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APPOINTMENTS

Center for International Affairs and World Cultures, Northeastern University

Graduate Fellow

Project Lead for the [Indo-Pacific Minilateral Cooperation Lab](#)

Member of the Transnational Political Networks and the Future of Global Order Project research team

Boston, MA

Nov. 2025 – Current

The Pacific Forum

James A. Kelly Korea Fellow (Non-Resident)

Conducting research on the evolving rhetoric of and engagement with Indo-Pacific strategies

Honolulu, HI

April 2025 – Current

EDUCATION

Northeastern University

Ph.D. Student in Political Science (International Relations, Comparative Politics)

Advanced Entry to the College of Social Sciences and Humanities

Boston, MA

Sep. 2024 – in progress

Keio University

Master of Media and Governance (Global Governance and Regional Strategy)

Committee: Ken Jimbo (primary), Michito Tsuruoka, Koichiro Tanaka

Thesis: *U.S.-Japan-ROK Trilateralism From Obama to Biden: Expanding on Theoretical Norms of Understanding Through Aspects of Building Trilateralism and U.S. Involvement in Japan-Korea Conflict Issues*

Tokyo, Japan

2021 – 2023

GPA: 3.94/4.0

Yonsei University

Master of Global Affairs and Policy (International Security & Foreign Policy, International Law & Organizations)

Selected to represent Yonsei University at Keio University as a Dual-Degree Master's Student

Conferred two master's degrees—one from each institution—upon fulfilling the requirements of each university

Seoul, South Korea

2020 – 2022

GPA: 4.13/4.3

University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Bachelor of Arts (Double Major: International Studies and Communication Studies; Minor in Japanese)

The University of North Carolina Wilmington's 2020 Global Citizen's Award Recipient

Wilmington, NC

2016 – 2020

Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Selected)

Center for International Affairs and World Cultures

Research Assistant

Boston, MA

Jan. 2025 – Nov. 2025

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP/RSP)

Office of Regional and Security Policy, Indo-Pacific Strategy Team

Indo-Pacific Regional Policy Intern (Remote)

Designed a data collection project cataloging U.S. accomplishments under its Indo-Pacific Strategy.

Analyzed the accomplishments during the Biden and the first 100 days of the Trump administrations.

Produced written analysis on public and elite reactions to engagement in the U.S.-Japan-ROK trilateral.

Washington, D.C.

Sep. 2024 – May 2025

Yonsei Institute for North Korean Studies

Academic Journal Intern - North Korean Review and the Journal of Territorial and Maritime Studies

Assisted in substantive and mechanical copyediting of research articles, interviews, and book reviews.

Conducted individual research projects and interviews with scholars for the journals' online extension.

Seoul, South Korea

Sep. 2021 – Oct. 2022

East Asia Institute

Research Intern

Contributed to the research and drafting of the Asia Democracy Research Network's working papers.

Substantive and mechanical support of EAI's National Democratic Institute (NDI) funded projects.

Seoul, South Korea

July 2021 – Aug. 2021

U.S. Congressman Patrick McHenry

NC Tenth District Congressional Intern

Assisted elected officials and their district staff in the daily operations of constituent services

Hickory, NC

Jan. 2016 – June 2016

ACADEMIC WRITING

2023. Fleming, Matthew Fletcher. "U.S.-Japan-ROK Trilateralism from Obama to Biden: Expanding on Theoretical Norms of Understanding through Aspects of Building Trilateralism and U.S. Involvement in Japan-Korea Conflict Issues." 修士学位論文: 慶應義塾大学(政策・メディア), September 9, 2023. Thesis Advisors: Ken Jimbo (primary), Michito Tsuruoka, Koichiro Tanaka. https://search.lib.keio.ac.jp/permalink/81SOKEI_KEIO/6iub1s/alma9926781324704034.
2022. Fleming, Matthew F. Review of "The North Korean Conundrum: Balancing Human Rights and Nuclear Security," by Robert R. King and Gi-Wook Shin. *North Korean Review* 18, no. 2 (Fall 2022): 100–102. [Jstor.org/stable/27217169](https://www.jstor.org/stable/27217169).

GLOBAL AFFAIRS AND POLICY WRITING (Selected)

- The Diplomat Pacific Forum** [*Pragmatism with Purpose: South Korea's Opportunity to Lead in the Indo-Pacific*](#). October 28, 2025.
- Conference of Defence Associations Institute East-West Center** [*Integrated Deterrence and Minilateralism: Three Years of Indo-Pacific Security in a Networked Way*](#). January 31, 2025.
- Conference of Defence Associations Institute East-West Center** [*Navigating Instability with Resilient Optimism Post-Trump Election: Indo-Pacific Minilateralism & the U.S.-ROK-Japan Trilateral in a Shifting Political Landscape*](#). November 28, 2024 (w/ Stephen Nagy)
- East-West Center** [*Roadmap for the Trilateral Partnership: A New Era of US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Partnership*](#). July 12, 2024 (w/ M. Cha, C. Gao, A. Rosadi, and H. Tomoshige)
- Journal of Territorial and Maritime Studies** [*Interview of Edcel John A. Ibarra: Issue-Based Cooperation on Conflict Resolution in the South China Sea - Exploring Roles for ASEAN Beyond the Code of Conduct*](#). June 8, 2022.
- North Korean Review Journal** [*Interview of Van Jackson: Deviant Cases and Near-Miss Crises - Locating North Korea in The Asian Peace*](#). November 30, 2021.
- NOVAsia** [*Olympics' Toxic Relationship: Examining S. Korea's Issue with Food from Fukushima*](#). Oct. 27, 2021
- NOVAsia** [*Hibakusha: Contextualizing Japan's Relationship with Nuclear Radiation*](#). September 15, 2021

CREDITED CONTRIBUTOR (NON-AUTHOR)

- The Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security** [*A Next-Generation Agenda: South Korea-US-Australia Security Cooperation*](#). November 4, 2025.
- Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs** [*A Policy Framework for International Cooperation in Space Biotechnology*](#). September 8, 2025.

PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

Government Affiliated

2024. **Fireside Chat with U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Philip S. Goldberg**
Importance of the U.S.-ROK-Japan Trilateral Relationship, Moderated by Matthew F. Fleming
U.S. Embassy Seoul, Nurimaru APEC House Busan, South Korea, July 13.

Panel Discussions

2026. **Maritime Conversations: Maritime Geopolitics Between the United States and East Asia**
Defense Industrial Base Institute, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, April 9th (Expected)
2026. **Defending Democracy: Youth Mobilization in Asia and Transnational Networks**
Center for International Affairs and World Cultures Global Crisis Series (Moderator), Boston, MA, February 17.
2025. **Transnational Networks and International Cooperation: University College Dublin and Northeastern University**
Peace Promotion and Youth Movements Panel (Moderator), Dublin, Ireland, November 26.
2022. **Korean International Studies Association 14th Annual Convention and NKR/JTMS Joint Conference**
Denuclearization In DPRK Post-Russian Invasion Into Ukraine: Security Assurances and Nuclear Deterrence
The Democratic People's Republic of Korea Post Ukraine Panel, Seoul, South Korea, November 24.

2022. **Korean Political Science Association's Summer Conference / 2022 한국정치학회 하계학술회의**
Denuclearization In DPRK Post-Russian Invasion Into Ukraine: Security Assurances and Nuclear Deterrence
Contemporary Perspectives on North Korea Panel, Seoul, South Korea, August 24.

Invited Talks

2026. **Northeastern University** (Guest Lecturer)
Chips, Cables, and the Island Chains: Competition over Critical Technologies and the Rules-Based Indo-Pacific Order
INTL/POLS 2600, Artificial Intelligence and World Politics, Boston, MA, February 2.
2025. **Northeastern University** (Guest Lecturer)
K-Democracy and a Free and Open Indo-Pacific: Resilience, National Interest, and Regional Coalitions
POLS 4580, Comparative Democracies: Consolidation and De-Consolidation, Boston, MA, September 25.
2025. **Meiji University** (Guest Lecturer)
The Indo-Pacific Opportunity: Role of the US, Japan, & Minilateralism in a Free and Open Rules-Based Order
The Twenty-First Century City: The Tokyo and Kyoto Dialogue, Tokyo, Japan, June 4.
2024. **Northeastern University** (Discussant)
Addressing 21st Century Global Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Region: A Project for Bangladesh
International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State, Boston, MA, October 1.
2023. **Tokyo International University** (Guest Speaker)
Graduate Study and International Relations Research in East Asia as an International Student
Tokyo, Japan, July 5.

GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENTS (Selected)

U.S. Delegate

2024. **U.S. Department of State; The East-West Center; The United States Embassy in Seoul; The United States Embassy in Tokyo; The Republic of Korea Ministry of Education; and the Busan Metropolitan City Government**
U.S.-ROK-Japan Trilateral Global Leadership Youth Summit
Busan, South Korea, July 11-13, 2024.

Selected Participant

2024. **The North Atlantic Treaty Organization**
NATO Youth Summit: Shaping Your Tomorrow
Miami, FL, May 13, 2024.
2021. **The Ministry of National Defense of The Republic of Korea**
Seoul Defense Dialogue 2021: Borderless Security Crises and Multilateral Responses
Seoul, South Korea, September 9-10, 2021.

Invited Attendee

2023. **Office of the President of the Republic of Korea**
The Korea-Japan Future Generation: A Lecture by the Republic of Korea President Yoon Seok Yeol
Tokyo, Japan, March 17, 2023.

WORKSHOPS

2026. **The East-West Center; the U.S. Department of State**
Young Trilateral Leaders Alumni Workshop, March 25-27 (Expected)
2026. **O.P. Jindal Global University; the Center for International Affairs and World Cultures**
Transnational Networks Reshaping Geopolitics, March 17-18
2025. **University College of Dublin; the Center for International Affairs and World Cultures**
Transnational Networks and International Cooperation, November 25-16

2025. **The RAND Corporation**
Great Power Competition and Indo-Pacific Security, Washington, D.C., Nov 21.
2025. **Norwegian Nobel Institute; the Center for International Affairs and World Cultures**
How to Achieve Nuclear Disarmament: Europe's Role in Safeguarding the Future, Oslo, Norway, October 15.
2025. **Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; the Center for International Affairs and World Cultures**
The Transnational Political Networks & the Future of Global Order Project, October 15-16
2025. **Atlantic Council's Indo-Pacific Security Initiative; the Korea Foundation**
A Next-Generation Agenda: ROK-US-Australia Security Cooperation, June 25 and July 29, Washington, DC.
2025. **Council on Foreign Relations**
The New Nuclear Age: Boston Roundtable, Boston, MA, April 15.
2025. **The Center for International Affairs and World Cultures**
The Transnational Political Networks & the Future of Global Order Project, Boston, April 9-10
2024. **Center for Global Security Research, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory**
Deterrence in the 2025 National Defense Strategy Review, December 10-11, Livermore, CA, 2024.
2024. **The East-West Center**
US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Global Leadership Workshop Series
1. June 28, Security and the Trilateral Relationship Workshop
 2. May 17, Economy and Innovation and the Trilateral Relationship Workshop
 3. April 12, Climate Change and the Trilateral Relationship Workshop
 4. March 29, Importance of the Trilateral Relationship Workshop

CURRENT PROJECTS

- “[Indo-Pacific Minilateral Cooperation Lab](#),” **In Progress**. Northeastern University.
Project Lead: Matthew F. Fleming
Supported by the Center for International Affairs and World Cultures
- “Evolving Rhetoric of Indo-Pacific Strategies and Frameworks of Engagement,” **In Progress**. Pacific Forum.
Primary Investigator: Matthew F. Fleming
Supported by the Pacific Forum's James A. Kelly Korea Fellowship
- “Transnational Political Networks and the Future of Global Order Project,” **Research Team Member**. Northeastern University.
Primary Investigator: Mai'a K. Davis Cross
Supported by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2026. College of Social Science and Humanities Outstanding Graduate Student Award (Nominated), Northeastern University.
- 2024-29. Full Tuition Scholarship (5 Years), Northeastern University.
- 2024-29. Annual Stipend Graduate Assistantship (5 Years), Northeastern University.
- 2021/2022/2023. Graduate School of Media and Governance Research Fund, Keio University.
- 2022/2023. Yonsei-Keio Dual Degree Master's Program Living Stipend, Yonsei University/Keio University.
- 2021-23. Yonsei-Keio Dual Degree Master's Program Tuition Scholarship, Yonsei University/Keio University.
2020. Graduate School of International Studies Incoming Student Award, Yonsei University.
2020. Global Citizen's Award, University of North Carolina Wilmington.
2019. The Parrish-Betts Travel Award, University of North Carolina Wilmington.
2019. International Programs Travel Award, University of North Carolina Wilmington.

TEACHING

International Program Teaching Assistant

- 2025/2026 (Summer) POLS 4937. Government & Politics Abroad (w/ Liza Weinstein), Northeastern University; Meiji University
- 2025/2026 (Summer) POLS 4938. International Politics Abroad, (w/ Lori Gardinier), Northeastern University; Meiji University

Head Teaching Assistant

2024 (Fall) INTL 3406. International Law (w/ Denise Garcia), Northeastern University

TRAINING

Pedagogy

2020. TQUK Level 5 Certificate In Teaching English As A Foreign Language (RQF), Training Qualifications UK.
120 hours of Coursework (International TEFL Academy) / 20 Student Teaching Hours (UNC Wilmington ESL program).

Language

2016-20. Japanese Minor, University of North Carolina Wilmington.
Speaking: Basic, Reading: Basic, Writing: Basic.

AWARDS

Academic Awards

2023. Graduate School of Media and Governance Diploma Receipt Vice Representative (学位記受領副代表), Keio University.
2023. Global Governance and Regional Strategy Research Field Certificate; プログラム修了証, Keio University
2020. Global Citizen's Award, University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Civic Engagement

2016. Eagle Scout, The Boy Scouts of America.

MEMBERSHIP

Current

2026 – Current. **Indo-Pacific Minilateral Lab** – *Project Lead*
2025 – Current. **Atlantic Council** – *Indo-Pacific Security Initiative Next Generation Agenda Network Member*
2024 – Current. **U.S. State Department** – *Young Trilateral Leaders Network Inaugural Member (YTL)*
2024 – Current. **Pacific Forum** – *Young Leaders Program Member*
2024 – Current. **The East-West Center** – *Alumni Network Member*
2022 – Current. **Korean Political Science Association** – *Associate Member*

Previously Held

2023-24. **British American Security Information Council** – *Emerging Voices Network Member*