitive) - \$1,362</i>
2016 – 2017	<i>University of Denver, Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship (selected among all incoming doctoral students, university-wide) - \$4,500</i>
Spring 2012	<i>Tufts Geographic Information System (GIS) Poster Expo – Runner-up award for “Areas in North Korea most in need of Food Assistance”</i>
2011 – 2012	<i>National Chengchi University Scholarship, at Tufts University (internally competitive)</i>
Fall 2009	<i>The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy, Dartmouth College (internally competitive) - \$4,000</i>
Summer 2009	<i>John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College (internally competitive) - \$4,000</i>

## Teaching Experience

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Winter 2020	<i>Teaching Assistant, Major Issues in Human Rights, University of Denver (Dr. Jack Donnelly)</i>
Fall 2019	<i>Language Partner (Korean language instructor), Center for World Languages and Cultures, University of Denver</i>
Fall 2018	<i>Teaching Assistant, Nuclear Weapons and International Security, University of Denver (Dr. Julia Macdonald)</i>

## Research and Work Experience

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2015 – 2016	<i>Research Assistant, HarvardX and Harvard Humanitarian Initiative</i>
2014 – 2016	<i>Research Assistant, Harvard Kennedy School (Dr. Jennifer Lerner)</i>
2014 – 2015	<i>Research Officer, Joseon Institute</i>
Summer – Fall 2015	<i>Writer and Editor, Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School</i>
Spring 2014	<i>Independent Consultant, World Vision International – East Asia Regional Office</i>
Summer 2012	<i>Research Assistant, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research, Harvard University</i>
Fall 2012	<i>Research Consultant, World Food Programme Regional Bureau for Asia - Bangkok</i>
2010 – 2011	<i>Research Assistant, The Center for Emerging Market Enterprises, The Fletcher School, Tufts University</i>

Fall 2009                      *Economic and Financial Committee Intern, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations*

## **Additional Training**

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Summer 2019                      ICPSR – Summer Program on Quantitative Methods of Social Research (Applied Multilevel Models for Longitudinal and Clustered Data, and Regression Analysis for Spatial Data Workshops)

Summer 2018                      International Society of Political Psychology Summer Academy (San Antonio)

Summer 2017                      Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (Syracuse University)

Winter 2011                      Mediation Training and Practicum (The Fletcher School, Tufts University)

## **Service & Additional Information**

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### **Service**

- Reviewer, *Journal of Peace Research, Comparative Political Studies*
- Student Representative, Tenure-line Promotions Committee 2019-2020 (Josef Korbel School, University of Denver)
- Conference organizer (with Dr. John Park), “Inside the Negotiator’s World – Negotiating North Korea’s Denuclearization” at Harvard Kennedy School (September 23-24, 2019)
- Workshop organizer (with Dr. Nadim Rouhana), “Western and Non-Western Views on Conflict Resolution” at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (April 20-21, 2012)
- Mentor, Rockefeller Alumni Mentoring Program (Dartmouth College)

### **Datasets**

- *Major Episodes of Contention Dataset* (with Erica Chenoweth)

### **Languages**

- English (native), Korean (intermediate), French (limited)

### **Statistical software**

- Stata, R, ArcGIS
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