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RESEARCH INTERESTS Race in world politics, US-China relations, International relations of the Asia-Pacific, Korean security, Inter-Korea relations, Asian American politics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Harvard University
Postdoctoral Fellow, Inequality in America Initiative 2022-2024

Notre Dame International Security Center
Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow 2023-2024

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego
Ph.D., Political Science 2022
M.A., Political Science 2018

Cornell University
B.A., Government & Asian Studies 2012

BOOK PROJECT **Race in International Politics:**
[China's Rise and the Weaponization of Identity in the Asia-Pacific](#)

In my dissertation-based book project, I investigate the role race and racism play in facilitating the rise of hawkish foreign policy discourses and preferences across four key countries in Northeast Asia: the U.S., China, South Korea, and Japan. From anti-Asian racism in American society and China's historical racial resentment to surging anti-Chinese sentiment in Korea and Japan, I show that racialization – a form of dehumanization rooted in ethnocentrism – has come to define the psychological dynamics of conflicts and instability in the Asia-Pacific.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

[“The Politicization of COVID-19 and Anti-Asian Racism in the United States: An Experimental Approach”](#) *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. Accepted.

[“Race in International Relations: Beyond the ‘Norm Against Noticing’.”](#) *Annual Review of Political Science* 25: 175-96. 2022. (with Bianca Freeman and David A. Lake).

[“The Geopolitical Consequences of COVID-19: Assessing Hawkish Mass Opinion in China.”](#) *Political Science Quarterly* 136 (4): 641-65. 2021. (with Joshua Byun and Sichen Li).

WORKING PAPERS [“Reputation, Strategic Contexts, and American Credibility after the Afghanistan](#)

Withdrawal: Evidence from South Korea and China.” (with Joshua Byun and Jiyoung Ko) Under review.

“Perceived Discrimination, Anti-Chinese Sentiment, and Racial Identity among Asian Americans.” (with Taeku Lee, Jae Yeon Kim, and Joan Cho)

“Race and the Microfoundation of Security Dilemmas.” (Multi-year project with Alastair Iain Johnston)

“Anti-Asian Racial Resentment and American Opinion on China.” Under review.

“Anti-Asian Violence and the Rise of Hawkish Mass Opinion in China.” Under review.

“Yellow Peril or Model Minority? Measuring Janus-Faced Anti-Asian Racism in the United States.” (with Enze Han) Under review.

“The Chinese Exclusion Act: Implications for East Asian International Relations.” (with Enze Han) Book chapter for *East Asia in the World: Volume II*, edited by Stephan Haggard and David Kang

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Power and Perception: Neoclassical Realism and China’s Turn to Multilateralism in Post-Cold War East Asia.” *Princeton Journal of East Asian Studies*, Fall 2014

“The Politics of Asian Regionalism in Korea: Identity Politics and Its Implications for U.S.-South Korean Relations.” *Cornell International Affairs Review* 3(3), Fall 2010

SECOND BOOK PROJECT

Reimagining One Korea:

China’s Rise, U.S. Grand Strategy, and a New Regional Architecture in Asia

In this project, I plan to revisit the prospect of Korean unification within the context of (1) ongoing debates on U.S. grand strategy, (2) China’s growing efforts to integrate the region, and (3) the possibility of a new regional order emerging from the current U.S.-China rivalry. Under what conditions would both great powers and the two Koreas agree upon a framework for gradual inter-Korean integration as part of the evolving balance of power in the region? Can the proponents of America’s military restraint *vs.* primacy find a middle-ground solution on Korea, facilitating the emergence of one Korea playing a key balancing role? The project aims to contribute to the next generation of scholarship on Korean unification.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Fellowships:

Postdoctoral fellowship, Princeton University (declined)	2022
Rapoport Dissertation Grant, \$15,000	2022
APSA Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$15,000	2020
Ichimore Student Research Award \$2,000	2020
COVID-19 Rapid Grant, 21st Century China Center, \$2,000	2020
Herb York Fellowship, \$25,000	2019
Sanford Lakoff Award, \$1,729	2019, 2020
Academy of Korean Studies Summer Research Grant, \$2,000	2016

Graduate Fellowship, Georgetown University (declined) 2016
Dean's Fellowship, Columbia University (declined) 2016

Travel Grants:

APSA REP Section Support Grant, \$300 2022
21st Century China Center, \$900 2022
APSA Travel Grant, \$225 2019, 2022
Graduate Student Association, UCSD, \$500 2019
Department of Political Science, UCSD, \$300 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION American Political Science Association 2019, 2020*, 2021, 2022*
Midwest Political Science Association 2019, 2020*, 2021, 2022
International Studies Association 2021, 2023*
Western Political Science Association 2021
Peace Science Society International 2020
Pacific International Politics Conference 2017, 2020, 2023
Asian Politics Online Seminar Series 2021
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium 2021
Association of Asian Studies 2022
New Directions in Chinese Survey Research Conference 2022
*organized a panel

INVITED TALKS

“Race, Grand Strategy, and American Opinion on China,” Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy Conference, Notre Dame International Security Center, May 24-26, 2023

“Race, Grand Strategy, and American Opinion on China,” Conference on Race and International Relations, Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame, March 31, 2023

“Race in World Politics,” Guest Lecture for Race in International Relations, University of Notre Dame, November 14, 2022

“The Chinese Exclusion Act,” Workshop on East Asia in the World Vol II, University of Southern California, September 9, 2022 (with Enze Han)

“How Is COVID-19 Impacting U.S.-China Competition?” United States Institute of Peace - Academy of Political Science Joint Webinar, February 16, 2022 (with Joshua Byun and Sichen Li)

“Foreign Policy Revisionism in the Era of COVID-19: Theory and Evidence from Chinese Public Opinion,” China Research Workshop, 21st Century China Center, UC San Diego, April 23, 2021 (with Joshua Byun and Sichen Li)

“Race in International Relations,” Pacific Forum, January 18, 2021 (with Bianca Freeman)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE *Reviewer:*

American Journal of Political Science, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Chinese Journal of International Politics,

International Relations of the Asia Pacific, Japanese Journal of Political Science

LANGUAGE & SKILLS English, Korean (native), R, STATA, SPSS, Python, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics

TEACHING (UCSD) *Teaching Assistant:*
Introduction to Quantitative Analysis (in STATA, SPSS) Fall 2021, Winter 2022
Data Analytics (in R) Summer 2021
Race & Ethnicity in American Politics Summer 2021
Perspectives on Race Summer 2020
U.S. Foreign Policy Winter 2019, Winter 2020, Fall 2020
Introduction to International Relations Spring 2019
International Relations of the Asia-Pacific (Undergraduate) Spring 2019
International Relations of the Asia-Pacific (Graduate) Fall 2018
International Organization Winter 2018

Undergraduate Advising:

[Research Apprenticeship Program:](#)

Whyong Shin, Grant Kim, Cynthia Leung, Xinchun Zhang

[Summer Training Academy for Research Success:](#)

Francesca Bentley, Naquisha Marine

MILITARY SERVICE *Intelligence Officer, 1st Lieutenant* 2012-2016
Republic of Korea Air Force

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