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## EMPLOYMENT

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### **Tufts University, The Fletcher School**

- Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2023—present
- Kim Koo Chair in Korean Studies, 2023—present

### **University of Missouri**

- Assistant Professor of Political Science, Truman School of Government & Public Affairs, 2019-2023
- Co-Director, Institute for Korean Studies, 2020-2023

### **New York University**

- Provost Postdoctoral Fellow & Visiting Scholar, Wagner School of Public Service, 2015-2019

## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

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### **Columbia University, Weatherhead East Asian Institute**

- Adjunct Associate Research Scholar, 2023—present

## EDUCATION

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**Princeton University**, Ph.D. and M.A. in Politics, 2015

**Harvard University**, M.P.P., Kennedy School of Government, 2009

**Stanford University**, B.A. *with honors* in Communication and English, 2007

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Comparative and international politics, nationalism and democracy, migration and citizenship, mixed-method casual inference, Korean and East Asian politics

## RESEARCH

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### BOOKS

#### **[Narratives of Civic Duty: How National Stories Shape Democracy in Asia](#)** (2022)

Cornell University Press | Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia

- Winner, 2023 [Robert A. Dahl Award](#) for “scholarship of highest quality on the subject of democracy,” American Political Science Association
- Short List, 2023 [Luebbert Book Award](#) for best book in Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association
- Reviewed in *Political Science Quarterly*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Politics Today*, *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies*, *Korean Studies*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *APSA Democracy and Autocracy Newsletter*
- Featured in [New Books Network](#), [Korean Kontext Podcast](#), [The Korea Society](#)

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Aram Hur and Andrew Yeo, “[Democratic Ceilings: The Long Shadow of Nationalist Polarization in East Asia](#),” *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 57 no. 4 (2024): 584-612.
- Aram Hur, “[Migrant Integration and the Psychology of National Belonging](#),” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* vol. 49 no. 13 (2023), 3245-3266.
- Aram Hur, “[Citizen Duty and the Ethical Power of Communities: Mixed-Method Evidence from East Asia](#),” *British Journal of Political Science* vol. 50 no. 3 (2020), 1047-1065.
- Aram Hur, “[Refugee Perceptions toward Democratic Citizenship: A Narrative Analysis of North Koreans](#),” *Comparative Politics* vol. 52 no. 3 (2020), 473-493.
- Aram Hur, “[Adapting to Democracy: National Identity and the Political Development of North Korean Defectors](#),” *Journal of East Asian Studies* vol. 18 no. 1 (2018), 97-115.
- Aram Hur, “[Is there an Intrinsic Duty to Vote? Comparative Evidence from East and West Germans](#),” *Electoral Studies* vol. 45 (2017), 55-62.
- Aram Hur and Christopher H. Achen, “[Coding Voter Turnout Responses in the Current Population Survey](#),” *Public Opinion Quarterly* vol. 77 no. 4 (2013), 985-993.
- Aram Hur and Christopher H. Achen, “[Civic Duty and Turnout in Japan and South Korea](#),” *Korean Election Studies* vol. 1 no. 2 (2011), 45-68. [Korean Version](#).

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- Aram Hur, “Uses and Misuses of Nationalism in the Democratic Politics of Korea,” *South Korea’s Democracy in Crisis: The Threats of Illiberalism, Populism, and Polarization*, Gi-Wook Shin and Ho-Ki Kim eds., (Stanford: Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, 2022), 51-80.
- Aram Hur, “North Korea’s Sharp Power and the Divide Over Korean Identities,” *Joint U.S.-Korea Academic Studies* vol. 30 (2019), 181-198.

## BOOK REVIEWS

- Aram Hur, “Memories of Unbelonging: Ethnic Chinese Identity Politics in Post-Suharto Indonesia. By Charlotte Setijadi. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2023. 296p. Hardback.” *APSA Democracy & Autocracy Newsletter* vol. 22 no. 1 (2024), 25-28.
- Aram Hur, “Stateness and Democracy in East Asia. Edited by Aurel Croissant and Olli Hellmann. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020. 286pp. 29.99 paper.” *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 21 no. 1 (2023), 391-392.
- Aram Hur, “Pride, Not Prejudice: National Identity as a Pacifying Force in East Asia. By Eunbin Chung. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2022.” *H-Diplo | RJISSF Roundtable Review* 14-14. March 6, 2023, 9-13.
- Aram Hur, “Change and Continuity in North Korean Politics. Edited by Adam Cathcart, Robert Winstanley-Chesters, and Christopher Green. New York: Routledge, 2017. 153 pp. 145.00 cloth.” *Pacific Affairs* vol. 91 no. 4 (2018), 821-824.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *The Stories We Tell: Nation-Building in the Era of Migration*, Book Project
- “Narratives of Inclusion: National Stories and Migrant Integration” with Gidong Kim (Stanford)
- “What’s Liberal about East Asia’s Liberal Democracies?” with Joan Cho (Wesleyan University)
- “Democratic Exclusion: Understanding Nativist Backlash in East Asia,” with Jae Yeon Kim (Johns Hopkins/Harvard) and Taeku Lee (Harvard)
- “What’s Fair? Generational Class Consciousness in South Korea,” with Gidong Kim (Stanford)
- “The Nationalist Roots of Illiberal Democracies”
- “Mere Area Studies”

## MEDIA & OTHER WRITINGS

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- “Young South Koreans Don’t Trust a State That Betrays Them,” *Foreign Policy*, November 17, 2022.
- “South Korea’s Demographic Crisis is Challenging Its National Story,” Compendium on Demographics and the Future of South Korea, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, 2021.
- “Why Taiwan’s Humanitarian Assistance to Hong Kong Matters,” with Sheena Greitens, *Foreign Policy*, July 2, 2020.
- “The next ‘Korea problem’ may be about the growing identity divide on the peninsula,” *The Monkey Cage*, *Washington Post*, February 21, 2018.

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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- Fine Faculty Fellowship, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, 2024-25
- Robert A. Dahl Award for “scholarship of highest quality on the subject of democracy,” American Political Science Association, 2023
- Gold Chalk Award for Teaching, Social Science Division, University of Missouri, 2023
- Korea Foundation, Next Generation Research Program Grant, \$35,000, 2022-23
- The Korea Society, Sherman Emerging Scholar Award, 2021
- U.S.-Korea NextGen Scholar, CSIS Korea Chair and USC Korean Studies, 2018-19
- NYU Wagner School of Public Service, Student Research Collaborative Grant (with Tony Bertelli), 2016
- Harvard University, The Korea Institute, Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2015-16 (declined)
- Vanderbilt University, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2015-16 (declined)
- Princeton Institute of International and Regional Studies Dissertation Fellowship, 2014-15
- Mamdouha Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Research Grants, 2011-13
- Princeton Institute of International and Regional Studies, Research Grant, 2012
- Princeton East Asian Studies Department, Research Grant, 2012
- Harvard Kennedy School, Shorenstein Center Scholarship, 2007-09 (full graduate tuition)
- Kwanjeong Foundation National Scholarship, South Korea, 2003-07 (full undergraduate tuition)

## INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCES

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### AY 2024-25

- Georgetown University, CP-IR Mortara Research Seminar, February 24, 2025 (scheduled)
- Harvard University, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, “New Party Politics of East Asia,” December 2, 2024 (scheduled)
- University of Michigan, Nam Center for Korean Studies, Perspectives on Contemporary Korea Conference, November 8-9, 2024 (scheduled)
- Boston University, Center for the Study of Asia, October 24, 2024 (scheduled)
- University of Toronto, Comparative Politics Seminar, October 4, 2024 (scheduled)

### AY 2023-24

- KFAS-Stanford Sustainable Democracy Roundtable II, Seoul, South Korea, June 19-21, 2024

- Oxford University, Blavatnik School, Workshop on Changing National Narratives, May 20-21, 2024
- Arizona State University, Special Lecture for the School of International Cultures and Lectures, April 4, 2024 (virtual)
- Boston University, Comparative Politics Workshop, March 27, 2024
- University of Pennsylvania, Christopher Browne Center for International Politics, Discourse as Power Conference, March 7-8, 2024
- The Korea Society, Book talk on *Narratives of Civic Duty*, October 13, 2023
- KFAS-Stanford Sustainable Democracy Roundtable I, Stanford, CA, August 28-30, 2023
- UT-Austin, Asia Policy Program, Book talk on *Narratives of Civic Duty*, August 24, 2023 (virtual)

#### AY 2022-23

- NYU, Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia (FEREA), May 19-20, 2023
- Columbia University, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Book talk on *Narratives of Civic Duty* moderated by Andrew J. Nathan, April 25, 2023
- University of Michigan, Center for Japanese Studies, Aging in Asia Conference, March 2-3, 2023
- Johns Hopkins University, Center for East Asian Studies, Book talk on *Narratives of Civic Duty*, February 28, 2023
- Stanford University, The Hoover Project on Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region, Book talk on *Narratives of Civic Duty*, January 26, 2023
- The Korea Society, “South Korea’s Demographic Challenge,” January 12, 2023
- UT-Austin, Center for Taiwan Studies, Innovations in the Study of Taiwan Politics, “Democratic Ceilings in East Asia”

#### AY 2021-22

- University of Michigan, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, Roundtable on Democratic Ceilings, “Democratic Ceilings in East Asia”
- The Korea Society, Kim Koo Professional Series, Invited Speaker on “Dynamics of South Korea’s Democracy and Drivers Impacting Governance”
- Association for the Study of Nationalities, Roundtable on “Nationalism: What We Know and What We Still Need to Know”
- Ethnic Goods Workshop on Consequences of Nationalism, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), “Narratives of Civic Duty: How Nationalism Shapes Democracy”
- University of Pennsylvania, Penn Development Research Initiative (PDRI), Barriers and Bridges to Immigrants’ Integration Conference, “National Belonging and Limits to Civic Integration”
- The Korea Society, The Sherman Family Emerging Scholar Lecture, “Korea’s Changing National Story and Democratic Future”
- University of Pennsylvania, Center for East Asian Studies, “Democratic Ceilings in East Asia”
- Stanford University, Shorenstein APARC, “Are South Korean Liberals Truly Liberal?”

#### AY 2020-21

- Stanford University, Shorenstein APARC, “Is Korean Democracy in Crisis?”
- UCSD School of Global Policy and Strategy, Korea-Pacific Program, “National Belonging and Civic Integration: Evidence from North Korean Refugees”
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, “The U.S.-South Korea Alliance and East Asia”
- National Committee on North Korea (NCKN), Emerging Scholars Series, “North Korean Refugees as Democratic Citizens in South Korea”

#### AY 2019-20

- University of Southern California, Center for International Studies, Working Paper Series, “How Refugees Define Successful Integration and Why It Matters: Evidence from Korea”
- University of Pennsylvania, Identity & Conflict Lab, Immigration: Research Frontiers and Policy Challenges Conference, “How Refugees Define Successful Integration and Why It Matters: Evidence from Korea”
- Korea Economic Institute, Sharp Power and Value Diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific ISA panel, “North Korea’s Sharp Power and the Divide Over Korean Identities”

#### AY 2018-19

- George Washington University, Institute for Korean Studies, The Evolution of Rights in Korea Conference, “Refugee Perceptions toward Democratic Citizenship: A Narrative Analysis of North Koreans”
- NYU, Liberal Studies, “North Korea: What Happens Next”
- Temple University, Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies, “The Next Korea Problem: Identity Politics and the Peninsula”

#### AY 2017-18

- Wesleyan University, The Catalyst Workshop on Policymaking in East Asia, “Refugee Perceptions toward Democratic Citizenship: A Narrative Analysis of North Koreans”
- UCSD School of Global Policy and Strategy, North Korea Workshop, “Refugee Perceptions toward Democratic Citizenship: A Narrative Analysis of North Koreans”

#### AY 2015-16

- Brown University, Watson Institute for International Studies, “A Communal Duty Model of Citizen Compliance”

#### AY 2012-2013

- McGill-Princeton University Voter Turnout Workshop, “Coding Voter Turnout Responses in the Current Population Survey,” with Christopher Achen
- Asian Election Studies International Conference in Daejeon, South Korea, “Civic Duty and Turnout in Japan and South Korea,” with Christopher Achen
- International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan

### POLICY & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Expert panelist, “The Present and Future of Feminism and Gender Inequality in South Korea,” Carnegie Endowment, August 2024.
- Expert panelist, “Next Decade for South Korea” Council on Foreign Relations, May 3, 2024.
- Consultant, U.S. Department of State, ROK’s Demographic Crisis, October 2023.
- Invited U.S.-based expert, Sustainable Democracy Roundtable Series, Stanford University-Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies, August 2023 (Part I) and June 2024 (Part II)
- [“Democracy and Duty in Korea,”](#) Korean Kontext Podcast, *Korea Economic Institute*, April 2023.
- [“Narratives of Civic Duty: How National Stories Shape Democracy in Asia,”](#) *New Books Network* Podcast, March 3, 2023.
- Expert panelist, [“South Korea’s Demographic Challenge,”](#) *The Korea Society*, January 12, 2023.
- [“Korea’s Changing National Story and Democratic Future,”](#) *The Korea Society*, The Sherman Family Emerging Scholar Public Lecture, May 6, 2021.

- “Episode 3: The Upside of Nationalism,” *Scope Conditions* Podcast, 2020.

## TEACHING

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### COURSES

The Fletcher School, Tufts University

- *Nationalism*
- *Identity Politics of East Asia*
- *Challenges to Democracy in East Asia*
- *Qualitative and Mixed-Methods*

University of Missouri

- *Nationalism and Democracy*, Undergraduate
- *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, PhD seminar
- *Research Design and Qualitative Methods*, PhD seminar
- *Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict*, PhD seminar
- *Public Service and Democracy*, MPA
- *The Public and Policy Change*, MPA

NYU

- *Policy Formation and Policy Analysis*, MPA
- *Capstone: Advanced Research Projects in Applied Research*, MPA
- *Political Participation and Policy*

### ADVISING

PhD (\*indicates Chair or Co-Chair)

#### *Completed*

- Kouakou Donatien Adou, University of Missouri, *Africa Fellow, The World Bank*
- Eun A Jo, Cornell University, *Postdoctoral Fellow at Dartmouth College, incoming Assistant Professor at William & Mary*
- Gidong Kim\*, University of Missouri, *Postdoctoral Fellow at Stanford University*
- Yu Bin Kim, University of Missouri, *Assistant Professor at Knox College*

#### *In progress*

- Kenneth Hills\*, The Fletcher School
- Aryanna Hyde, University of Missouri

Fletcher MALD Capstones

AY 2023-25

- Rosie Soto, “South Korea’s Demographic Crisis: Mitigating Low Birth Rate and Related Issues”
- John Cho
- Soli Byrd

AY 2024-26

- Da Sol Jeong
- Armaan Mathur
- Syed Faizan

## SERVICE

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### The Fletcher School

- Admissions Committee, AY 2024-25
- Launch of the Fletcher Asia Forum

### University of Missouri

- Co-Director, Institute for Korean Studies, AY 2020-23  
During my co-directorship, we significantly revamped the Institute. I procured external institutional funding of \$35K from The Korea Foundation in 2022 and significantly increased internal support from Arts & Sciences. We launched the Undergraduate and Graduate Fellows programs, hosted the inaugural Annual Research Symposium, and established a recurrent international partnership with the Yun Posun Institute for Democracy in South Korea.
- Faculty Annual Review Committee, Truman School, AY 2022-23
- Political Science-Truman School Merger Committee, AY 2020-21
- Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, AY 2019-21  
Initiated an opt-in syllabus review process as part of efforts to address declining major enrollment among minority students
- International Initiatives Committee, Truman School, AY2019-21

### Discipline

- Conference Organizer  
“New Identity Politics of Korea,” Institute for Korea Studies, University of Missouri, April 12, 2023
- Panel Organizer or Chair  
APSA 2023, “New Security in Korea”  
APSA 2022, “Democratic Ceilings: The Curious Stability of Low-Quality Democracies,” with Gerry Munck (USC)  
APSA 2020, “Nationalist Politics in Asia”  
AAS 2020, “Inequalities in East Asian Democracies,” with Sara Newland (Smith College)  
AAS 2018, “After Defection: Identity Politics of Integrating North Korean Refugees”  
MPSA 2016, “Drivers of Democratic Change,” with Joan Cho (Wesleyan University)
- Invited discussant  
2024 Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes  
2023 NYU Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia  
APSA Mini-Conference on Asian Political History  
Korean Political Studies Colloquium (virtual workshop for emerging scholars)



- Editorial Board Member, *Asian Survey*, 2021—present
- Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *World Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Asian Survey*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Migration Review*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Korea Journal*, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Korean Studies*, *Citizenship Studies*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Korea Observer*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Social Sciences*, *H-diplo*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Asian Politics and Policy*

## OTHER

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Member: APSA, Association for Asian Studies, Association of Korean Political Studies

Citizenship: United States (as of March 16, 2018)

Languages: Korean (native)

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