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Education

Ph.D. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

August 2020 - Present

Major in History (African history)

B.A. Sogang University

March 2013 – February 2020

Major in French Culture / Major in Political Science

Research Interest

French West and Sub-Saharan Africa, modern Africa, Colonialism, Decolonization, Post-colonialism, Imperialism, Foreign Aid, International Organizations (especially La Francophonie, Commonwealth and African Union), International NGOs, War and Conflict, Refugees, Women's Representation in African politics

Work Experience

Research Assistant for Professor Kyu Hyun Kim, Associate Professor of Japanese and Korean History, Department of History, University of California, Davis

September 2019 – Present

- Assisting the professor with his conference preparation, reviewing manuscript, making presentation material, finding research materials, and providing related opinions.
- Participating in the post-colonialism seminar

Africa Future Foundation in Malawi

February – May 2017

- Project manager for education team / Research fellow
- Gathering education-related data such as standardized test scores and student attendance rate of primary schools in Chimutu, Lilongwe
- Operating NGO programs such as question-setting for school examinations, chalkboard improvement project, afterschool tutoring, and scholarship

Korean General Social Survey (Survey Research Center, Sungkyunkwan University)

June – September 2016

- Field interviewer / Data collector
- Collecting survey data from randomly selected households

Department of French Culture, Sogang University

March – August 2016

- Administrative assistant
- Assisting the professors, searching research materials, and preparing audiovisual equipment for French literature courses

The 20th Election of National Assembly Exit Poll

April 2016

- Team leader
- Recruiting team members and gathering exit poll data at a polling station

Bookpot Publishing Company

March 2016 - October 2017

- Article archive journalist
- Writing reviews about articles and dissertations published in the field of humanity, literature, social science, regional studies

The 18th Presidential Election in Republic of Korea

December 2012

- Vote counter
- Counting votes with observers attending

Designseol Character Design Company

July 2012 – February 2013

- Marketing manager for English/French-speaking countries
- Translating and interpreting English–Korean documents, contacting potential customers, and organizing contract meetings

Award for Thesis

Hyewon Hong, "The Necessity for the Expansion of Applicability on Geneva Convention Additional Protocol II and the Legal Basis for ICRC Field Activities: Focusing on the Characteristics of Decentralized Non-State Armed Groups and Community-Embedded Armed Groups," 2018.

- Grand prize
- Korean Red Cross International humanitarian law thesis contest

Hyewon Hong, "The Role of International Law to Solve the Dispute on Transboundary Air Pollution: Development from Litigation and Agreement to International Environmental Governance," 2018.

- 3rd rank prize,
- International law thesis contest hosted by the Ministry of foreign affairs of the Republic of Korea and Korean Society of International Law

Extracurricular Activity

International Refugee Service pNan

January 2019 – Present

- Volunteer activist in Intake-Protection-Development team
- English/French/Korean interpreter and Francophonie nation researcher
- Researching on the political situation in Francophone Africa, interviewing newly coming refugees, escorting refugee patients to the hospitals, helping refugees write application forms

Model African Union November 2018

- Rwandan delegate
- Visiting the Rwanda embassy in Korea, writing national statement and AU assembly decision

French-Korean Language/Culture Exchange Program

March – June 2018

• Organizing events and meetings and writing activity and accounting report

Sogang University Xavier Volunteer Program (Cambodia)

January 2016

- Volunteer student
- Teaching Cambodian students and cultivating the wasteland in a Jesuit school for the disabled

Sogang University Korean Language Education Center

December 2014 – February 2015

- Volunteer student
- Assisting a Slovenian student with Korean language studying

France University of Bordeaux Montaigne Language Program

June – July 2015

- Département d'Études de Français Langue Étrangère student
- Studying French language and culture

Sogang University Xavier Volunteer Program (Philippines)

July 2014

- Volunteer student
- Building a house, assisting disaster recovery activity, and assisting the caregivers in the orphanage and nursing home

Scholarship

| University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign History Fellowship | August 2020 – May 2021 |
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| University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign University Fellowship | August 2020 – May 2021 |
| Korean Government Scholarship (not accepted) | August 2020 |
| Sogang University Specialized Project Scholarship (for student activity) | May – July 2018 |

| Sogang University Academic Improvement Scholarship(A) | March 2018 |
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| Sogang University Specialized Project Scholarship (for overseas study) | August 2015 |
| Sogang University Academic Scholarship (AA) | March 2014 |

Language Ability

| English | TOEFL iBT | 108/120 | July 2019 |
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| French | DELF B2 | 61/100 | November 2018 |
| Arabic | College Scholastic Ability Test (Korea) | 50/50 | December 2012 |

^{*} Fluent in Korean (Native)