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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  
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. [LINK](#)
- Brannon, L., & Lee, S. (2025). Rebel Party Governance and Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence *Security Studies*. 34(3), 564589. [LINK](#)
- Kenwick, M., Lee, S., & Kolcak, B. (2025). Military Experience and Casualty (In)Sensitivity: Evidence from Congressional Discourse During the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 0(0). [LINK](#)
- Kim, B., & Lee, S. (2025). The Complex of Issue Networks in Transitional Justice. In Hartel, S., Gibney, M., & Ibhawoh, B. (Eds.), *The Role of Networks in Advancing Human Rights*. Edward Elgar Press.

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 God: Religion in 21st Century International Politics*. University of Michigan Press.

**UNDER  
REVIEW**

Bringing Justice Back Home? Domestic Accountability for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (EGEN Prize Winner 2022)

Rape after Civil Conflict: How United Nations Peacekeepers Actions Shape Prevalence (with Priscilla Torres and Sabrina Karim) Invited to Revise and Resubmit.

Gendered Historical Legacy of Wartime Sexual Violence (with Risa Kitagawa) (APSA Conflict Section Best Paper Award 2025)

Violence Continues in Shadow: The Limited Deterrent Effects of the ICC on Wartime Sexual Violence. (2021 Roberta S. Sigel Best Paper Award)

**WORKING  
PAPERS**

Domestic Legitimacy and (Non)Accountability for Sexual Violence (with Summer Lindsey)

Leaving the Door Open: ICC Withdrawal and the Curious Norm Compliance (with Bo Won Kim)

**WORK IN  
PROGRESS**

Gender Justice for Whom? Domestic Accountability for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (Book Manuscript)

The Story of Lolac: Gendered Legacy Wartime Sexual Violence of WWII (with Risa Kitagawa)

The Puzzle of Post-Conflict Violence Against Women (Book Manuscript with Angie Torres-Beltran, Priscilla Torres, Taylor Vincent, Zinab Attai, and Sabrina Karim)

Seeking the Long-Lost Gender Justice: How Survivors of Historical Wartime Sexual Violence are Represented (with Yeon Soo Park)

**OTHERS**

Karim, S., Kunkel, S., Roark, D., Torres-Beltran, A., Mailhot, C., Lee, S., Saad, R., Torres, P., & Jackson, E. (2024). Moving Beyond Zero Tolerance: Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment in UN Peace Operations, Policy Brief No 01. *Gender and Security Sector Lab*.

Lee, S. & Hudson, V. M. (2022). Rising Backlash Against Gender Equality in South Korea Undermines Stability, *The Diplomat*.

**PRINCIPAL  
INTERESTS**

Women and armed conflicts; conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV); accountability for CRSV; legacy of oversea military operations; quantitative methods; mixed-method research design.

**RESEARCH  
POSITIONS**

*Research Affiliate* 2022 -  
Gender and Security Sector (GSS) Lab, Cornell University.

*Co-Principal Investigator* 2022 -  
WomanStats Project.

**AWARDS**

*APSA Conflict Section Best Paper Award - Junior Scholar* 2025  
American Political Science Association Conflict Section

	<i>APSA Human Rights Section Best Dissertation Award</i>	2023
	American Political Science Association Human Rights Section	
	<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
	American Political Science Association Centennial Center. \$2,475	
	<i>APSA Women, Gender &amp; Politics Research Section Small Grants</i>	2023
	American Political Science Association 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.	

*Excellence Fellowship* 2017-2020  
 School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University.

*Teaching Assistant Fellowship* 2015-2017  
 Department of Political Science, Korea University.

*Brain Korea 21 Fellowship* Fall 2015  
 Korea Research Foundation.

*Freshman Special Scholarship* 2011-2012  
 Korea University.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING** *Faculty Success Program* Spring 2024  
 The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD)

*APSA Dissertation Workshop on International Law  
 Human Rights, and the Politics of International Relations* Summer 2021  
 American Political Science Association (APSA)

*Graduate Assistant, NSF-Funded Borders & Boundaries Project* 2020 - 2022  
 Rutgers University & University of Pennsylvania

*Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research* Summer 2019  
 University of Michigan

*Research Assistant* Summer 2018  
 Dr. Manus. I. Midlarsky, Rutgers University.

**CONFERENCE** CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Domestic Legitimacy and (Non)Accountability for Sexual Violence: *APSA 2024*

Gendered Historical Legacy of Wartime Sexual Violence: *University of Houston 2025, Peace Science 2023, JPOSS 2024, APSA 2024*

Rebel Party Governance and Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence: *Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, 2023, ISA 2023*

Rape after Civil Conflict: How United Nations Peacekeepers Actions Shape Prevalence: *APSA 2022, EGEN 2023*

Bringing Justice Back Home? Domestic Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence: *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*

Military Experience and Elite Discourse: Evidence from the U.S. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan: *Rutgers IR Reading Group, 2021, APSA 2021, Peace Science 2022*

Punish or Tolerate? State Capacity, Military Oversight and Wartime Sexual Violence: *Rutgers IR Reading Group, 2020, APSA 2021*

Violence Continues in Shadow: The Limited Deterrent Effects of the ICC on Wartime Sexual Violence: *The Annual Emerging Scholars Research Conference, Rutgers 2019, ISA 2021, EGEN 2023*

Distancing the Other: Religious Violence and Its Absence in South Korea: *ISA 2019.*

INVITED TALKS

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, Women 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 2019, 2021  
Department of Political Science, Rutgers University

Instructor, Summer R Workshop Summer 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

## SERVICE

*Faculty Advisor, Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Student Organization* 2024 -  
The Bush School of Government and Public Service.

*Advisory Committee, Missing Peace Initiative* 2023

United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

*Project Advisor*, Gender Lensed Curricula for Development (GLCD) 2022 -  
Texas A&M University

*Co-Planner*, Gender and Politics Seminar 2021  
Women and Politics Program, Rutgers University

*Peer-Mentor*, Peer-Mentor Program 2018 - 2021  
Department of Political Science, Rutgers University

*Treasurer*, Political Science Graduate Students Association 2018 - 2019  
Department of Political Science, Rutgers University

**REFEREE**

*Journal of Politics, Journal of Peace Research, International Studies Quarterly, Politics & Gender, International Interactions, International Affairs, International Journal of Transitional Justice*

**RESEARCH SKILLS**

*Language: Korean (native), English (fluent), French (beginner)*  
*Programming: R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, SPSS, STATA, STAN*

**REFERENCES**

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