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Academic Positions

University of Missouri

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

New York University

- Visiting Scholar, Wagner School of Public Service, 2018-2019
- Provost Postdoctoral Fellow, 2015-2018

Education

Princeton University, Ph.D. in Politics, 2015

Committee: Christopher Achen, Mark Beissinger, Evan Lieberman, Robert Wuthnow

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

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

Research & Teaching Interests

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

Book

[Narratives of Civic Duty: How National Stories Shape Democracy in Asia](#) (Forthcoming 2022)
Cornell University Press; Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University

In *Narratives of Civic Duty*, Aram Hur investigates the impulse behind a sense of civic duty in democracies. Why do some citizens feel a responsibility to vote, pay taxes, or take up arms in defense of one's country? Through comparing democratic societies in East Asia and elsewhere, Hur shows that the sense of obligation to be a good citizen—upon which the resilience of a democracy depends—emerges from a force long thought to be detrimental to democracy itself: national attachments.

Publications

Journal articles

- “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.

- “Refugee Perceptions toward Democratic Citizenship: A Narrative Analysis of North Koreans,” *Comparative Politics* vol. 52 no. 3 (2020), 473-493.
- “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.
- “Is there an Intrinsic Duty to Vote? Comparative Evidence from East and West Germans,” *Electoral Studies* vol. 45 (2017), 55-62.
- “Coding Voter Turnout Responses in the Current Population Survey,” with Christopher Achen, *Public Opinion Quarterly* vol. 77 no. 4 (2013), 985-993.
- “Civic Duty and Turnout in Japan and South Korea,” with Christopher Achen, *Korean Election Studies* vol. 1 no. 2, 45-68.

Book chapters

- “Uses and Misuses of Nationalism in the Democratic Politics of Korea,” in *South Korea’s Democracy in Crisis: The Threats of Illiberalism, Populism, and Polarization*. Gi-Wook Shin and Ho-Ki Kim, eds., (Stanford: Shorenstein APARC Series, 2022).
- “North Korea’s Sharp Power and the Divide Over Korean Identities,” *Joint U.S.-Korea Academic Studies* vol. 30, (Korea Economic Institute, 2019).

Book reviews

- Review of Eunbin Chung, *Pride, Not Prejudice: National Identity as a Pacifying Force in East Asia*, (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2022). *H-Diplo Roundtable*, forthcoming.
- Review of Adam Cathcart, Robert Winstanley-Chesters, and Christopher Green, eds., *Change and Continuity in North Korean Politics*, (New York: Routledge, 2017). *Pacific Affairs* vol. 91 no. 4 (2018), 821-823.

Policy/Media

- [“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.
- [“Episode 3: The Upside of Nationalism.”](#) *Scope Conditions* Podcast, 2020.
- [“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.

Works in Progress

- “Migrant Integration and the Psychology of National Belonging,” *R&R*
- “Democratic Ceilings in East Asia: The Long Shadow of Nationalist Polarization,” with Andrew Yeon, *R&R*
- “How National Narratives Change,” with Gidong Kim
- “Democratic Exclusion: Understanding Nativist Backlash in Democracies,” with Jae Yeon Kim

Grants, Fellowships, Awards

- 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 [\$12,100], 2011-13
- Princeton Institute of International and Regional Studies, Research Grant [\$1,500], 2012
- Princeton East Asian Studies Department, Research Grant [\$2,000], 2012
- Harvard Kennedy School, Shorenstein Center Scholar, 2007-09 (full graduate tuition)
- Kwanjeong Foundation National Scholar, South Korea, 2003-07 (full undergraduate tuition)

Invited Talks

2021-22

- University of Michigan, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, Roundtable on Democratic Ceilings, “Democratic Ceilings in East Asia: The Long Shadow of Nationalist Polarization”
- Association for the Study of Nationalities, Roundtable on Harris Mylonas and Maya Tudor, “Nationalism: What We Know and What We Still Need to Know,” *Annual Review of Political Science*
- ETHNIC GOODS Workshop on Consequences of Nationalism, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), “Narratives of Civic Duty: How National Stories Shape 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, 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: The Long Shadow of Nationalist Polarization”
- Stanford University, Shorenstein APARC, “Are South Korean Liberals Truly Liberal?”

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 (NCNK), Emerging Scholars Series, “North Korean Refugees as Democratic Citizens in South Korea”

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”

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”

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”

2015-16

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

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, 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

Teaching

University of Missouri, Truman School of Government & Public Affairs

- *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, Wagner School of Public Service

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

Service

To the University of Missouri

- Co-director, Institute for Korean Studies (IKS), 2020—present
 - Launched Undergraduate & Graduate Fellows Programs and Annual Symposium
- Organizer, Joint Conference with TSGPA/IKS & Yun Posun Institute of South Korea
- Faculty Annual Review Committee, TSGPA, 2022-23
- Political Science-TSPA Merger Committee, 2020-21
- Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2019-21
- International Initiatives Committee, TSPA, 2019-21

To the Discipline

- Panel Organizer
 - “Democratic Ceilings: The Curious Stability of Low-Quality Democracies,” APSA 2022
 - “Nationalist Politics in Asia,” APSA 2020
 - “Inequalities in East Asian Democracies,” with Sara Newland, AAS 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
 - “After Defection: Identity Politics of Integrating North Korean Refugees,” AAS 2018
 - “Drivers of Democratic Change,” with Joan Cho, MPSA 2016
- 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*
- Member of APSA, ISA, Association for Asian Studies

Other

- Citizenship: United States (March 16, 2018)
- Languages: Korean (native)

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