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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT** *Assistant Professor* 2024 -  
Department of International Affairs  
The Bush School of Government and Public Service  
Texas A&M University, TX, U.S.A

*ACES Assistant Professor* 2022 - 2024  
(Accountability, Climate, Equity, and Scholarship Faculty Fellowship)  
Department of International Affairs  
The Bush School of Government and Public Service  
Texas A&M University, TX, U.S.A

*Texas A&M Arts & Humanities Fellow* 2023 - 2026  
Texas A&M University, TX, U.S.A

*Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Fellow* 2021-2022  
United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Washington D.C., U.S.A

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND** *Ph.D. Political Science* 2017 - 2022  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, U.S.A

Dissertation: *Gender Justice for Whom?*  
*Domestic Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence*  
Manus I. Midlarsky (chair); Michael Kenwick; Summer Lindsey;  
Mona Lena Krook; Beth A. Simmons (University of Pennsylvania)  
*APSA Human Rights Section Best Dissertation Award 2023*

*B.A. Political Science* 2011-2015  
Korea University, Seoul, South Korea

**PUBLICATIONS** Lee, S., & Tomashevskiy, A. (2023). Punish or tolerate? State capacity, military oversight, and wartime sexual violence. *International Interactions*, 1-26.  
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Brannon, L., & Lee, S. Rebel Party Governance and Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence *Security Studies*. *Forthcoming*.

Kim, B., & Lee, S. The Complex of Issue Networks in Transitional Justice. In Hartel, S., Gibney, M., & Ihawoh, B. (Eds.), *The Role of Networks in Advancing Human Rights*. Under Contract with Edward Elgar Press. *Forthcoming*.

Midlarsky, M. I. & Lee, S. (2022). Distancing the Other: Religious Violence and Its Absence in South Korea. In Raudino, S. & Sohn, P. (Eds.), *Beyond the Death of*

	<i>God: Religion in 21st Century International Politics</i> . University of Michigan Press.	
<b>UNDER REVIEW</b>	<p>Military Experience and Elite Discourse: Evidence from the U.S. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan (with Michael Kenwick and Burcu Kolcak) Invited to <i>Revise and Resubmit</i></p> <p>Bringing Justice Back Home? Domestic Accountability for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (EGEN Prize Winner 2022)</p> <p>Rape after Civil Conflict: How United Nations Peacekeepers Actions Shape Prevalence (with Priscilla Torres and Sabrina Karim)</p> <p>Gendered Historical Legacy of Wartime Sexual Violence (with Risa Kitagawa)</p> <p>Violence Continues in Shadow: The Limited Deterrent Effects of the ICC on Wartime Sexual Violence. (2021 Roberta S. Sigel Best Paper Award)</p>	
<b>WORKING PAPERS</b>	<p>Domestic Legitimacy and (Non)Accountability for Sexual Violence (with Summer Lindsey)</p> <p>Leaving the Door Open: ICC Withdrawal and the Curious Norm Compliance (with Bo Won Kim)</p>	
<b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b>	<p>Gender Justice for Whom? Domestic Accountability for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (Book Manuscript)</p> <p>The Story of Lolac: Gendered Legacy Wartime Sexual Violence of WWII (with Risa Kitagawa)</p> <p>The Puzzle of Post-Conflict Violence Against Women (Book Manuscript with Angie Torres-Beltran, Priscilla Torres, Taylor Vincent, Zinab Attai, and Sabrina Karim)</p> <p>Seeking the Long-Lost Gender Justice: How Survivors of Historical Wartime Sexual Violence are Represented (with Yeon Soo Park)</p>	
<b>OTHERS</b>	<p>Karim, S., Kunkel, S., Roark, D., Torres-Beltran, A., Mailhot, C., <b>Lee, S.</b>, Saad, R., Torres, P., &amp; Jackson, E. (2024). Moving Beyond Zero Tolerance: Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment in UN Peace Operations, Policy Brief No 01. <i>Gender and Security Sector Lab</i>.</p> <p><b>Lee, S.</b> &amp; Hudson, V. M. (2022). Rising Backlash Against Gender Equality in South Korea Undermines Stability, <i>The Diplomat</i>.</p>	
<b>PRINCIPAL INTERESTS</b>	<p>Gender and armed conflicts; conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV); accountability for CRSV; gendered legacy of oversea military operations; quantitative methods; mixed-method research design.</p>	
<b>RESEARCH POSITIONS</b>	<p><i>Research Affiliate</i> 2022 -</p> <p>Gender and Security Sector (GSS) Lab, Cornell University.</p> <p><i>Co-Principal Investigator</i> 2022 -</p> <p>WomanStats Project.</p>	
<b>AWARDS</b>	<p><i>APSA Human Rights Section Best Dissertation Award</i> 2023</p> <p>APSA Human Rights Section</p>	

	<i>The Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN) Prize</i>	2022
	The Empirical Study of Gender Research Network. \$3,000	
<b>EXTERNAL GRANTS</b>	<i>ASU Global Human Rights Hub Mini Research Grants</i>	2023
	Arizona State University Global Human Rights Hub. \$1,000	
	<i>APSA Spring Centennial Center Research Grants</i>	Spring 2023
	APSA Centennial Center. \$2,475	
	<i>APSA Women, Gender &amp; Politics Research Section Small Grants</i>	2023
	APSA Women, Gender & Politics Research Section. \$1,000	
	<i>Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship</i>	2021 - 2022
	United States Institute of Peace (USIP), \$20,000.	
	<i>EITM Certification Scholarship</i>	Summer 2019
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), \$4,200.	
<b>INTERNAL GRANTS</b>	<i>Scowcroft Faculty Research Grant Award</i>	2025
	Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, Texas A&M University, \$2,500.	
	<i>Bush School Pilot Seed Grant</i>	2024
	Texas A&M University, \$12,000.	
	<i>Texas A&amp;M Arts &amp; Humanities Fellowship</i>	2023 - 2026
	Texas A&M University, \$15,000.	
	<i>Doctoral Student Academic Advancement Support Program</i>	2021
	School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, \$5,000.	
	<i>William and Mary Porte Peace Dissertation Fellowship</i>	2021
	Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, \$500.	
	<i>Doctoral Student Academic Advancement Support Program</i>	2021
	School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, \$5,000.	
	<i>University and Louis Bevier Fellowship, Honorable Mention</i>	2021
	School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University.	
	<i>Hickman Research Awards</i>	Spring 2021
	Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, \$230.	
	<i>2021 Roberta S. Sigel Best Paper Award</i>	2021
	Women and Politics Program, Rutgers University.	
	<i>Emergency Research Fund</i>	Fall 2020
	School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, \$1,000.	
	<i>Covid-19 Emergency Fund</i>	Spring 2020
	School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, \$300.	
	<i>Conference Travel Award</i>	Spring 2020
	School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, \$500.	
	<i>Off Campus Dissertation Development Award</i>	2019
	School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, \$2,000.	
	<i>Conference Travel Award</i>	Spring 2019
	School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, \$500.	
	<i>Excellence Fellowship</i>	2017-2020
	School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University.	

	<i>Teaching Assistant Fellowship</i> Department of Political Science, Korea University.	2015-2017
	<i>Brain Korea 21 Fellowship</i> Korea Research Foundation.	Fall 2015
	<i>Freshman Special Scholarship</i> Korea University.	2011-2012
<b>PROFESSIONAL TRAINING</b>	<i>Faculty Success Program</i> The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD)	Spring 2024
	<i>APSA Dissertation Workshop on International Law Human Rights, and the Politics of International Relations</i> American Political Science Association (APSA)	Summer 2021
	<i>Graduate Assistant, NSF-Funded Borders &amp; Boundaries Project</i> Rutgers University & University of Pennsylvania	2020 - 2022
	<i>Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research</i> University of Michigan	Summer 2019
	<i>Research Assistant</i> Dr. Manus. I. Midlarsky, Rutgers University.	Summer 2018
	<i>Research Assistant</i> Ilmin International Relations Institute (IIRI), Seoul	Spring 2015
<b>CONFERENCE</b>	<b>CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS</b>	
	Domestic Legitimacy and (Non)Accountability for Sexual Violence: <i>APSA 2024</i>	
	Gendered Historical Legacy of Wartime Sexual Violence: <i>Peace Science 2023, JPOSS 2024, APSA 2024</i>	
	Rebel Party Governance and Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence: <i>Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, 2023, ISA 2023</i>	
	Rape after Civil Conflict: How United Nations Peacekeepers Actions Shape Prevalence: <i>APSA 2022, EGEN 2023</i>	
	Bringing Justice Back Home? Domestic Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence: <i>Workshop on Under-Researched Aspects of Gender and Security, University of Amsterdam, 2022, PRIO Workshop on Justice During Armed Conflicts, 2022, APSA 2022, EGEN 2022, Peace Science Rising Scholar Workshop 2022, ISA 2023</i>	
	Military Experience and Elite Discourse: Evidence from the U.S. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan: <i>Rutgers IR Reading Group, 2021, APSA 2021, Peace Science 2022</i>	
	Punish or Tolerate? State Capacity, Military Oversight and Wartime Sexual Violence: <i>Rutgers IR Reading Group, 2020, APSA 2021</i>	
	Violence Continues in Shadow: The Limited Deterrent Effects of the ICC on Wartime Sexual Violence: <i>The Annual Emerging Scholars Research Conference, Rutgers 2019, ISA 2021, EGEN 2023</i>	
	Distancing the Other: Religious Violence and Its Absence in South Korea: <i>ISA 2019.</i>	
	<b>INVITED TALKS</b>	

Bringing Justice Back Home? Domestic Accountability for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: *Harvard Kennedy School, 2024, William & Mary, 2024, Peace and Democracy Institute & Department of Political Science, Korea University 2023, Department of Government, University of Essex, 2021*

Legacies of Gender-Based Violence: Evidence from World War II “Comfort Stations”: *Harvard Kennedy School, 2024*

Seeking the Long-Lost Gender Justice: How Survivors of Historical Wartime Sexual Violence are Represented, *The 9th Annual Women’s Research on Women Symposium*, Texas A&M University 2023.

Rape After Civil Conflict: How United Nations Peacekeepers’ Actions Shape Prevalence, *University of Minnesota, 2023*.

#### MEDIA APPEARANCE

Feminist Movement in South Korea, *Radio ABC Nightlife*, ABC Australia, 2022.

## TEACHING

### INSTRUCTOR

Instructor, Regional Challenges in Women, Peace, and Security 2025 -  
Special Topics on Women, Peace, and Security  
Department of International Affairs  
Bush School of Government and Public Service

Instructor, Gender and Armed Conflicts 2022 -  
Department of International Affairs  
Bush School of Government and Public Service

Instructor, Women and Peacekeeping in the Post-Conflict Period 2024 -  
Department of International Affairs  
Bush School of Government and Public Service

Instructor, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Workshop Spring 2021  
Department of Political Science, Rutgers University

Instructor, Summer R Workshop Summer 2019  
Department of Political Science, Rutgers University

Instructor, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Workshop Spring 2019  
Department of Political Science, Rutgers University

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Introduction to International Relations (Dr. Andrey Tomashevskiy) 2021  
Department of Political Science, Rutgers University

Introduction to International Relations (Dr. Michael Kenwick) 2019 - 2020  
Department of Political Science, Rutgers University

International Law (Dr. Hun Joon Kim) Spring 2017  
Department of Political Science, Korea University

Civil War (Dr. Jai-Kwan Jung) Fall 2016  
Department of Political Science, Korea University

<b>SERVICE</b>	<i>Faculty Advisor</i> , Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Student Organization The Bush School of Government and Public Service.	2024 -
	<i>Advisory Committee</i> , Missing Peace Initiative United States Institute of Peace (USIP)	2023
	<i>Project Advisor</i> , Gender Lensed Curricula for Development (GLCD) Texas A&M University	2022 -
	<i>Co-Planner</i> , Gender and Politics Seminar Women and Politics Program, Rutgers University	2021
	<i>Peer-Mentor</i> , Peer-Mentor Program Department of Political Science, Rutgers University	2018 - 2021
	<i>Treasurer</i> , Political Science Graduate Students Association Department of Political Science, Rutgers University	2018 - 2019
<b>REFEREE</b>	<i>Journal of Politics, Journal of Peace Research, International Studies Quarterly, Politics &amp; Gender, International Interactions, International Affairs, International Journal of Transitional Justice</i>	
<b>RESEARCH SKILLS</b>	<i>Language</i> : Korean ( <i>native</i> ), English ( <i>fluent</i> ), French ( <i>beginner</i> )	
	<i>Programming</i> : R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, SPSS, STATA, STAN	
<b>REFERENCES</b>	<i>Manus I. Midlarsky</i> Moses and Annuta Back Professor of International Peace and Conflict Resolution Department of Political Science Rutgers University midlarsk@polisci.rutgers.edu	
	<i>Michael Kenwick</i> Assistant Professor Department of Political Science Rutgers University mk1726@polisci.rutgers.edu	
	<i>Summer Lindsey</i> Assistant Professor Department of Political Science Rutgers University sl1639@polisci.rutgers.edu	
	<i>Valerie Hudson</i> University Distinguished Professor Director, Program on Women, Peace, and Security Department of International Affairs The Bush School of Government and Public Service Texas A&M University vhudson@tamu.edu	

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