Dear Voting Members,

My name is Dr. Shin Kue Ryu and I am running to serve on the Cultural Events Committee. If voted on to serve, I will work earnestly to ensure that the Cultural Events Committee events reflect the interests of all the faculty members.

As for qualifications, I have served on the Cultural Events Committee during Dr. Mona Xu’s sabbatical. Thus, I am familiar with the duties and the processes of the Committee. Additionally, I come from an international background. I grew up practically all around the world with education from U.S. (Elementary School, Undergraduate, and Graduate), Indonesia (Middle School), Thailand (High School), and U.K. (Graduate School). I also worked as an international diplomat at the World Bank in Washington, DC and at OECD at Paris, France. While at the World Bank, I travelled to Philippines, Vietnam, India, Kenya, and Uganda for water and sanitation projects. Then there is the WaterAid project that took me to South Korea, Singapore, and Malaysia. Even now, I am involved in traveling to Montevideo, Uruguay for an Inter-American Development Bank project.

The reason behind listing those experiences is to highlight that I am familiar with cultural diversity and how it is celebrated and cherished across different countries and contexts. Thus, I would serve on the Committee with that outlook and experience. I also have myself done theater at one point in college, as I partook in choreographed production over a 2-year span. Thus, although I am not an expert, I am familiar with the logistical requirements of set productions.

In addition to effectively fulfilling the duties of the Committee, I would also be an active advocate in getting students engaged to celebrate diversity and culture. This is something that I do already, as I teach Comparative Politics at the undergraduate level. However, by serving on the Committee, I would be an active advocate and mentor to the students on guiding how that could manifest at Idaho State University while empathetically listening to the needs of our faculty.

Thank you for taking time to read my cover letter. I hope you will consider me as a candidate to reflect your interests and preferences on the Cultural Events Committee.

Sincerely,

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ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor     Aug. 2017 – Present  
Department of Political Science, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID USA

EDUCATION

Subfields: Public Administration and Comparative Politics  
George Mason University
Dissertation Title: Where is the Safe Water? Capturing the Missing Explanation in Inter-Country Variation in Access  
(* Received the Outstanding Doctoral Student Award for best dissertation)

Washington University in Saint Louis
Thesis Title: Negotiations Over Governance Within the New Iraq Government

University of London, Queen Mary and Westfield College

Bachelor of Arts in Economics     Aug. 1997 – May 2001  
Washington University in Saint Louis

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS

Publications


**Works in progress**

• Ryu, Shin Kue. *Dancing to Different Tunes*. Submitted to *Sustainability*.

• Ryu, Shin Kue. *Developing a PPP in Vacuum of PPP Legal Guidance: Southeast Idaho’sExperience*.

• Chung, Soon Gwan and Ryu, Shin Kue. *South Korea’s Decentralization: Experience and Lessons*.

• Ryu, Shin Kue and Fornarotto, Michael. *Translating Infrastructure Resilience in Small Cities: A Pocatello Case Study*.

**Presentations at Academic Conferences and to the International Community**

• Ryu, Shin Kue. *Developing a PPP in Vacuum of PPP Legal Guidance: Southeast Idaho’s Experience*. Paper accepted to be presented at American Society of Public Administration; April 6, 2020; Anaheim, CA USA

• Ryu, Shin Kue and Fornarotto, Michael. *Translating Infrastructure Resilience in Small Cities: A Pocatello Case Study*. Paper accepted to be presented at American Society of Public Administration; April 6, 2020; Anaheim, CA USA

• Ryu, Shin Kue. *Dancing to Different Tunes: Indonesia’s Federalism in the Water Sector*. Paper presented at American Society of Public Administration; March 11, 2019; Washington, DC USA
• Ryu, Shin Kue. *Variation in Performances of Indonesia’s Water Utilities: The Lasting Imprints of Fiscal and Administrative Decentralization*. Paper presented at American Society of Public Administration; March 10, 2018; Atlanta, GA USA.


• Ryu, Shin Kue. *Explaining Variation in Safe Drinking Water Coverage with Different Theories of Governance*. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting; April 10, 2016; Chicago, USA.

• WaterAid. *What does it take to reach universal access to sanitation?* Panel presentation at the 7th World Water Forum; April 16, 2015; Gyeongju, South Korea.

• Ryu, Shin Kue. *Water and Sanitation in a Comparative Perspective*. Presentation presented at a special invitation lecture at the Graduate School of Water Resources in Sungkyunkwan University; September 5, 2014; Suwon, South Korea.

• Ryu, Shin Kue. *Water and Sanitation in a Comparative Perspective*. Presentation presented at a special invitation lecture at Korea Environment Institute within the Prime Minister’s Office; September 4, 2014; Seoul, South Korea.


• Ryu, Shin Kue. *Dialectic Research Design: Understanding and capturing the intervening variables with the causal relationships between ‘access to safe drinking water’ and the ‘state’*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (abstract accepted for presentation); April 11, 2013; Chicago, USA.

• Ryu, Shin Kue. *Access to Improved Water Sources and Water Reforms: Exploring Why Some Countries Succeed and Why Some Do Not*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; April 13, 2012; Chicago, USA.


**Awards**

• Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 22030 USA

• Prime Minister’s Certificate of Appreciation, Iraq Kurdistan Regional Government’s Prime Minister

• Parliament General Director Award, Iraq Kurdistan Regional Government’s Parliament General Director

• Asayesh Award, Iraq Kurdistan Regional Government’s Director of Asayesh.
- Zaytun Humanitarian and Reconstruction Division Commander Award, Division Commander (Major General).
- 595 Defense Security Unit Commander Award, Unit Commander (Lt. Colonel).
- Iraq Medal, Republic of Korea’s Defense Minister.

**Merit-based Academic Scholarships**
- Teaching Assistantship for the PhD Program, George Mason University
- Full Scholarship for the Master’s Program, Washington University
- Partial Scholarship for the Undergraduate Program, Washington University

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**RESEARCH FUNDING**

Principal Researcher, *WaterAid, London, UK*  

I was the principal investigator for WaterAid’s *Political Economy of Sanitation* research. This research examines why certain countries in Asia were able to reach universal access to improved sanitation while other countries could not. This research grant was received based on my current doctoral research of why certain countries were able to increase their provision of safe drinking water in the last 20 years while certain countries could not. The research systematically and more thoroughly examines the political and institutional components behind the variation in outcomes.

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCES** (in descending level from graduate to undergraduate levels)

- **POLS6680: Capstone for Public Administration**  
  *Department of Political Science, Idaho State University, Pocatello ID, USA*  
  Jan. – May. 2019

- **POLS6623: Program Assessment and Evaluation**  
  *Department of Political Science, Idaho State University, Pocatello ID, USA*  
  Jan. – May 2018

- **POLS5509: Community and Regional Planning**  
  *Department of Political Science, Idaho State University, Pocatello ID, USA*  
  Jan. – May. 2019

- **POLS4452/5552: Public Budgeting and Finance**  
  *Department of Political Science, Idaho State University, Pocatello ID, USA*  
  Aug. – Dec. 2018

- **POLS4499/5599: Public Private Partnerships**  
  *Department of Political Science, Idaho State University, Pocatello ID, USA*  
  Jan. – May 2018

- **POLS4499/5599: International Sustainable Development**  
  *Department of Political Science, Idaho State University, Pocatello ID, USA*  
  Aug. – Dec. 2017

- **POLS3331: Comparative Politics**  
  *Department of Political Science, Idaho State University, Pocatello ID, USA*  
  Aug. 2017 – May. 2019

- **POLS3350: Government and Politics of Asia**  
  *Department of Political Science, Idaho State University, Pocatello ID, USA*  
  Jan. – May 2018

- **GOVT333: Government and Politics of Asia**  
  *Department of Public and International Affairs, George Mason University, Fairfax VA, USA*  
  Jun. – Jul. 2017
GOVT300: Research Methods and Analysis  
Department of Public and International Affairs, George Mason University, Fairfax VA, USA  

POL1101: Introduction to U.S. Government  
Department of Political Science, Idaho State University, Pocatello ID, USA  
Aug. – Dec. 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Committee Member  
Pocatello Planning and Zoning Commission, Pocatello, ID, USA  
Dec. 2019 – Present

The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of 7 members serving 4-year terms. The Commission is responsible for recommending to the City Council a comprehensive land use plan for use in the city and appropriate changes in zoning and land use. A major function of the commission is to review and analyze complex land use issues to assist the City Council in reaching final decisions on such matters.

Advisory Member  
Seoul National University’s Institute of Green Bio Science and Technology, Pyeongchang, South Korea  
Dec. 2019 - Present

Assist in the feasibility study completion for Inter-American Development Bank’s UR-T1182 Project titled, “Promoting Productive Transformation and Competitiveness of Uruguay’s Agri-food Industry based on Science, Technology and Innovation. This includes traveling to Uruguay in South America to meet with government counterparts and engaging in relevant stakeholder meetings with the Master Plan.

Delegate to the United Nations  
World Toilet Association, Suwon, South Korea  
May 2019 – Present

Represent the World Toilet Association, an international NGO with 24 member countries, to the United Nations meetings on Sustainable Development Goal #6: Clean Water and Sanitation. The role entails sharing and convening WTA’s field experiences so that they be considered and incorporated in setting global policies on SDG6. This requires attendance to the UN meetings at the UN Headquarters in New York City.

Research Affiliate, Centers for Public Service  
Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA  
Jan. 2017 – May 2017

Conducted work to publish and disseminate my research findings on water policy, politics, and institutions. External presentation engagements were prepared for the World Bank, APSA, MPSA, and APSA. Publications outlets were explored by engaging with academic publishers. Also, developed a new syllabus to teach the Government and Politics of Asia course at George Mason University.
Consultant  
**World Bank Global Partnership for Output Based Aid in Urban Development Unit, Washington DC, USA**  
Jul. 2015 – Dec. 2015  
I worked on the financial models of subsidies for the Burkina Faso’s irrigation sector for financial and economic feasibility analysis while also assisting the Task Team Leader in meeting the various internal processes of the World Bank for subsidy distribution for water services in Kenya. This was the last position I held at the World Bank and turned down an extension, as I needed to dedicate myself to the completion of my doctoral dissertation.

Consultant  
**World Bank Water and Sanitation Partnership in Water Unit, Washington DC, USA**  
I was responsible for developing the Public Private Partnership’s Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Strengthening Public Institutions Standard Operating Procedures within Water and Sanitation Program’s Domestic Private Sector Participation (DPSP) Business Area. The SOPs take stock and examine various Water and Sanitation Partnership’s Public Private Partnership (WSP PPP) contracts and Analytical and Advisory Activities to identify best practices in encouraging DPSP activities. It is aimed to serve as a guide to Task Team Leaders (TTLs) by developing a framework for TTLs to design PPP and Public Reform Technical Assistance (TA) components. In corollary, I am also responsible for convening the monthly internal Brown Bag Lectures on the various DPSP activity components that is each led by a specific senior staff. Also, my responsibilities include DPSP program administration, Trust Fund management, and reporting. All these activities build upon the WSP DPSP Global Meeting, which was a multi-country learning and knowledge exchange that I planned and organized.

Consultant  
**World Bank Institute Public Private Partnerships, Washington DC, USA**  
I worked on updating the PPP Reference Guide, which synthesizes and consolidates the current knowledge on Public Private Partnerships. Particularly, building on my past PPP research and publication, I was responsible for updating the legal and institutional framework module. I also worked on organizing the 3rd Asia Public-Private Partnership Practitioners’ Network hosted with the Asian Development Bank and the Korea Development Institute.

Research Assistant  
**Department of Nursing, George Mason University, Fairfax VA, USA**  
Sept. 2010 – Dec. 2010  
I served as a methodologist for the research group. I calculated adjusted odd ratios on breast cancer screenings using binomial logistic regressions. I was the methodologist in the project responsible for running the quantitative analysis and checking whether the statistical results were being properly interpreted. The research was published in *American Journal of Health Behavior*. The study was selected as an exceptional study to be presented at the Annual International Conference on Research.

Intern  
**Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, France.**  
May 2008 – Aug. 2008  
I assisted the head of the Budget Unit by producing research notes on various national budget reforms and well as compiling the key government budget reform agendas discussed during the past 30 years of the OECD Senior Budget Officials Meeting. The work has been incorporated in *Evolutions in Budgetary Practice: Allen Schick and the OECD Senior Budget Officials* book.
Department of Public and International Affairs, George Mason University, Fairfax VA, USA
I researched and co-authored the OECD Senior Budget Official Meeting paper on PPPs and its impact on the country’s national budget. The meeting was chaired by the Secretary of Australia’s Department of Finance. The article was re-published in OECD Journal on Budgeting in 2009. The publication has been cited by various academics and international organization.

Cornerstone Advisers, Inc. (Investment Bank), Seoul, Republic of Korea
I performed industrial and financial analysis at a boutique investment bank for various merger and acquisition projects involving foreign multinational firms and domestic firms. My responsibilities included preparing financial documents such as Management Projections, Competitive Landscape Analysis, Discount Cash Flow Analysis, and Weighted Average Cost of Capital Analysis.

Counter-Terrorism Unit, Ministry of National Defense, Republic of Korea (multiple stations)
I was deployed to Iraq to produce analytic reports on the political and economic developments in Iraq. The leadership within both the Korean military and the Iraq Kurdistan leadership utilized the reports. The various awards were received as a result.

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages
I speak Korean and English fluently.

Computer Software Operation Skills
MS Office, SPSS, Stata, Matlab, Radware, Perl, HTML, MySQL.

REFERENCES

Dr. Donna Lybecker lybedonn@isu.edu
Professor and Department Chair
Idaho State University

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Professor and MPA Director
Idaho State University

Dr. Ming Wan mwan@gmu.edu
Professor and Associate Dean
George Mason University