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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Bernard J. Brommel Distinguished Professor. Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), 2021-present.
Professor. Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), 2016-present.
Associate Professor. Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), 2010-2016.
Assistant Professor. Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), 2005-2010.
Visiting Assistant Professor. Butler University, 2004-2005.

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Abe Fellow in Residence. The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA), Tokyo, Fall 2010.
Visiting Research Scholar. Graduate Program on Human Security, University of Tokyo, Summer/Fall 2010.

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

Ph.D. Political Science, Purdue University, 2004.
M.A. Political Science and Diplomacy, Ewha Womans University (South Korea), 1995.
B.A. Political Science and Diplomacy, Ewha Womans University (South Korea), 1993.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Human Security, Changing States and Global Responses: Institutions and Practices (co-edited with Makoto Maruyama) (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2015).

Reviewed by Yoichi Mine, *The Developing Economies* 54 (4) (December 2016).

When the State No Longer Kills: International Human Rights Norms and Abolition of Capital Punishment (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2007).

Included on the "University Press Bestsellers" list in *Academia* (2007-2008).

Reviewed by Howard Tolley, *Perspectives on Politics* 6 (3) (2008).

Reviewed by Debora Di Dio, *H-Human-Rights* (March 2010).

Articles in Refereed Journals and Book Chapters:

"The Death Penalty as an International Human Rights Concern: Developments and Challenges." In *Companion on Capital Punishment and Society*, edited by Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Austin Sarat (Cheltenham/Northampton: Edward Elgar, 2024, forthcoming).

"Co-Sponsorship, *Note Verbale*, and Association Behaviour at the UNGA" (with Daniel Pascoe), *The International Journal of Human Rights* 26 (1) (2022): 160-190.

doi: [10.1080/13642987.2021.1910810](https://doi.org/10.1080/13642987.2021.1910810).

“Idiosyncratic Voting in the UNGA Death Penalty Moratorium Resolutions” (with Daniel Pascoe), *The International Journal of Human Rights* 25 (6) (2021): 974-1006. doi: [10.1080/13642987.2020.1804370](https://doi.org/10.1080/13642987.2020.1804370).

“Changing Roles of the EU and ASEAN on Peace in the Korean Peninsula” (with Martyn de Bruyn), *Revista UNISCI: UNISCI Journal* 18 (52) (2020): 51-68. doi: [10.31439/UNISCI-74](https://doi.org/10.31439/UNISCI-74). Reprinted in Jimmyn Parc, EunSook Yang, and Stephen Ranger (eds.), *South Korea's International Relations with Its Neighbors* (Madrid, Spain: UNISCI 2020): 61-82.

“The Role of Institutions in the Norm Life Cycle: The United Nations and the Anti-Capital Punishment Norm.” In *Comparative Capital Punishment Law*, edited by Carol Steiker and Jordan Steiker (Cheltenham/Northampton: Edward Elgar, 2019): 232-246.

“The Wax and Wane of Human Security Norms: Revisiting the Cases of Japan and Canada” (with David Diaz), *Journal of Human Security Studies* 7 (2) (2018): 58-78.

“Active in Not Being Active (AINBA): How East Asian Powers Accept R2P” (with Amy Infanzon and Michael Abbe), *Asian Journal of Political Science* 26 (1) (2018): 16-43.

“Introduction: The State and Human Security.” In *Human Security, Changing States and Global Responses: Institutions and Practices*, edited by Sangmin Bae and Makoto Maruyama (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2015).

“Death Penalty Moratorium in South Korea: Democratic Transition and Political Leadership.” In *The Politics of the Death Penalty in Countries in Transition*, edited by Madoka Futamura and Nadia Bernaz (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2013): 92-106. Revised and Reprinted as “Death Penalty Moratorium in South Korea: Norms, Institutions, and Leadership.” In *Capital Punishment: A Hazard to a Sustainable Criminal Justice System?* edited by Lill Scherдин (London: Ashgate, 2014).

“Capital Punishment.” In *Global Social Issues: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Christopher Bates and James Ciment (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe 2013). *Selected as a “Star Title” of the year by Core Collections.

“Power, Self-Sufficiency and Democratic Stability: When Advanced Democracies Violate International Human Rights Norms.” *Zeitschrift Fuer Menschenrechte* [Journal for Human Rights] 6 (1) (2012): 58-74.

“Human Security, Capital Punishment and East Asian Democracies.” In *Human Security: Securing East Asia's Future*, edited by Benny Teh Cheng Guan (Berlin: Springer, 2012): 217-230.

“An Institutional Approach to Peace and Prosperity: Towards a Korean Fisheries Community” (with Martyn de Bruyn). In *Towards a Northeast Asian Security Community? Implications for Korea's Growth and Economic Development*, edited by Werner Pascha and Bernhard Seliger (Berlin: Springer 2011): 239-258.

“International Norms, Domestic Politics, and the Death Penalty: Comparing Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan.” *Comparative Politics* 44 (1) (2011): 41-58.

“Trust Building through Institutions: European Lessons for Korean Unification” (with Martyn de Bruyn). *On Korea: The Korea Economic Institute (KEI) Academic Paper Series* 3 (2010): 149-160.

“South Korea’s De Facto Abolition of the Death Penalty.” *Pacific Affairs* 82 (3) (2009): 407-425.

“Friends Do Not Let Friends Execute: The Council of Europe and the Anti-Death Penalty Movement.” *International Politics* 45 (2) (2008): 129-145.

“Is the Death Penalty an Asian Value?” *Asian Affairs* 39 (1) (2008): 47-56.

“The Death Penalty and the Peculiarity of American Political Institutions.” *Human Rights Review* 9 (2) (2008): 233-240.

“The Abolitionist Movement in Death Penalty-Friendly Asia.” In *Against the Death Penalty: International Initiatives*, edited by Jon Yorke (London: Ashgate 2008): 229-246.

“Ending State Killing in South Korea: Challenging the Asian Capital Punishment Status Quo.” In *The Cultural Lives of Capital Punishment: Comparative Perspectives*, edited by Austin Sarat and Christian Boulanger (Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press 2005): 308-327.

“The Right to Life vs. the State’s Ultimate Sanction: Abolition of Capital Punishment in Post-Apartheid South Africa.” *International Journal of Human Rights* 9 (1) (2005): 49-68.

“NAFTA Ratification and Political Coalitions in the U.S. Congress.” *Chongchi Yeon Goo* [Political Studies] (1997): 49-83.

Web Posts and Other Publications:

Book Review in *Pacific Affairs* 97(2) (2024) of JeongHun Han, Ramon Pacheco Pardo, and Youngho Cho, *The Oxford Handbook of South Korean Politics* (Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press, 2023).

“[Latest Developments in the UNGA Death Penalty Moratorium Resolutions](#)” (with Daniel Pascoe), Death Penalty Research Unit Blog, University of Oxford (18 May 2021).

Book Review in *Pacific Affairs* 83(3) (2010) of David T. Johnson and Franklin E. Zimring, *The Next Frontier: National Development, Political Change, and the Death Penalty in Asia* (Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press, 2009).

Works-in-Progress:

From Chrysanthemum to Sword?: Japan’s Balancing Act between Human Security and Rearmament (Book Manuscript). This book examines Japan's promotion of concepts of human security in parallel with its seemingly incongruous trajectory of rearmament. The first draft of the book is complete.

“Peace on the Korean Peninsula and Japan's Military Normalization” (with Anna Augustyn). Collaborating with an NEIU graduate student, this research discusses the reconciliation move between the two Koreas and its political impact on Japan-Korea relations.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (*paper presentations unless otherwise indicated*)_____

“Idiosyncratic Co-Sponsorship and Dissociation in the UNGA Death Penalty Moratorium Resolutions” (with Daniel Pascoe). The Law and Society Annual Meeting, May 2020 (virtual meeting).

“Co-Sponsorship and Dissociation in the UNGA Death Penalty Moratorium Resolutions” (with Daniel Pascoe). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2020 (scheduled but the meeting canceled due to COVID-19).

“Peace on the Korean Peninsula and Japan’s Military Normalization” (with Anna Augustyn). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2019.

“Idiosyncratic Voting in the UNGA Death Penalty Moratorium Resolutions” (with Daniel Pascoe). Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, March 2019.

“Japan, Canada and Human Security: The Wax and Wane of a Human Security Norm” (with David Diaz). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2018. Program Co-Chair. Human Rights Section of the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2018.

Panel Organizer. “R2P in East Asia: Acceptance, Commitment and Practice.” Asian Studies Conference Japan, Meiji Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan, June 2015.

“Active in Not Being Active (AINBA): How East Asian Powers Accept R2P” (with Amy Infanzon and Michael Abbe). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

Chair/Co-Discussant. Panel: “The Role of States in Human Security: International, Transnational, and Regional Perspectives.” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, March 2014.

Program Chair. Human Security Symposium, “Building a Human Security Network between the US and Japan” (in collaboration with the Graduate Program on Human Security at the University of Tokyo). Chicago, IL, March 2012.

“Human Security in East Asia: Japan Leading the Way?” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 2011.

Reader. “East Asian Law and Society--Author Meets Reader--The Next Frontier: National Development, Political Change, and the Death Penalty in Asia.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL, May 2010.

“Norms, States, and Human Security: Who Promotes the Human Security Norm and Why?” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 2010.

“Self-Sufficiency, Democratic Stability and Noncompliance: When Advanced Democracies Violate International Human Rights Norms.” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, March 2008.

“The Abolitionist Movement in Death Penalty-Friendly Asia.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, MA, March 2007.

Chair/Discussant. Panel: “The Future of National Human Rights Institutions: Political and Legal Perspectives.” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, March 2007.

“International Norms, Domestic Politics and the Death Penalty: Comparing Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan.” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, March 2007.

“International Human Rights Law and American Exceptionalism” (with Emily Frank and Jon Keyser). Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, March 2006.

“Democratic Consolidation in Progress: South Korea on the Road to Abolish Capital Punishment.” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, CA, March 2005.

“Human Rights vs. Civil Rights” (with Martyn de Bruyn). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2004.

“When the State No Longer Kills: International Human Rights Norms and Abolition of Capital Punishment.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL, May 2004.

“International Law and the Killing State: A Comparative Approach to Norm Compliance.” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 2004.

“Long Live Capital Punishment: American Exceptionalism in International Norm Compliance.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003.

“The Political Grammar of Capital Punishment: The Case of South Korea.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Pittsburgh, PA, June 2003.

“The Right to Life and the State’s Ultimate Sanction: Norm Compliance in the Case of Capital Punishment.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2003.

“No More Noose, No More Human Rights Violation: A Way to Abolish the Death Penalty in South Africa.” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver, CO, March 2003.

“International Human Rights Norms and State Compliance: Annuling State Killings in Post-Apartheid South Africa.” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Portland, OR, February 2003.

Discussant. Human Rights Workshop for the Youth, Sarangbang Group for Human Rights, Seoul, South Korea, January 2003.

“Rational Adopting or Learning?: The Politics of Death Penalty Abolition in Ukraine.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2002.

“The Council of Europe, Political Leadership and Abolition of Capital Punishment.” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, March 2002.

“Norm Empowerment and the Abolition of Capital Punishment.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2001.

“Norm Internalization in the Case of Capital Punishment.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2001.

“Cyberlinks between Human Rights NGOs: A Network Analysis” (with Junho Choi). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2000.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

“Democracy and Human Rights.” Good Democracy Research Center, Sungkyunkwan University, Kyoto, Japan, June 2023.

“Abolition of Capital Punishment: International Law and State Behavior.” Passport to the World Series, Oakton Community College Emeritus Program, Skokie, IL February 2018.

“Human Rights Law, Treaties, and Institutions.” University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas, April 2017.

“Asian Exceptionalism in Capital Punishment.” Hitotsubashi University Law School. Tokyo, Japan, June 2016.

“The Changing Practice of Capital Punishment: A Global Perspective.” International Speaker Series. College of Lake County. Grayslake, IL, March 2014.

“Comparison of South Korea and Taiwan in Their Reconciliation with Adversaries.” The National Unification Advisory Council of Korea – Chicago Chapter, Wheeling, IL, August 2013.

“Middle Power Identities and Interests: What Compels Countries to Promote Human Security?” Human Security Symposium, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, May 2013.

“Human Security, Human Rights, and the Death Penalty.” The Graduate Program on Human Security, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, October 2010.

“Comparative Human Security Policy in Japan, Canada and Norway.” Japan Institute of International Affairs. Tokyo, Japan, October 2010.

“International Human Rights Norms and Abolition of Capital Punishment.” Hitotsubashi University Law School. Tokyo, Japan, July 2010.

“Norms, Institutions and Leadership: Death Penalty Moratorium in South Korea.” The Oslo International Symposium on Capital Punishment in Asia (funded by The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Universitetet i Oslo. Oslo, Norway, March 2010.

“Why Abolition Has Not Occurred in Japan: with Comparisons to South Korea” (with David Johnson). The Oslo International Symposium on Capital Punishment in Asia. Universitetet i Oslo. Oslo, Norway, March 2010

“The Olympic Games, Human Rights and Democratization: The Cases of Seoul and Beijing.” The Annual Asian American Heritage Conference. NEIU, March 2010.

“What Kind of Unification Are We Talking About?: European Lessons for Korean Unification” (with Martyn de Bruyn). The Korean Economic Institute. Washington DC, January 2009.

“Abolitionists without Borders: Empowerment of the Anti-Death Penalty Norm at the Supranational Level.” University College Dublin, Ireland, December 2008.

“Asian Exceptionalism and the Abolition of the Death Penalty.” The Annual Symposium on Restorative Justice, Punishment, and the Death Penalty. Utah Valley University. Orem, UT, October 2008.

“International Relations and the Peaceful Unification of Korea.” Annual Meeting of the National Unification Advisory Council. Northbrook, IL, November 2007.

“The Debate over North Korea: Communism, Nationalism and the Missiles.” The Korean Studies Lecture Series hosted by the Korean American Women’s Association. Chicago, IL, July 2006.

“The Law and Practice of the Death Penalty.” Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) Speaker Series. NEIU, October 2005.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Co-Principal Investigator (PI) (with Dr. Daniel Pascoe), Project: “Idiosyncratic Voting in the UNGA Death Penalty Moratorium Resolutions,” City University of Hong Kong, School of Law School Matching Fund 2019-2020 (HKD \$114,892).

Principal Investigator (PI) and Project Director, Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP) Grant: “Building a Human Security Network Between the United States and Japan” 2011-13 (\$91,069).

Abe Fellowship: “Human Security in East Asia: Japan Leading the Way?” 2009-10.

Committee on Organized Research (COR) Grant, NEIU, 2006-07 (\$3,000), 2009-10 (\$3,000), 2011-12 (\$3,000), 2014-15 (\$4,000), 2018-19 (\$3,784).

Summer Research Stipend Award, NEIU, 2013 (\$5,000), 2017 (\$5,000), 2023 (\$5,000)

CAS Summer Faculty-Student Research Grant, NEIU, 2014 (\$4,000).

Faculty Excellence Award, NEIU, 2007-8, 2009-10, 2011-12, 2013-14, 2017-18.

Faculty Award of Excellence, Asian American Heritage Committee Awards of Excellence, 2011.

Research Travel Grant. Northeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies, 2006.

American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant Award, 2003.

International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Grant Award, 2003.

Dissertation Research Grant, Purdue Research Foundation, 2002-4.

Frank L. Wilson Award for Dissertation Research Fieldwork, 2002.

Outstanding Graduate TA Award, Department of Political Science, Purdue University, 2001.

Purdue University Graduate Fellowships, 1998-2002.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate

International Human Rights. NEIU.

International Politics of East Asia. NEIU.

Undergraduate

International Organizations. NEIU, Butler University.

War and Peace. NEIU.

Principles of International Relations. NEIU.

Politics and Governments of North and South Korea, NEIU.

International Relations in Asia. NEIU, Butler University.

Introduction to Political Science. NEIU, Butler University.

Introduction to World Politics/International Relations. NEIU, Purdue University.

Honors Introduction to the Social Sciences. NEIU.

Theories of International Relations. Butler University.

Politics of Human Rights (Senior Seminar). Butler University.

PARTICIPATION IN FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

“Being Japanese: Histories, Identities and Modernities.” The Asian Studies Development Program and Central Washington University, Seattle, WA, April 2011.

Human Rights Teaching Conference, “Liberal Arts Education and Teaching Human Rights.” University of Chicago Human Rights Program, October 2005.

“Responding to the Writing of Non-Native English Speakers Workshop.” Center for Teaching and Learning, NEIU, October 2005.

“Writing across the Curriculum.” The Writers’ Studio Workshop, Butler University, January 2005.

College Teaching Workshop Series 1 & 2, Center for Instructional Excellence (CIE), Purdue University, January 2001 & February 2003.

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

External Referee for: *American Political Science Review*, *Asia-Europe Journal*, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, *Comparative Politics*, *Crime, Law and Social Change*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Criminal Justice Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of European Integration*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, *Pacific Affairs*, Pearson Longman, *Punishment & Society*, Routledge, *Social Problems*, State University of New York Press, SAGE/CQ Publishing, *Scientia Militaria*, Thomson Higher Education, and Wadsworth Cengage Learning.

Member. Selection Committee for the Bernard J. Brommel Distinguished Research Professor Award, 2023.

Co-Chair. Program Committee, Human Rights Section. Midwest Political Science Association, 2018.

Member. Faculty Excellence Award Committee, NEIU, 2018; 2019.

External Evaluator. Tenure and Promotion Application. Loyola University New Orleans, 2017.

Graduate Advisor. Political Science Department, NEIU, 2009-2016.

Member. University Honors Program Advisory Board, 2011-2015.

Chair. Selection Committee for the Bernard J. Brommel Distinguished Research Professor Award, 2014.

Chair. Public Policy and Public Administration Search and Screen Committee, NEIU, 2013.

Faculty Advisor. Amnesty International NEIU Chapter, 2008-2011.

Member. University Strategic Planning Team, NEIU, 2008.

Member. Geography & Environmental Studies Search and Screen Committee, NEIU, 2008.

Faculty Advisor. Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society NEIU Chapter, 2007-2009.

Member. Justice Studies Program Search and Screen Committee, NEIU, 2007.

Member. Women’s Studies Advisory Board. NEIU, 2006-2009.

Member. Public Law and American Politics Search and Screen Committee, NEIU, 2006.

Member. College of Arts and Science Academic Affairs Committee. NEIU, 2005-2006.

Faculty Advisor. Amnesty International Chapter, Butler University, 2004-2005.

Mentor. New Graduate Student Peer Mentor Program. Purdue University, 2002-2003.

MEDIA APPEARANCES _____

CNN; *The Gaudian*; KBC's *News Magazine*; WOCH-CA (Channel 41 Chicago); *Quartz*; *Radio Korea*

RESEARCH POSITION _____

Statistics Consultant. C-SPAN Data Lab, West Lafayette, IN. Fall 1998-Spring 1999.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS _____

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

International Studies Association (ISA)

Midwest Political Science Association (APSA)

Law and Society Association (LSA) Collaborative Research Network, "The Cultural Lives of Capital Punishment" and "East Asian Law and Society"