Do Young Gong

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Ph.D. Candidate

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Urbana, IL

Ph.D. in Political Science

May 2026 (expected)

- Dissertation: Bullets to Bargains: The Impact of Wartime Coup Attempts on Civil War Management and Resolution
- Committee: Alyssa Prorok (Chair), Paul Diehl, Rob Carroll, Wendy K. Tam

M.S. in Applied Statistics

May 2025 (expected)

Ewha W. University

Seoul, Korea

M.A. in Political Science and International Relations

August 2018

B.A. in English Language and Literature, Political Science

August 2016

- Exchange Program at Centenary University (NJ)
- Intensive Language Program in Chinese at Liaoning Normal University (Liaoning, China)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Violence (Civil Wars, Coups, Protests), Conflict Management & Resolution, Political Economy of Violence, Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Text Analysis

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Gong, Do Young., Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon., Shen, Shuyuan., and Yang, Yujeong. 2024. "Money Backfires: How Chinese Investment Fuels Anti-China Protests Abroad." World Development 178: 106566. (Equal contribution)
- 2. Yang, Yujeong., Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon., Shen, Shuyuan., and Gong, Do Young. 2023. "Kill Protests with Kindness: Anti-China Protests and China's Public Diplomacy." *International Studies Quarterly* 67 (4): sqad087.
- 3. Kim, Kyung Woo, Lyu, Hyeon-Suk., & Gong, Do Young. (2020). "Weeding out False Information in Disasters and Emergencies: Information Recipients' Competency." *International Review of Public Administration*, 25(4), 261-278.

Working Papers

- 1. "Peace Under the Influence? The Role of Illicit Drug Economies in Peace Processes and Rebel Splintering." (with Myung Jung Kim) (R&R, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*)
- 2. "Bullets to Bargains: Wartime Coup Attempts and Civil War Management and Resolution." (under review)
- 3. "Time Matters: The Impact of DDR Implementation on Non-State Conflicts." (with Jaeseok Cho)
- 4. "Failed Coup Attempts and Fading FDI in the Extractive Sector." (with Seung-Uk Huh)
- 5. "Play it Again?: Mandates and Missions in Successor UN Peace Operations." (with Paul Diehl)

Research experience

University of Illinois | Research Assistant

Project on Successor Operations in Peacekeeping

• PI: Paul Diehl (University of Illinois)

Urbana, IL Jan 2025 - Aug 2025

University of Illinois | Research Assistant

Urbana, IL

Project on Cooperation in Multi-Dyadic Civil Wars

Jan 2023 - Present

• PIs: Prof. Alyssa Prorok (University of Illinois), Prof. Elizabeth Menninga (University of Iowa)

The Korea Institute of Public Administration | Assistant Researcher Seoul, Korea Jan 2019 - Jun 2020

• Project on Enhancing the Reliability of Disaster Safety Information and Risk Communication

The Sejong Institute | Research Assistant

Pangyo, Korea

Oct - Dec 2018

 The East Asian Railroad Community Initiative for 2018 Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Forum and Intergovernmental Meeting

Ewha Research Institute for Social Science | Research Assistant

Seoul, Korea 2017 - 2018

• Project on Sino-American Relations and Globalization

Political Science at Ewha W. University | Research Assistant

Seoul, Korea

2016 - 2017

 Project on Korean and Japanese Students' Perceptions of Historical Issues in East Asia, Funded by Seoul National University Law School

Ewha Institute for the Humanities | Research Assistant

Seoul, Korea

2016 - 2017

• Projects on Posthumanism

The Korea Society | Administrative Staff

New York City, NY

2014 - 2015

Research Projects and Lecture Series in Korean Studies

China Women's Development Foundation | Intern

Beijing, China

2013

• Programs on China's Development Initiatives in Western China

CONFERENCE PRESENTA- TIONS AND INVITED TALKS	"Time Matters: The Impact of DDR Implementation on Non-State Conflicts." (with Jaeseok Cho)
	MPSA 2025; ISA-Midwest 2024; Junior IO Workshop 2024
	"Bullets to Bargains: The Impact of Wartime Coup Attempts on Civil War Management and Resolution."
	APSA 2025 (Expected); Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies (University of Illinois) 2024; ISA 2024
	"Violence Begets Peace? Failed Coup Attempts and Civil War Peace Processes."
	ISA 2024; ISA-Midwest 2023
	"Failed Coup Attempts and Fading FDI in the Extractive Sector." (with Seung-Uk Huh) ISA 2025; GSIPE 2024; MPSA 2024
	"Peace Under the Influence? The Role of Illicit Drug Economies in Peace Processes and Rebel Splintering." (with Myung Jung Kim)
	MPSA 2024; MPSA 2023
	"The Politicization of Chinese Investment: Electoral Competition and Anti-China Protests in Central Asia and Africa." (with Shuyuan Shen)
	MPSA 2022
FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	Cline Center Schroeder Summer Graduate Fellowship (\$7000) University of Illinois 2025
	Arms Control & Domestic and International Security Fellowship (\$6000)
	University of Illinois 2022
	East Asia Institute Fellowship Program East Asia Institute 2018 - 2019
	ASAN Academy A Fully Funded Education Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics ASAN Institute for Policy Studies 2013
	Graduate Scholarship (\$7000)
	Korea Student Aid Foundation 2017

Awards and Honors	APSA Conflict Processes Section Travel Grant APSA	2025
	Travel Grant & Pay-It-Forward ISA	2025
	Travel Grant & Pay-It-Forward ISA-Midwest	2023, 2024
	Graduate Student Travel Grant Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies, University of Illinois	2024
	Travel Grant Department of Political Science, University of Illinois	2021 - 2025
	Harrell Rodgers Travel Scholarship MPSA	2024
	Best Dissertation Award Ewha W. University	2018
	Travel Grant Ewha W. University	2017
	Dean's List Ewha W. University	2011, 2015
Teaching experience	Independent Instructor East Asian Political System (Online) Central Michigan University Quantitative Research Design in Political Science University of Illinois Ordinary Least Squares in R University of Illinois	Spring 2025, 2026 Math Camp 2025 th Camp 2023, 2024
	Teaching Assistant The New Middle East (Prof. Avital Livny) University of Illinois Comparative Politics in Developing Nations (Prof. Avital Livny) Universit American Foreign Policy (Prof. Nicholas Grossman) University of Illinois Law and Representation (Prof. Wendy K. Tam) University of Illinois	Spring 2022 y of Illinois Fall 2021 Fall 2022 Fall 2020
Mentoring experience	University of Illinois Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program Departmental program for first-year Ph.D. students	Urbana, IL Fall 2023 - present Fall 2023 - present
	Ewha W. University Undergraduate Career Mentoring Program Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program	Seoul, Korea Spring 2018 Spring 2018
Courses prepared to teach	Introduction to International Relations, Political Violence, Civil War, Conflict Management and Resolution, Peace Studies, East Asian Politics, Middle East Politics, Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences, R programming for Social Science Research, Causal Inference, Mixed Methods Research, Survival Analysis	

Skills	Languages: Korean (Native), English (Fluent), Chinese (Fluent, Olvanced, JLPT 1) Programming: R, Python, SPSS, Stata, ETEX	ld HSK Level 6), Japanese (Ad-
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Teaching University of Illinois	Urbana, IL
	Department of Political Science Political Science Seminar Series on Pedagogy (Prof. Paul Diehl)	Spring 2023
	Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning	
	Teaching in the Hybrid Classroom Certificate	2025
	Graduate Teacher Certificate	2024
	Graduate Mentoring Certificate	2024
	Methods Syracuse University	Syracuse, NY
	The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQM	MR) Summer 2025
	Admitted with full coverage for participation fee, stipend, and accommodation	
Service	Junior IO Scholars Workshop Organizing Member Math Camp Political Science (University of Illinois)	Fall 2024 - present
	• Chair	Fall 2024 - Summer 2025
	• Committee	Fall 2022 - Summer 2023

Culture Committee | Political Science (University of Illinois) Fall 2021 - Spring 2024

PROFESSIONAL American Political Science Association
MEMBERSHIP Midwest Political Science Association
International Studies Association

REFERENCES Alyssa K. Prorok

Associate Head for Undergraduate Programs, Associate Professor University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign aprorok@illinois.edu

Paul F. Diehl

Henning Larsen Professor Emeritus of Political Science University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Ashbel Smith Professor Emeritus of Political Science University of Texas Dallas pdiehl@illinois.edu

Robert J. Carroll

Assistant Professor University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign rjc@illinois.edu

Wendy K. Tam

Professor

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