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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Havens Wright Center for Social Justice, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Visiting Scholar, 2024-2025	2024 to Present
Victoria University of Wellington, Department of Political Science & International Relations	Senior Lecturer (with tenure)	2017 to Present
Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, College of Security Studies	Associate Professor	2015 to 2017
Hawai'i Pacific University, Department of History & International Studies	Adjunct Lecturer	2016 to 2017
Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service	Adjunct Lecturer	2014 to 2015
The Catholic University of America, Department of Politics	Adjunct Assistant Professor/Lecturer	2012 to 2014

POLICY RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Center for International Policy	Senior Non-Resident Fellow	2023 to Present
Security in Context	Senior Research Scholar	2023 to Present
	Co-Director, "Multipolarity, Great-Power Competition, and the Global South" Project	2023 to Present
Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada	Distinguished Fellow	2021 to Present
Asia-Pacific Leadership Network for Nuclear Non-Proliferation & Disarmament	Senior Research Adviser	2020 to Present
Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington	Defence & Strategy Fellow	2017 to Present
The Sejong Institute	Non-Resident Fellow	2022 to 2024
Center for a New American Security	Adjunct Senior Fellow	2015 to 2021
	Visiting Fellow	2014 to 2015
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars	Global Fellow	2018 to 2020
Council on Foreign Relations	International Affairs Fellow	2014 to 2015
Pacific Forum, Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS)	James A Kelly Fellow in Korean Studies (non-resident)	2011 to 2013

FOREIGN POLICY EXPERIENCE

Elizabeth Warren for President <i>Foreign Policy Adviser (volunteer)</i>	01/2020 – 03/2020
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Julian Castro for President

Foreign Policy Adviser (volunteer) 11/2019 – 01/2020, 03/2019 – 06/2019

Two additional presidential campaigns (undisclosed)

Foreign Policy Adviser (volunteer) undisclosed

Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy)

Advisor for Asia-Pacific Strategy 10/2012 – 09/2014

Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy)

Senior Country Director for Korea 09/2009 – 10/2012

U.S. Air Force

Korean Linguist and Intelligence Analyst 06/2000 – 08/2006

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy , Politics (with distinction)	The Catholic University of America (2014)
Master of Arts , World Politics (magna cum laude)	The Catholic University of America (2011)
Master of Science , International Relations (summa cum laude)	Troy University (2007)
Bachelor of Arts , Asian Studies (magna cum laude)	University of Maryland, UC (2005)
Associate of Arts , Korean (honors)	Defense Language Institute (2001)

UNIVERSITY PRESS BOOKS

The Rivalry Peril: How Great-Power Competition Threatens Peace and Weakens Democracy (with Michael Brenes) (Yale University Press, forthcoming).

Grand Strategies of the Left: The Foreign Policy of Progressive Worldmaking (Cambridge University Press, 2023).

Pacific Power Paradox: American Statecraft and the Fate of the Asian Peace (Yale University Press, 2023).

--“Top-5 Books” pick in *International Affairs* (September 2023)

--Reviewed in *International Affairs*, *The American Prospect*, *The Conversation*, *Responsible Statecraft*, *Australian Outlook*, *Defence Strategic Communications*

--Mentioned in *Vox*, *Current Affairs*, *Eunomia Newsletter*, *The American Purpose Bookstack*

On the Brink: Trump, Kim, and the Threat of Nuclear War (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018).

--Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, *Asian Security*, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, *Survival*, *Global Asia*, *War on the Rocks*, *NK News*, *North Korean Review*, *New Zealand International Review*, *Standpoint Magazine*, *H-Net International Security Studies Forum*

--Mentioned in *Axios*, *Vox*, *CNN.com*, *Washington Post*, *Asian Review of Books*, *Quartz*, *USA Today*, *The National Interest*, *The Daily Beast*, *The Diplomat*, *The Washington Diplomat*, *Japan Times*

Rival Reputations: Coercion and Credibility in US-North Korea Relations (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016).

--Featured in a review essay in *World Politics* by Robert Jervis, Keren Yarhi-Milo, and Don Casler (“Redefining the Debate in Reputation and Credibility in International Security: Promises and Limits of New Scholarship”).

--Reviewed in *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Global Asia*, *Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies*, *Sino-NK* (roundtable review), *North Korea: Witness to Transformation* (Stephan Haggard), and *NK News*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

“Militarism, Insecurity, and the Non-Sovereign Pacific,” *Brown Journal of World Affairs* Vol. 30, no. 1 (2024) (forthcoming).

“A Capital Critique: Progressive Alternatives to Neo-liberal Economic Order,” *International Journal* Vol. 78, no. 1-2 (2024), pp. 212-31.

“Relational Peace Versus Pacific Primacy: Configuring US Strategy for Asia’s Regional Order,” *Asian Politics & Policy* Vol. 15, no. 1 (2023), pp. 141-52.

“Left of Liberal Internationalism: Grand Strategies Within Progressive Foreign Policy Thought” *Security Studies* Vol. 31, no. 4 (2022), pp. 553-92.

--Subject of a roundtable review of essay responses in *Security Studies*--“Progressivism and Grand Strategy: An Exchange”

--Excerpted in *Security in Context’s Insecurity Monitor*

--Mentioned in *Inkstick Media*

“What is Integrated Deterrence? A Gap Between US and Australian Strategic Thought,” *Australian Journal of Defence and Strategic Studies* Vol. 4, no. 2 (2022), pp. 263-74.

“Reducing or Exploiting Risk? Varieties of US Nuclear Thought and Their Implications for Northeast Asia,” *Journal for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament* Vol. 5, no. 1 (2022), pp. 185-98.

--Re-published as a special report for the Asia-Pacific Leadership Network for Nuclear Non-Proliferation & Disarmament

--Re-published as a special report for the Nautilus Institute for Sustainable Security

“Deviant Cases and Near-Miss Crises: Locating North Korea in the Asian Peace,” *North Korean Review* Vol. 17, no. 2 (2021), pp. 5-17.

“Understanding Spheres of Influence in International Politics,” *European Journal of International Security* Vol. 5, no. 3 (2020), pp. 255-73.

“The Rebalance, Entrapment Fear, and Collapsism: The Origins of Obama’s North Korea Policy,” *Asian Perspective* Vol. 43, no. 4 (2019), pp. 593-619.

“Wagering on a Progressive versus Liberal Theory of National Security,” *Texas National Security Review* Vol. 2, no. 1 (2018), pp. 279-83.

--Mentioned in a *New York Times* Editorial Board statement (August 18, 2019)

--Mentioned in *Vox*, *War on the Rocks*, *The National Interest*, CSIS Defense 2020 podcast, The Secure Line podcast, CATO’s Power Problems podcast, and the *Lawyers, Guns, & Money* blog

--Used by at least three 2020 presidential campaigns running for the Democratic Party nomination

--Reprinted in *War on the Rocks*

“Threat Consensus and Rapprochement Failure: Revisiting the Collapse of U.S.-North Korea Relations, 1994-2002,” *Foreign Policy Analysis* Vol. 14, no. 2 (2018), pp. 235-53.

“American Military Superiority and the Pacific Primacy Myth,” *Survival* Vol. 60, no. 2 (2018), pp. 107-32.

“Buffers, Not Bridges: Rethinking Multilateralism and the Resilience of Japan-South Korea Friction,” *International Studies Review* Vol. 20, no. 1 (2018), pp. 127-51.

“Why Not Bomb North Korea? Theories, Risks, and Preventive Strikes,” *Korean Journal of Defense Analysis* Vol. 30, no. 1 (2018), pp. 1-19.

“What Does America Seek in Asia? Refuting the Pacific Primacy Myth,” in *Regional Primacy in East Asia: China’s Rise and Australia-Japan-US Trilateral Relations* edited by Michael Heazle and Andrew O’Neil (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2018), pp. 45-72.

“Why the Galactic Republic Fell: An Imperial Network Perspective,” in *Strategy Strikes Back: How Star Wars Explains Modern Military Conflict*, edited by Max Brooks, Matthew Cavanaugh, John Amble, and Jaym Gates (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2018), pp. 185-95.

“The Trilemma of US-North Korea Relations,” in *Handbook of the United States in Asia*, edited by Andrew T.H. Tan (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2018), pp. 390-404.

“Does Nuclearization Impact Threat Credibility? Insights from the Korean Peninsula,” in *North Korea and Nuclear Weapons: Entering the New Era of Deterrence*, edited by Sung-Chull Kim and Michael Cohen (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2017), pp. 89-112.

“A Region Primed for Peace or War? Historical Institutionalism and Debates in East Asian Security,” *Journal of Global Security Studies* Vol. 2, no. 3 (2017), pp. 253-67.

- “Tactics of Strategic Competition: Gray Zones, Redlines, and Conflicts before War,” *Naval War College Review* Vol. 70, no. 3 (Summer 2017), pp. 39-61.
- “Let’s Make a (Nuclear) Deal: Bargaining, Credibility, and the Third Offset Strategy,” *Contemporary Security Policy* Vol. 38, no. 1 (2017), pp. 35-40.
- “Deterring a Nuclear-Armed Adversary in a Contested Regional Order: The ‘Trilemma’ of US-North Korea Relations,” *Asia Policy* Vol. 23, no. 1 (2017), pp. 97-103.
- “Red Teaming the Rebalance: The Theory and Risks of US Asia Strategy,” *Journal of Strategic Studies* Vol. 39, no. 3 (2016), pp. 365-88.
- “Power, Trust, and Network Complexity: Three Logics of Hedging in Asian Security,” *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* Vol. 14, no. 3 (2014), pp. 331-56.
- “The Rise and Persistence of Strategic Hedging across Asia: A System-Level Analysis,” in *Strategic Asia 2014-15: U.S. Alliances and Partnerships at the Center of Global Power*, edited by Ashley Tellis and Abraham Denmark (Seattle: National Bureau of Asian Research, 2014), pp. 316-42.
- “Drone Warfare on the Korean Peninsula: Paradigm Shift or Paradigm Risk?” in *On Korea* (Washington, DC: Korea Economic Institute of America, 2015), pp. 180-93.
- “Beyond Tailoring: North Korea and the Promise of Managed Deterrence,” *Contemporary Security Policy* Vol. 33, no. 2 (August 2012), pp. 289-310.
- “Making Diplomacy Work: Coercion and Conciliation in the First North Korean Nuclear Crisis,” *Comparative Strategy* Vol. 31, no. 2 (May 2012), pp. 171-87.
- “Getting Past the Past: Korea’s Transcendence of the Anti-Japan Policy Frontier,” *Asian Security* Vol. 7, No. 3 (Fall 2011), pp. 238-59.

POLICY RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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- How to Engage the Enemy: The Case for National Security Diplomacy with North Korea* (Washington, DC: US Institute of Peace, 2020).
- Restoring Strategic Competence: How to Manage Alliance Dilemmas amid a Nuclear North Korea* (Washington, DC: Center for a New American Security, 2020).
- “Botched Diplomacy: How America is Losing Both Koreas,” *Global Asia* Vol. 14, no. 4 (2019), pp. 70-75.
- Risk Realism: The Arms Control Endgame for North Korea Policy* (Washington, DC: Center for a New American Security, 2019).
- Whose Rules, What Rules? A Contest for Order in the Asia-Pacific* (Chicago: Chicago Council on Global Affairs, December 2017).

- “Reading Trump: The Danger of Overanalyzing His Tweets,” *Foreign Affairs* (January, 2017).
- “Asian Security after US Hegemony: Spheres of Influence and the Third Wave of Regional Order,” *The Asan Forum* Vol. 5, no. 5 (September/October 2016).
- “Preventing Nuclear War with North Korea,” *Foreign Affairs* (September 2016).
- “Why the Fifth Nuclear Test is Not Like the Others,” *Beyond Parallel* (Washington, DC: Center for Strategic & International Studies, 2016).
- Networked Transparency: Constructing a Common Operational Picture of the South China Sea* (Washington, DC: Center for a New American Security, 2016) (with Mira Rapp-Hooper et al).
- Solving Long Division: The Geopolitical Implications of Korean Unification* (Washington, DC: Center for a New American Security, 2015) (with Patrick Cronin, Richard Fontaine, Elbridge Colby, David Jee, Hannah Suh, and Darcie Draudt).
- Alliance Military Strategy in the Shadow of North Korea’s Nuclear Futures* (Washington, DC: U.S.-Korea Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, 2015).
- Reshaping the Rebalance: How the 114th Congress Can Advance U.S. Asia Strategy* (Seattle: National Bureau of Asian Research, 2015).
- Shades of Gray: Technology, Strategic Competition, and Stability in Maritime Asia* (Washington, DC: Center for a New American Security, 2015) (with Ben Fitzgerald and Amy Chang).
- “From Political Taboo to Strategic Hedge: A U.S. Perspective on Ballistic Missile Defense,” *The Asan Forum* (Seoul: Asan Institute for Policy Studies, 2015).
- “Asia: Ensure the Rebalance Becomes Real,” in *Ideas to Action: Suggestions for the 25th Secretary of Defense* (Washington, DC: Center for a New American Security, 2015) (with Patrick Cronin and Alexander Sullivan).
- “Adapting the U.S.-Republic of Korea Alliance to Strategic Competition in Robotics,” *Korea Chair Platform* (Washington, DC: Center for Strategic & International Studies, September 21, 2014).

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Foreign Policy Analysis	Victoria University of Wellington
Introduction to Security Studies	Victoria University of Wellington
Designing Strategy: Wargaming and Analytic Tradecraft	Victoria University of Wellington
Grand Strategy in Theory and Practice	Victoria University of Wellington
Diplomacy and International Relations	Hawaii Pacific University
Comparative Defense Policies of the Asia-Pacific	Georgetown University
Korea-Japan Relations since World War II	Georgetown University
Security Politics of the Korean Peninsula	The Catholic University of America
Perspectives on North Korea	The Catholic University of America

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Asia-Pacific Orientation (course)
Advanced Security Cooperation (course)
Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism (course)
Introduction to Northeast Asian Security (lecture)
Conflicts without War: Gray Zone Challenges and Contemporary Strategy (elective)
How America Became a Pacific Power in Imperial Asia (elective)

SELECT COMMENTARIES

Publication outlets include: *Dissent*, *The Nation*, *Foreign Affairs*; *POLITICO Magazine*, *The Atlantic*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Foreign Policy*, *Fellow Travelers*, *South China Morning Post*, *Global Asia*; *The Hill*, *The National Interest*; *War on the Rocks*; *Inkstick Media*, *World Politics Review*, *The Interpreter*, *The Diplomat*, *NK News*, and *Far Eastern Economic Review*.

--Author of the *Un-Diplomatic* newsletter (2022-present)
--Contributing writer at *Duck of Minerva* (2021-present)
--“Nuke Your Darlings” blogger at *War on the Rocks* (2017-2018)
--Weekly columnist at *The Diplomat* (2014-2016)

“The Competition Metaphor in International Relations,” *Duck of Minerva* (January 10, 2024).
“From Gaza to the Pacific, All Oppression is Connected,” *Inkstick Media* (October 31, 2023).
“Vivek Ramaswamy’s Edgelord Foreign Policy,” *The Nation* (August 23, 2023).
“Trapped By Empire,” *Dissent Magazine* (February 8, 2023).
“The Problem with Primacy,” *Foreign Affairs* (January 16, 2023).
“Grand Strategy is Worldmaking,” *Duck of Minerva* (October 26, 2022).
“Great-Power Competition is Bad for Democracy,” *Foreign Affairs* (July 14, 2022) (with Michael Brenes).
“Patriots Eat Nuclear War for Breakfast,” *Common Dreams* (May 19, 2022).
“Do Realists and Leftists Want the Same Thing?” *Inkstick Media* (March 30, 2022).
“Escaping the Keynes Versus Neoliberalism Trap,” *Fellow Travelers* (March 17, 2022).
“America’s Asia Strategy Has Reached a Dead End,” *Foreign Policy* (January 9, 2022).
“America’s Militarist Drift in the Indo-Pacific,” *The Diplomat Magazine* (December 31, 2021).
“Want to Start a National Security Think Tank?” *Inkstick Media* (October 25, 2021).
“America is Turning Asia into a Powder Keg,” *Foreign Affairs* (October 22, 2021).
Response essay: “Who’s to Blame for Asia’s Arms Race?” *Foreign Affairs* (December 1, 2021).
“Grand Strategists Need to Dump Kissinger,” *Inkstick Media* (October 1, 2021).
“Biden, You Should Be Aware That Your Submarine Deal Has Costs,” *New York Times* (September 30, 2021). (with Adam Mount).
“New Perspectives on China’s Ambitions in the Pacific,” *Global Asia* Vol. 16, no. 3 (2021), pp. 114-117.
“When 9/11 Got Hip-Hop, It Killed Dissent,” *Inkstick Media* (September 12, 2021).
“Neoliberals, Anti-Imperialists, and the China Question,” *Asia Times* (September 8, 2021).
“Time For US Nuclear Strategy to Embrace No-First Use,” *East Asia Forum* (July 4, 2021).
“Biden’s Dangerous, Risk-Averse Inactions on North Korea,” *World Politics Review* (May 25, 2021).

“America’s Indo-Pacific Folly,” *Foreign Affairs* (March 12, 2021).

“Biden’s Asia Policy Will Be Controversial—And That’s a Good Thing,” *South China Morning Post* (January 25, 2021).

“The Liberal Internationalist Origins of Right-Wing Insurrection,” *Inkstick Media* (January 11, 2021).

“Van Jackson on Getting Biden’s Asia Policy Right,” *The Diplomat Magazine* (January 1, 2021).

“Will Biden Go Big or Go Backward on North Korea Diplomacy?” *World Politics Review* (November 24, 2020).

“Trump, Not Biden, Wrecked American Power in the Pacific,” *Foreign Policy* (October 23, 2020).

“Biden’s China Policy Can’t Help but Be Incoherent,” *Foreign Policy* (August 13, 2020).

“The Risks of Australia’s Solo Deterrence Wager,” *War on the Rocks* (July 20, 2020).

“Bernie Sanders Wasn’t Going to Revolutionize National Security,” *The National Interest* (March 26, 2020).

“Pandemic Peace or Anarchical World?” *The Lony Interpreter* (March 24, 2020).

“How American Progressives Think about Asian Security,” *The Diplomat Magazine* (November 1, 2019).

“Confronting Reality: The Bitter Medicine North Korea Policy Needs Now,” *War on the Rocks* (September 30, 2019).

“The Rumor of Kim Jong Un’s Purge: Why It Matters Even If It’s Wrong,” *Washington Post* (June 6, 2019).

“Chinese Foreign Policy is Not Responsible for the Asian Peace,” *War on the Rocks* (May 9, 2019).

“Five-Eyes Intelligence Sharing Has Failed to Combat White Nationalist Terrorism,” *Asia Unbound CFR Blog* (March 18, 2019).

“Trump and Kim Made Reality TV. So I Made a Film About It,” *POLITICO Magazine* (January 26, 2019).

“How Reality-Show Diplomacy with North Korea Could Backfire,” *Washington Post* (January 5, 2019).

“Toward a Progressive Theory of Security,” *War on the Rocks* (December 6, 2018).

“Competition with China Isn’t a Strategy,” *War on the Rocks* (October 5, 2018).

“Is the Left Ready to Handle National Security,” *POLITICO Magazine* (September 11, 2018).

“The Price of New Zealand’s Strategy-Force Mismatch,” *Newsroom* (July 12, 2018).

“The Trump-Kim Summit is WrestleMania for Pundits,” *Foreign Policy* (June 11, 2018).

“What Kim Jong Un Wants from Trump,” *POLITICO Magazine* (April 30, 2018).

“Want to Strike North Korea? It’s Not Going to Go the Way You Think,” *POLITICO Magazine* (January 12, 2018).

“What The Least Credible Document in US Strategic History Reveals,” *The Lony Interpreter* (December 19, 2017).

“What Took North Korea So Long?” *The Atlantic* (November 28, 2017).

“How to Start a Nuclear War Without Even Trying,” *The Lony Interpreter* (October 31, 2017).

“Kim Jong Un’s Dark Warning,” *The Lony Interpreter* (September 22, 2017).

“Reflections on Calling Trump a ‘Flaming Asshole’ on Public Radio,” *The Spinoff* (September 12, 2017).

“Why Mattis versus Kim Jong-Un Will End Badly for Us All,” *War on the Rocks* (April 20, 2017).

“The EC-121 Shoot Down and North Korea’s Coercive Theory of Victory,” *Sources & Methods* (April 13, 2017).

“Don’t Believe the Hype: China’s North Korea Policy is All Smoke and Mirrors,” *War on the Rocks* (February 20, 2017).

“I Got a Story to Tell: Who Does What in National Security Policy,” *War on the Rocks* (February 14, 2017).

- “Reading Trump: The Danger of Overanalyzing His Tweets,” *Foreign Affairs* (January 25, 2017).
- “Preventing Nuclear War with North Korea,” *Foreign Affairs* (September 11, 2016).
- “Grappling with the *Fait Accompli*: A Classical Tactic in the Modern Strategic Landscape,” *War on the Rocks* (May 31, 2016).
- “Saving the South China Sea without Starting World War III,” *The National Interest* (March 30, 2016).
- “Nukes They Can Use? The Danger of North Korea Going Tactical,” *38North* (March 15, 2016).
- “The Trouble with the US Bomber Overflight against North Korea,” *The Diplomat* (January 12, 2016).
- “An Opening on North Korea?” *The National Interest* (November 2, 2015) (with Adam Mount).
- “Donald Trump’s Asia Policy Would be a Disaster,” *The Diplomat* (September 11, 2015).
- “The Poverty of Libertarian Thinking about the U.S.-Korea Alliance,” *War on the Rocks* (September 9, 2015).
- “What Crimea Tells Us about Asia’s Future Wars,” *The Diplomat* (August 11, 2015).
- “Strategy Games, War, and Asia’s New Map,” *The Diplomat* (July 21, 2015).
- “North Korea: The Other Anti-Access Threat,” *The Diplomat* (June 17, 2015).
- “The Biggest Myth about North Korea,” *The National Interest* (July 9, 2015).
- “The U.S. Doesn’t Need Tactical Nuclear Weapons in Asia,” *The Diplomat* (July 2, 2015).
- “The South China Sea Needs South Korea,” *The Diplomat* (June 24, 2015).
- “How the US Can Spend \$425 Million on the South China Sea,” *The Diplomat* (June 10, 2015).
- “What is North Korea’s Nuclear Strategy?” *The Diplomat* (May 28, 2015).
- “Raindrops Keep Falling on My Nuclear Umbrella,” *Foreign Policy* (May 18, 2015).
- “The Truth about Anti-China Discourse in the United States,” *The Diplomat* (May 18, 2015).
- “Release the Drones,” *The Hill* (February 25, 2015) (with Paul Scharre and Kelly Saylor).
- “Putin and the Hermit Kingdom,” *Foreign Affairs* (February 22, 2015).
- “Local Flavor: What Asia’s Hedging Trend Tells Us about Asia, and Strategy,” *War on the Rocks* (January 5, 2015).
- “Kim Jong Un’s Tin Can Air Force,” *Foreign Policy* (November 12, 2014).
- “Superiority at Any Price? Political Consequences of the First Offset Strategy,” *War on the Rocks* (October 30, 2014).
- “Assessing North Korea’s Alternative Leadership Futures,” *NK News* (October 17, 2014).
- “Does Kim Really Run North Korea? Find Out with Military Diplomacy,” *The Diplomat* (October 15, 2014).
- “Technology’s Role in Asia’s Balance of Power,” *The National Interest* (October 1, 2014).
- “Obama’s Nuclear Plan Could Prevent Asian Arms Race,” *DC Examiner* (July 6, 2009).
- “Inclusive Foreign Aid: Successful Development and the Korea Case,” *Harvard International Review* (June 15, 2008).
- “China Unlearns U.S. Trade Lessons,” *Far Eastern Economic Review*, Vol. 171, No. 1 (January/February 2008), pp. 29-33.

BOOK REVIEWS

H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable Review Introduction for Benjamin Young, *Guns, Guerillas, and the Great Leader: North Korea and the Third World* (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2021).

Review of “Taming Sino-American Rivalry” by Feng Zhang and Richard Ned Lebow, *Journal of American-East Asian Relations* Vol. 29, no. 1 (2022), pp. 123-26.

“New Perspectives on China’s Ambitions in the Pacific,” Review essay of David Brophy, *China Panic: Australia’s Alternative to Paranoia and Pandering* and Graeme Smith, ed., *The China*

Alternative: Changing Regional Order in the Pacific Islands in Global Asia Vol. 16, no. 3 (2021), pp. 114-117.

H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable Review of Sheena Greitens, *Dictators and Their Secret Police: Coercive Institutions and State Violence* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016).

H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable Review of Victor Cha, *Powerplay: The Origins of the American Alliance System in Asia* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2018).

“Introduction: To War or Not to War? U.S. Chinese Relations as the Central Question of Our Times,” Chair of Book Review Roundtable for Graham Allison, *Destined For War: Can America and China Escape the Thucydides Trap?* And Thomas Wright, *All Measures Short of War: The Contest for the Twenty-First Century and the Future of American Power*, in *Texas National Security Review* Vol. 1. No. 1 (2017).

“Narrative Matters: Regional Reactions to a Nuclear North Korea,” in a roundtable review of *Global Rogues and Regional Order: The Multidimensional Challenge of North Korea and Iran* by Il-Hyun Cho, Oxford: Oxford University Press, in *Sino-NK* (May 5, 2016).

“The Domestic Sources of Conflict in Asia,” a review of *Asian Rivalries: Conflict escalation, and Limitations on Two-Level Games* by Sumit Ganguly and William R. Thompson, eds. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, in *Korea Review*, Vol. 2, No. 2 (November 2012), 164-7.

SELECT INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Guest appearance, “The Possibilities of Progressive Worldmaking,” The Review of Democracy Podcast (February 9, 2024).

Panelist, “The Geopolitical Landscape in the Pacific,” Track Two Pacific Dialogue, University of the South Pacific (December 5, 2023).

Guest lecturer, “International Development and Inequality,” Introduction to International Relations course, Victoria University of Wellington (October 11, 2023).

Guest lecturer, “Technology and International Relations,” Introduction to International Relations course, Victoria University of Wellington (September 27, 2023).

Guest speaker, “US Primacy or Regional Peace: Primacy as a Struggle Against Order,” Centre for Strategic Studies 30th Anniversary Symposium (September 12, 2023).

Guest appearance, “America’s Role in the Indo-Pacific,” The American Prestige Podcast (July 12, 2023).

Guest appearance, The Majority Report with Sam Seder (June 18, 2023).

Guest speaker, “Repressive Regimes and the ‘New Cold War,’” Win Without War (May 9, 2023).

Guest appearance, “America’s Paradoxical Role in Asia,” The American Purpose Bookstack Podcast w/ Richard Aldous (March 15, 2023).

Panelist, “The Fate of the Asian Peace” event at the US Institute of Peace (February 15, 2023).

Guest speaker, Book launch event for *Pacific Power Paradox: American Statecraft and the Fate of the Asian Peace*, Institute for Peace & Diplomacy (February 8, 2023).

Guest appearance, “The Paradox of America’s Power in the Asia-Pacific,” The Re-Alignment Podcast (January 28, 2023).

Guest speaker, “Thinking Critically About Asia-Pacific Security,” John Quincy Adams Society (October 18, 2022).

Panelist, “What About Whataboutism?” Panel at the Australian National University (October 14, 2022).

Presenter, “Relational Order Versus Pacific Primacy: Configuring US Strategy and Asian Peace,” Brookings Institution-Korean Association of International Studies conference (June 28, 2022).

Guest speaker, “Grand Strategies Within Progressive Thought,” RAND Corporation Grand Strategy Seminar Series (June 14, 2022).

Guest speaker, “A Contrarian View of the United States, Great Power Competition, and the Return of Conventional Deterrence,” Australian Defence College Profession of Arms Seminar Series (June 1, 2022).

Discussant, Book launch for “Elusive Balances: Shaping U.S.-Southeast Asia Strategy,” Institute of Security and International Studies, Chulalongkorn University (March 7, 2022).

Presenter, “Whither the Asian Peace? The Future of Politics, Economics, and Security in the Asia-Pacific,” Asia Society Korea Branch (February 24, 2022).

Presenter, “The Korean Peninsula, American Instability, and the Asian Peace,” Korean Association of International Studies (December 10, 2021).

Moderator, “Sino-US Competition in the Emerging Asia-Pacific Order,” East Asia Strategy Forum Conference, Institute for Peace and Diplomacy (November 17, 2021).

Presenter, “Pathways to Nuclear War with North Korea in 2017 and Today,” book talk at Syracuse University (November 10, 2021).

Panelist, “Debating the Indo-Pacific: Is It a Useful Concept?” La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia (October 26, 2021).

Keynote lecturer, “Nuclear Precarity: Analyzing the Risks of Nuclear War in East Asia,” Ritsumeikan University, Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation Studies, Kyoto, Japan (October 22, 2021).

Panelist, “Analyzing AUKUS: Implications for Australia and Its Region,” Australian Institute of International Affairs (September 30, 2021).

Discussant, “Navigating International Order Transition,” Griffith University, Griffith Asia Institute (August 26, 2021).

Panelist, “Reading Kim Jong Un,” 2nd Annual Harvard University Korean Security Summit (February 9, 2021).

Panelist, “US Foreign Policy in the Biden Administration,” Centre for Strategic Studies (December 1, 2020).

Panelist, “Denuclearization and Peace Regime in Korea: Challenges, Opportunities, and Prospects,” DMZ Forum 2020 (September 18, 2020)

Panelist, “A New Direction for US Policy on North Korea,” virtual panel at the US Institute of Peace (September 9, 2020).

Guest Lecturer, “How Do You Solve a Problem Like Korea?” Victoria University of Wellington Strategic Asia course (September 2, 2020).

Guest Lecturer, “Force Planning and the Strategy-Force Mismatch,” New Zealand Command & Staff College (August 11, 2020).

Presenter, “A Question of Competence: Alliance Security Dilemmas amid a Nuclear North Korea,” virtual roundtable at the Center for a New American Security (April 30, 2020).

Presenter, Book talk for *On the Brink: Trump, Kim, and the Threat of Nuclear War*, CSIS Project on Nuclear Issues (April 27, 2020).

Panelist, Keynote Roundtable, 11th Annual Korea International Studies Association conference, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (November 22, 2019).

Presenter, “A Theater of Deception? Asia’s Institutional-Security Mismatch,” 11th Annual Korea International Studies Association conference, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (November 22, 2019).

Presenter, “Risk Realism: The Arms Control Endgame for North Korea Policy,” East Asia Foundation and Asia-Pacific Leadership Network for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament (November 21, 2019).

Guest lecturer, “Crisis to Diplomacy: Making Sense of the Trump-Kim Relationship,” New Zealand Command and Staff College (August 21, 2019).

Moderator, “Decoding North Korea Since the Summits,” A panel hosted by the Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington (August 2, 2019).

Panelist, “Trump, Kim, and US Engagement in Northeast Asia,” US Studies Centre, University of Sydney (February 20, 2019).

Presenter, Book talk for *On the Brink: Trump, Kim, and the Threat of Nuclear War*, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (February 5, 2019).

Presenter, Book talk for *On the Brink: Trump, Kim, and the Threat of Nuclear War*, Naval Postgraduate School (February 1, 2019).

Presenter, “Pressure for Pressure: North Korean Strategic Culture and the Risks of Policy Blowback,” Stanford University Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford, CA (January 28, 2019).

Presenter, “Nuking Everybody in This Room: 3 Paths to War with North Korea in 2017 and Today,” invited public lecture at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, Republic of Korea (November 29, 2018).

Presenter, Roundtable seminar on the book *On the Brink: Trump, Kim, and the Threat of Nuclear War*, Stanford University Center for International Security and Arms Control, Stanford, CA (September 6, 2018).

Panelist, Remarks at the Political Science and International Relations Doctoral Association Seminar “War or Peace? Predictions on the Outcome of a North Korea-US Summit,” Wellington, New Zealand (May 10, 2018).

Presenter, “What Does America Seek in Asia? Refuting the Pacific Primacy Myth,” paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA (April 5, 2018).

Presenter, “Why Not Bomb North Korea? Theories, Risks, and Preventive Strikes,” paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA (April 4, 2018).

Panelist, Remarks at the Griffith Asia Institute Australia-Korea Foundation Annual Conference, Brisbane, Australia (March 28, 2018).

Panelist, Remarks at the Fifth Annual EU-Japan-US Trilateral Forum Tokyo, Hosted by the German Marshall Fund of the United States and The Tokyo Foundation, (December 1, 2017).

Guest Speaker, “The North Korean Nuclear Issue: Is a Diplomatic Solution Possible?” Remarks delivered at Victoria University of Wellington, hosted by the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs and Centre for Strategic Studies (November 3, 2017).

Presenter, “What Does America Seek in Asia? Refuting the Pacific Primacy Myth,” Paper presented at the Australia-Japan Dialogue on US Primacy in the Asia-Pacific, co-hosted by Griffith University and the Japan Institute of International Affairs (December 9, 2016).

Panelist, “ROK-US Alliance and East Asia,” CSIS Strategic Forum, “Looking Ahead to the New Administration and Beyond” (December 5, 2016).

Panelist, “Causes and Consequences of North Korean Vertical Proliferation,” Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory workshop on deterring a nuclear-armed North Korea (October 26, 2016).

Presenter, “From Maritime Domain Awareness to Maritime Shared Awareness: The Logic of Cooperative Transparency in the South China Sea,” research presentation to the Maritime Logistics Workshop of Maritime Security Initiative partners, APCSS (August 15, 2016).

Guest Speaker, “Prevailing Assessments of the Asian Security Environment,” remarks delivered at the East-West Center (June 16, 2016).

Presenter, “Why Japan-Korea Bilateral Friction Proves Resilient to Multilateral Pressures: A Cross-Pressure Network Logic,” paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (March 19, 2016).

Panelist, “Unpacking Japan-South Korea Relations: A Roundtable with Scholars and Policy Analysts,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (March 19, 2016).

Presenter, “Rival Reputations: Coercion and Credibility in US-North Korea Relations,” book launch, Stanford University Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (February 26, 2016).

Panelist, “Stability, Instability, and the Implications of North Korean Nuclear Weapons,” Cornell University and Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey workshop on strategic stability in Asia (February 22-24, 2016).

Presenter, “Alternative Futures of the Asia-Pacific,” paper presentation at the National Intelligence Council, Strategic Futures Group (August 11, 2015).

Discussant, “U.S.-Japan-ROK Trilateral Cooperation in Out-of-Area Operations,” at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis conference on Trilateralism and Maritime Security (June 12, 2015).

Presenter, “Fighting Limited Wars in North Korea’s Nuclear Shadow,” paper presentation at the Brookings Institution, co-hosted by the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (June 11, 2015).

Presenter, “Military Strategy in the Shadow of North Korea’s Nuclear Futures,” paper presentation at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, U.S.-Korea Institute (June 3-4, 2015).

Discussant, “Energy Security in the Asia-Pacific,” Atlantic Council of the United States (May 14, 2015).

Briefer, Press breakfast on North Korea’s nuclear program and missile defense, U.S.-Korea Institute (May 5, 2015).

Panelist, “The Korea-U.S. Alliance: Never Been Better?” Asan Plenum 2015, Asan Institute for Policy Studies (April 29, 2015).

Panelist, “Cyberwar,” Asan Plenum 2015, Asan Institute for Policy Studies (April 28, 2015).

Panelist, “Northeast Asian Security Challenges,” roundtable co-hosted by the Center for American Progress and the China Institutes for Contemporary International Relations (April 7, 2015).

Presenter, “New Assessments of the North Korea Threat,” Asan Institute for Policy Studies (March 23, 2015).

Expert Testimony, “Across the Other Pond: Opportunities and Challenges in the Asia Pacific,” U.S. House of Representatives, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific (February 26, 2015).

Co-Presenter, “The Relational Foundations of Asian Security,” paper presentation at the 2015 International Studies Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA (February 21, 2015) (with Andrew Yeo).

Presenter, “Debating Proliferation in the Context of North Korea’s Nuclear Weapons,” paper presentation at the 2015 International Studies Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA (February 18, 2015).

Briefer, “What Strategic Hedging in Asia Means for U.S. Defense Strategy,” presentation at the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff J-3 (February 11, 2015).

Guest lecturer, “From Strategy to Policy? Adapting the U.S.-ROK Alliance to Asia’s Emerging Security Environment,” for the U.S. Naval War College (January 7, 2015).

Guest lecturer, “Korean Politics and the U.S. Rebalance to Asia,” for the U.S. National War College (December 15, 2014).

Briefer, “Defense Implications of Asia’s Strategic Hedging Trend,” presentation at the OSD Office of Asia-Pacific Security Affairs (December 3, 2014).

Briefer, “What the Strategic Hedging Trend Means for U.S. Policy in Asia,” presentation at the Department of State Office of Policy Planning (December 2, 2014).

Presenter, “The Rise and Persistence of Strategic Hedging Strategies in Asia,” invited book chapter presentation during the *Strategic Asia* book launch at the National Bureau of Asian Research (December 2, 2014).

Panelist, “Alliance Management: Strategy, Bases, and Command,” Brookings Institution conference on Asian history, politics, and policy (November 17, 2014).

Guest speaker, “International Society and Transformation in North Korea: A New Approach,” speech delivered at the National Unification Advisory Council (November 13, 2014).

Guest speaker, “U.S. Strategy and Policy for Northeast Asia,” roundtable remarks delivered at the Center for a New American Security, co-hosted with the Sejong Institute (November 7, 2014).

Moderator, “China Policy: Present and Future,” Center for a New American Security, co-hosted with the Sejong Institute (November 7, 2014).

Guest speaker, “What’s New About North Korea’s Missiles,” remarks delivered at the Asan Institute of Policy Studies Washington, D.C. center (November 6, 2014).

Presenter, “Attack of the Drones: Preparing for the Newest Type of Provocation,” invited paper presentation at the Korea Economic Institute (October 22, 2014).

Guest presenter, “Assessing North Korea’s Alternative Futures,” Department of State Bureau of Intelligence & Research (October 1, 2014).

Guest lecturer, “Introduction to Asian Security,” Naval Postgraduate School, series of briefings for Navy SEAL Teams at Naval Station Coronado (throughout September 2014).

Guest speaker, “Strategic Cooperation on Korea,” conference hosted by the Office of the Korea Chair, Center for Strategic & International Studies (September 3, 2014).

Guest speaker, “Intelligence for Policy Officials,” Global Security and Intelligence Program, Pennsylvania State University (August 12, 2014).

Guest lecturer, “Assessing Strategic Intentions in the Asia-Pacific,” for Prof. Jon Smith, Coastal Carolina University (February 8, 2014).

Guest lecturer, “The U.S.-Korea Alliance in an Era of Rebalancing,” for Prof. Terence Roehrig, U.S. Naval War College (January 8, 2014).

Guest lecturer, “Policy-Relevant International Relations Theory,” for Prof. Andrew Yeo, The Catholic University of America (September 18, 2013).

Presenter, “The New Logic of Asian Security,” invited paper presentation at the National Bureau of Asian Research (August 27, 2013).

Guest speaker, “Strategies for U.S.-Japan-Australia Security Cooperation,” conference co-hosted by the Stimson Center and Australia National University (July 16, 2013).

Guest lecturer, discussion on Korea policy and strategy for Prof. Mike Mazarr, U.S. National War College, National Defense University (May 2013).

Guest lecturer, “The U.S.-Korea Alliance: Moving into the 21st Century,” presentation at the U.S. Naval War College (January 2, 2013).

Guest lecturer, “Politics of the U.S.-Korea Alliance,” for Prof. J.J. Suh, Johns Hopkins University, Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (September 2012).

Guest speaker, “Regionalism, Deterrence and U.S. Alliances in Asia,” roundtable at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies (July 11, 2012).

Presenter, “Uncertainty and Its Implications for Deterrence: The Case for Continuity,” Pacific Forum Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) U.S.-ROK Strategic Dialogue, Maui, HI (February 2012).

Discussant, “Requirements of Extended Deterrence on the Korean Peninsula,” Pacific Forum CSIS U.S.-ROK Strategic Dialogue, Maui, HI (February 2012).

Presenter, “Rapprochement Failure in U.S.-North Korea Relations,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association-Northeast (November 5, 2011).

Guest speaker, “Deterrence Dynamics on the Korean Peninsula” roundtable at the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (September 21, 2011).

Discussant, “Extended Deterrence in East Asia” conference at the Brookings Institution, co-hosted by the Brookings Institution and Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (September 8, 2011).

Presenter, “Deterring WMD Threats” briefing to the Extended Deterrence Policy Committee at the ROK Ministry of National Defense (January 25, 2011).

Guest speaker, “U.S. Defense Relations in Asia” speech to the International Visitors Leadership Program hosted by the Department of State (October 19, 2010).

SELECT MEDIA INTERVIEWS & QUOTES

Quoted in or made appearances on: Washington Post; The New Yorker magazine; The Atlantic; The Daily Beast, The New Republic, Financial Times; USA Today; Wall Street Journal; Vox.com; CNN; C-Span; HBO’s VICE News Tonight; The Guardian; Huffington Post; Newsweek; New York Times; Axios; Reuters; New York Magazine; National Public Radio; ABC News (US and Australia); Bloomberg News; Daily Beast; South China Morning Post; Toronto Sun; Defense News; Defense One; Forbes.com; Breakingdefense.com; Barron’s; Stars & Stripes; Chosun Ilbo; Joongang Ilbo; Yonhap; Korea Herald; Radio NZ; TVNZ One; War is Boring; Korea Times; NK News; Arirang News TV; Kyodo News; Japan Times; Radio Free Asia; VOA News; Hankyoreh.

RESEARCH REVIEWER

International Security, European Journal of International Relations, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Strategic Studies, Review of Social Economy, Chinese Journal of International Politics, Foreign Policy Analysis, Diplomacy & Statecraft, Journal for Peace & Nuclear Disarmament, Naval War College Review, Political Science, Korea Review, Asia Policy, Asian Politics and Policy, International Politics, Journal of Global Security Studies

Stanford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Toronto Press, Lexington Books, Smith Richardson Foundation, Brookings Institution Press, National Bureau of Asian Research, Minerva Research Initiative, Center for a New American Security, National Intelligence Council, Rand Corporation, East-West Center

AWARDS/GRANTS

Havens/Wright Visiting Scholar, Havens Wright Center for Social Justice, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2024-25).

Co-Principal Investigator, Conventional Arms Reductions in Northeast Asia, Federation of American Scientists (2021-2022) (with Adam Mount).

Distinguished Fellow appointment, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (December 2020).

Project Author, “An Arms Control Regime in the North Korea Context,” MacArthur Foundation research grant, Center for a New American Security (September 2019)

University of Sydney, travel grant (February 2019)

Global Fellow appointment, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (June 2018)

Victoria University of Wellington, internal research grant (November 2017)

Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, internal travel grant (March 2017)

Project Author, “Beyond the Black Box of North Korea,” Academy of Korean Studies research grant, Center for Strategic & International Studies (2016-2020)

Senior Mentor, Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI), Center for Strategic & International Studies (2016)

Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, internal travel grant (March 2016)

Co-Principal Investigator, Smith Richardson Foundation Grant, “Stability through Information and Transparency: Building a Common Operating Picture in the South China Sea” (2015-16) (with Ely Ratner)

Co-Principal Investigator, Korea Foundation Grant, “Geostrategic Consequences of Korean Unification” (2015-16) (with Patrick Cronin)

Cornell University, travel grant for workshop on strategic stability (February 2016)

Council on Foreign Relations, travel grant (July 2015)

Seoul National University, travel grant (May 2015)

Asan Institute for Policy Studies, travel grant (April 2015)

Department of State, Office of Policy Planning, appointed as adviser to the “Alliance Vision Group,” a Track II mechanism to define the future of the U.S.-Korea alliance, with the Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2014-15)

Office of the Secretary of Defense, Exceptional Public Service Medal (November 2014)

Council on Foreign Relations, International Affairs Fellow, Washington, D.C. (2014-15)

Asia Studies Fellow, East-West Center, Washington D.C. (Summer 2013; declined due to conflict of interest with government service)

James A. Kelly Fellow in Korean Studies, Pacific Forum, Center for Strategic and International Studies (2011-13)

Office of the Secretary of Defense, Exceptional Civilian Service Medal (January 2012)

“Top 99 Under 33” Foreign Policy Leaders, interview featured in *Diplomatic Courier* magazine (Fall 2011)

Office of the Secretary of Defense, multiple performance awards (2 times in 2010, 2011)

Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity, Socio-Cultural Content in Language Program, Letter of Appreciation (2009)

Booz Allen Hamilton, Corporate Performance Award (2008)

Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Science & Technology, Letter of Appreciation (2008)

Department of Defense, Joint Service Achievement Medal (2006)

University of Maryland Center for the Advanced Study of Language, Certificate of Appreciation (2006)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Master of Strategic Studies Programme Director, Victoria University of Wellington (2022 to Present)

External Examiner, Doctoral dissertation at the University of Notre Dame, Australia

Selection Committee Member, Asia-Pacific Leadership Network-Korea Times Student Essay Contest (2021)

Contributing Writer, *Duck of Minerva* (2021 to Present)

Editorial Board Member, *North Korean Review* (2019 to Present)

Podcast Host, The Un-Diplomatic Podcast (2019 to Present)

Director and Producer, *The Nuclear Button* documentary (2019) <https://vimeo.com/318638788>

Associate Editor, *Texas National Security Review* (2017 to Present)

Programme Coordinator, Master of International Relations, Victoria University of Wellington (July 2019 to 2022)

Representative, Learning and Teaching Equity Committee, Victoria University of Wellington (Feb. 2018 to June 2019)

Master of Strategic Studies Interim Programme Coordinator, Victoria University of Wellington (October 2017 to January 2018)

Podcast Host, Pacific Pundit (2016 to 2017)

Research and Travel Committee, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (2015 to 2017)

Senior Editor, *War on the Rocks* (2015 to Present)

LANGUAGES

Korean, advanced reading, intermediate speaking (3/L, 3/R, 2+/S on the Defense Language Proficiency Test)