

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Cleveland State University College of Law, Cleveland, OH

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2025 – Present
Courses: Family Law, Torts

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Teaching Fellow, Family Law of Poor Families, 2024
Graduate Student Associate, Harvard University Asia Center, 2022 – 2023
Graduate Student Affiliate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2021 – 2022
Teaching Fellow, Family Law, 2021
Graduate Program Fellow, 2018 – 2019

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, S.J.D., May 2025

Dissertation: *Comparative Law from the Periphery: Traveling and Changing Legal Ideas on Family, Sex, and Gender in South Korea and the United States*
Committee: Janet Halley (Chair), Jeannie Suk Gersen, Duncan Kennedy
Honors: Yong K. Kim '95 Memorial Writing Prize

Harvard Law School, LL.M., May 2017

Thesis: *Family, Conflict of Laws, and Multiculturalism*
Honors: Yong K. Kim '95 Memorial Writing Prize, Summer Academic Fellowship

Seoul National University, Graduate School of Law, J.D., February 2012

Thesis: *Conflict of Securities Regulations: Extraterritorial Application of U.S. Securities Law*
Activities: Student Council, Corporate Finance Law Association

Seoul National University, School of Law, LL.B., February 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Parents, Kin, and the State: Family and Households Between Functional Parenthood and Child Protection, 33 GEO. J. ON POVERTY L. & POL'Y __ (forthcoming, 2025)

Historicizing Same-Sex Marriage in the Legal Periphery: Savigny, Nakagawa, and the Korean Marriage, 33(2) MINN. J. INT'L L. 155 (awarded the Colin B. Picker Graduate Prize by the American Society of Comparative Law)

How Should Legal Decisionmakers Treat Same-Sex Marriages Under Foreign Law? in ISSUES AND CHALLENGES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW AND PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW 338 (Chae Dong Heon et al. eds., 2022) (in Korean)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Social Legal Thought of the Only Feminist Woman Lawyer in South Korea, 1952-1972 (manuscript available upon request)

Studying Changes in Family, Sex, and Gender Law Through the Center/Periphery Lens

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Parents, Kin, and the State

Cleveland State University College of Law Faculty Workshop (2025)
USC Gould School of Law Faculty Workshop (2025)
Boston College Law School Faculty Workshop (2024)
University of Dayton School of Law Faculty Workshop (2024)
Harvard Law School, S.J.D. Colloquium (2024)
Nonmarriage Roundtable, University of Virginia School of Law (2024)
Jurisprudence of Distribution Workshop (2024)
New York Area Family Law Scholars Workshop, Cardozo School of Law (2024)
Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law (2024)
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (2024)

Historicizing Same-Sex Marriage Debate in the Legal Periphery

Asian Law Junior Scholar Workshop, Yale Law School (2024)
American Society of Comparative Law Annual Conference (YCC), Florida International University College of Law (2023)
Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Boston College Law School (2023)
Harvard University Asia Center (2023)

The Only Feminist Woman Lawyer in South Korea

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (2025)
The Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, East Asian Law & Society Main Panel (2025)
American Society of Comparative Law Annual Conference (YCC), Northeastern University School of Law (2022)
The Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference (2022)

‘Parasite,’ Economic Family, and Neoliberalism in South Korea

Harvard University Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society (2020)

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

LEE & KO, Seoul, South Korea

Associate Attorney, 2012 – 2018 (including two-year professional development sabbatical)

Practiced in Banking and Finance Group. Represented development banks, global funds, and financial institutions in cross-border financing transactions, with a focus on acquisition and real-estate finance. Advised clients on compliance with securities and finance regulations.

BAR ADMISSION

Korean Bar (2012); New York Bar (2021)