

Yong Ja Hong

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Education

- Sep 2023 - Aug 2026 (est.) *University of North Korean Studies, Seoul, South Korea*
- Doctoral Candidate in North Korean Culture, Society, and Media
 - DPRK-focused classes conducted mostly in Korean
- Sep 2021 - Aug 2023 *Korea University Sejong Campus, Sejong City, South Korea*
- North Korean Studies Master's Degree
 - DPRK-focused classes conducted in both Korean and English
- Sep 2019 - Aug 2021 *Korea University Sejong Campus, Sejong City, South Korea*
- Unification, Diplomacy, and Security undergraduate degree
 - Completed various DPRK-focused classes, some fully conducted in the Korean language
- Aug 2009 - Jan 2012 *University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, United States*
- Aug 2016 - Dec 2016
- Completed undergraduate classes in Political Science, Film and Video Studies, and International Studies

Work Experience

- Oct 2009 - Jan 2017
- Manager of Welcome to Loud City, a division of Vox Media
- Received press credentials for the NBA Finals, FIBA Basketball World Cup, and Team USA Basketball
 - Appeared as a guest on various media outlets, including Radio Sport New Zealand, Dime Magazine, and Sports Illustrated Online
 - Managed a team of up to 20 writers that regularly covered the Oklahoma City Thunder
- Dec 2016 - Feb 2017
- Apr 2016 - Nov 2016
- Candidate for Oklahoma Legislature and Oklahoma City Council
- Ran independent campaigns that received coverage in the local press and received a significant percentage of the overall vote
 - First transgender candidate to ever run for Oklahoma City Council, third transgender candidate to ever run for Oklahoma State Legislature

Further Education

Jun 2020 - Jul 2020	<i>Kyujanggak Korean Studies Summer Workshop</i> , Seoul, South Korea Three week course covering research trends, methods and approaches in various different subfields of Korean Studies at a graduate school level
Jan 2020	<i>WFUNA Peace Fellows Programme</i> , Seoul, South Korea One week course focusing on peace-building on the Korean peninsula
Sep 2017 - May 2019	<i>Language Education Centre, Chonnam University</i> , Gwangju, South Korea Successfully completed levels 1-6 of Korean Language Courses
Sep 2017 - Dec 2017	<i>Goethe Institut Gwangju</i>
Mar 2018 - Jun 2018	Successfully completed German language courses from level A2 to level
Sep 2018 - May 2019	C1
Jul 2017	<i>Kim Hyong Jik University of Education</i> , Pyongyang, North Korea Successfully completed 3 weeks of basic Korean language courses Second visit to the DPRK (first in 2012 as a tourist)

Additional Skills

Languages	Native Speaker of English Fluent Korean Speaker (C2) Acceptable level of German understanding (B2)
Computer Skills	Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint) Social Media Platforms (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram) Basic HTML