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Research Interests

Post/Decolonialism; Comparative Literature; English Literature; Continental Philosophy; Race; Poetry; Buddhism & Taoism; East Asia; Beat Generation; Imagist

Education

- Aug 2025 - **Arizona State University**
Tempe, the United States
Ph.D. in *Comparative Culture and Language (CCL)*
- Mar 2022 - Jul 2025 **Kyung Hee University**
Seoul, South Korea
M.A. in *English Literature*
Thesis: "Decolonizing the Politics of Exclusion in John Milton's *Samson Agonistes*: Hebrew meets Greek"
GPA: 4.23/4.3
- Mar 2015 - Feb 2022 **Kyung Hee Univeristy**
Seoul, South Korea
(Mandatory Military Service, Sep 2016 – Jun 2018)
B.A. in *English Language & Literature and Philosophy*
Thesis: "Zhuangzi's Overcoming of Alienation: Focusing on the Concept of 'Uselessness'"
GPA: 3.97/4.3
- May 2020 - Jul 2020 **Boston University**
Boston, the United States
- Jan 2020 - Jul 2020 **University of Massachusetts Boston**
Boston, the United States
GPA: 3.72/4.0
- Oct 2019 **Singapore Management University**
Bras Basah, Singapore (study intensive)
- Feb 2019 - Jul 2019 **National University of Kaohsiung**
Kaohsiung, Taiwan
GPA: 87.7/100 (A>80)
- Jan 2019 - Feb 2019 **Groningen University**
Groningen, the Netherlands (study intensive)

Work Experience

- Nov 2021 - Feb 2024 **LG Display**
Assistant Manager, *SCM & Sales Operations, Apple MacBook*
- May 2021 - Nov 2021 **UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency**
Intern, *Private Partnership and Philanthropy (PPH) Team*

Sep 2019 - Jan 2020 **Ministry of Education & Korean Student Aid Foundation**
Part-time Teacher, *Multicultural & Defector Student Mentor*

Sep 2016 - Aug 2018 **Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency**
Conscripted Auxiliary Police Sergeant, *Traffic & Police Squad*

Publication

Feb 2025 **2024 Kyung Hee University Graduate Student Joint Academic Seminar Proceeding**
“Changes of Edward Said’s Robinson Crusoe: A Postcolonial Study”

Presentations

10 Oct 2024 **Multi-ConTEXT: Interdisciplinary Intl. Conference at Cheongju**
“Comparing Aristotle’s *Poetics* and Zhuangzi’s *Inner Chapters*: the Origin of Exclusion in Western Literature”

22 Jun 2024 **The English Language and Literature Association of Korea Graduate Seminar (ELLAK) at Seoul**
“The Genealogy of Edward Said’s Life and Thoughts”

1 Jun 2024 **Modern English Drama Association Korea at Seoul**
“Representations of International Marriage in Euripides’ Tragedies and Its Adaptations: *Bacchae* and *Medea*”

2 Dec 2023 **2023 Korean Comparative Literature Association (KCLA) Intl. Conference at Jeju**
“Deleuze on the continent, Jeju on the island”

Scholarships and Grants

Sep 2024 - Jun 2025 **Khreative U+ SDGs RA/GCR Scholarship**
National Research Foundation (NRF) & Kyung Hee Univ. BK

Jun 2020 **Summer Scholarship**
University of Massachusetts Boston

Oct 2019 **Singapore Management University Study Trip Grant**
National Research Foundation (NRF) & Ministry of Education

Aug 2019 **Global Collaborative Program Scholarship Honor**
Kyung Hee University

Jan 2019 **Groningen University Winter School Grant**
National Research Foundation (NRF) & Ministry of Education

Sep 2015 **Spring Department Excellence Scholarship**
Kyung Hee University

Volunteer Experience

Mar 2024 - Now **Kyung Hee Graduate School Association**
Representative, *English Literature & Linguistics Department*

Feb 2020 - Jun 2020 **Massachusetts Public Interest Group (MASSPIRG)**
Unpaid Intern, *Hunger & Homelessness Team, UMass Boston*

July 2018 - Jun 2019

Kyung Hee Institute of International EducationBuddy, for *Korean Learning Students from Hong Kong and Japan***Additional Lectures**

Mar 2024 - Now

Yellow Emperor's Inner Canon Audit

College of Korean (Traditional) Medicine, Kyung Hee University

Sep 2023 - Dec 2024

Classical Greek Literature & Language

ACA PHILO

Jul 2020

UNICRI – Migration and Human Rights

Online, John Cabot University Rome Campus

Aug 2018

Ganwha (Koan) Zen Meditation

The Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism

Organizations

Mar 2024 - Now

Embodied Cognition Society

Institute of Body & Culture, Konkuk University

Jun 2024 - Now

Zhungzi Literary Reading Club

Korean Taoism Society

Aug 2024 - Dec 2025

Reading John Milton's *Paradise Lost*

Korean Assoc. of Classical, Medieval, and Renaissance English Literature

Sep 2018 - Oct 2021

Classical Chinese Philosophy Texts Exposition Club

Advise Prof. Woojing Jung, Kyung Hee University

Languages

Korean

Native

English

Full Professional Proficiency

Classical Chinese

Full Professional Proficiency

Mandarin Chinese

Intermediate Proficiency (Apr 2021- Apr 2023, HSK 5)

German

Reading Proficiency

Classical Greek

Elementary Proficiency