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Seoul-based reporter and editor with 15+ years experience in Asia, DC, and everywhere in between. Have reported from 20+ countries, covering everything from human rights and politics to security and global health. Skilled at leading reporting teams, guiding regional coverage, and working across platforms.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Voice of America

Bureau Chief

Seoul, South Korea

April 2019–Present

- Lead a team of reporters in Seoul and across the region, helping guide regional coverage.
- Report breaking news, features, and investigations on diplomacy, security, and politics in across Asia, with a main focus on Korea.
- Produce content for all platforms, including TV, radio, live hits, and social media.
- Built and leveraged high-level networks across Asia in government, academia, diplomacy, and media.
- Represented VOA in high-visibility settings, including live interviews and panel discussions.

Voice of America

International Broadcaster

Washington, DC

July 2011–April 2019

- Covered global affairs and U.S. foreign policy for VOA's worldwide audiences.
- Reported from the White House, State Department, Pentagon, and VOA headquarters in DC.
- Traveled independently and with diplomatic delegations to report from over a dozen countries.
- Collaborated on web, video, and social content strategies to expand reach and engagement.

Arab West Report

Communications Lead/English Editor

Cairo, Egypt

May 2010–July 2011

- Guided strategic communications, strengthening the organization's public messaging during a time of political turbulence.
- Helped develop one of the region's earliest issues-focused email newsletters, growing our global visibility.
- Secured coverage in major international outlets by building targeted media outreach strategies.

Entercom Communications

Reporter

Mission, Kansas

February 2008–May 2009

- Reported and anchored newscasts for News Radio 980 KMBZ, a local news-talk station in Kansas City.

Moody Bible Institute

Bachelor of Arts in Communications

Chicago, IL

May 2007

PORTFOLIO

[**Under Yoon, South Korea Defamation Cases Against Media Rise**](#) – An investigative report on the increasing use of defamation laws to target journalists under the administration of former South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol.

[**As Yoon Remakes South Korea's Right, a Lonely Conservative Pushes Back**](#) – A deep dive into the political and personal costs of resisting the hard-right turn of South Korea's conservative movement.

[**North Korea Rights Groups Face Collapse Amid U.S. Funding Halt**](#) – An exclusive report on the impact of U.S. policy on North Korean human rights organizations.

[**Korean Journalists Recount Night of Fear Under Yoon's Martial Law**](#) – A first-hand account of the chilling effects of South Korea's political turmoil on the press.

[**For Japanese Unit 731 Survivor, Speaking Truth Carries a Cost**](#) – An interview with a WWII veteran revealing long-buried stories of Japan's wartime past.

[**North Korea Defector Journalist Speaks for Those Who Can't Escape**](#) – A profile of a defector-turned-journalist shedding light on the reality inside North Korea.

[**As Trump Looms, South Koreans Mull Their Own Nukes**](#) – Analyzing how the return of Donald Trump is fueling South Korea's nuclear weapons debate.

[**Inside a Canadian Military Mission to Enforce North Korea Sanctions**](#) – A behind-the-scenes report on multilateral efforts to crack down on illicit North Korean trade.

[**Garbage Hunters: Deciphering North Korea Through Its Trash**](#) – During the pandemic, with the border sealed, analysts turned to washed-up debris to gain rare insights into life inside North Korea.

[**'Why Not Just Try?': Hong Kong Protesters Share What Drives Them**](#) – A raw, emotional glimpse into what compels young protesters in Hong Kong.

[**COVID-19 Diaries: South Korea's Plan is Working. Can the World Copy It?**](#) – An in-depth look at South Korea's successful pandemic response and its potential as a model for other nations.

[**South Korean Baseball a Hit With Sports-Starved Fans**](#) – How empty-stadium games became a surprise hit with global audiences during the early days of the pandemic.

[**Rampant Rumors But Few Facts About Kim Jong Un's Health**](#) – A look at the global frenzy over Kim's 2020 disappearance and the limits of verifying news from North Korea.

[**Taiwan Tensions Fuel Anxiety on Japan's Tiny Yonaguni Island**](#) – A look at how rising cross-strait tensions are impacting residents on Japan's westernmost island, just miles from Taiwan.

[**Dwarfed by China, Philippines Weaponizes Info in Sea Standoff**](#) – How the Philippines is turning to real-time documentation and media strategy in its maritime showdown with China.