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EDUCATION

Present	Vanderbilt University Ph.D. Sociology	Nashville, TN
2021	Yenching Academy of Peking University M.A. China Studies (Law and Society)	Beijing, China
2019	Lawrence University B.A. Political Science (Minors in Anthropology and History) Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa	Appleton, WI

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environment, Science and Technology, Political Economy, Political Sociology, Comparative-Historical Method, Urban Ethnography, East Asian Studies

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

2022	Seo, Hayoung. "Unprecedented Rainstorm Exposes South Korea's Blind Spots?" <i>The Diplomat</i> , August 10.
2021	Seo, Hayoung. "South Korea's Cryptocurrency Craze: Can a Cryptocurrency Boom in South Korea Give a Boost for a Centralized Digital Currency?" <i>The Diplomat</i> , March 3.
2019	Seo, Hayoung. "China's Waste Import Ban Weighs Heavily on South Korean Wastepickers." <i>The Diplomat</i> , December 24.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021	Seo, Hayoung. "Ecological Governance Captured By Market Ideology?: A Case Study of Ecological Civilization in Xi Jinping's New Era," MA thesis, Peking University.
2019	Seo, Hayoung. "The Politics of Waste: A Look Inside the Lives of Local Wastepickers in Seoul (1960s-2000s)," BA Honors Thesis, Lawrence University.
2018	Seo, Hayoung. "Return of Angry Citizens: A Study of Social Emotions in Candlelight Social Movements in South Korea (2016-2017)," BA Senior Capstone Project, Lawrence University.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

2021	"Is Ecological Civilization Ecological Enough?: Through the Lens of Green Growth-Degrowth Paradigm in Xi Jinping's New Era," Yenching Academy Global Symposium, Beijing, China, April 16.
2020	"Understanding the Commodification of Food Waste during South Korean Modernization in 1980s," The 10th Asian Food Study Conference, Nanning College for Vocational Tech., China, Nov. 11.

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- 2019 “Politics of Waste Pickers in Seoul: Historical Glance into the Urban Poor through the Lens of Waste Pickers in Korea,” Student Research Conference on Asia and the Environment, Vassar College, April 29.
- 2019 “The Politics of Waste: A Look Inside the Lives of Local Wastepickers Seoul,” The Richard A. Harrison Symposium in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Lawrence University, May 18.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant

- 2023 SOC 3317 Energy Transitions and Society, Vanderbilt University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022-23 Research Associate at Solutions for Our Climate (SFOC)
- 2017-22 Research Associate at Food Philosophy Institute of Korea

HONORS & AWARDS

Vanderbilt University

- 2023 Russell G. Hamilton Scholar
- 2023 College of Arts & Science Fellowship

Peking University

- 2020 Peking University Mandarin Language Scholarship
- 2020 Peking University Second-Year Scholarship
- 2019 Bai Xian Asia Institute Asian Future Leaders Scholarship

Lawrence University

- 2019 Political Science Journal Award
- 2019 Phi Beta Kappa
- 2015-19 Dean’s List
- 2017 Povolny Fund for Excellence (Summer Research Grant)

LANGUAGES & TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Korean (native); Mandarin Chinese, Latin (fluent); Classical Chinese, Japanese (intermediate)

Quantitative: STATA, R

Qualitative: Qualitative interviewing, Archival research, Participant observation