

# Patrick Saulmatino Thomsen

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## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

### PhD Student

University of Washington, Seattle, WA USA  
Jackson School of International Studies  
Center for Korea Studies

## EDUCATION

### Seoul National University Seoul, South Korea

MA. International Studies (High Honors)

Thesis: *"A Theory of Institutional Maturation: The Rise of Marriage Equality in the OECD and Why Local Norms Don't Always Have to Matter"*

Chairperson: Professor Taekyoon Kim

### University of Auckland Auckland, New Zealand

BA. Political Science

Access Award

## RESEARCH PROJECTS/PUBICATIONS

Editor and Project Manager of the *U.S.-China Relations Fact Sheet Series* - published monthly through the East Asia Institute

*"Middle Power in Action: The Evolving Nature of Diplomacy in the Age of Multilateralism"* – East Asia Institute, April 2015.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### The East Asia Institute, Seoul, South Korea

*Research Fellow/Program Officer*, June 2014

Research Areas: Project manager of U.S.-China Relations Series. Asia Security Institute Research Center. East Asia security issues, middle power diplomacy, democracy in East Asia

### SNT Academy, Seoul, South Korea

*Debate Lecturer*. September 2011

Research and development, debate fundamentals, teaching competitive debate styles, lectured on themes such as good governance, the role of media, democracy, law and order, social justice, political economy, international relations, development cooperation and foreign aid.

### Chungnam Office of Education, Dangiin, South Korea

*English Language Instructor*, (Giji Elementary School) May 2009-May 2011

Curriculum development, teaching different strands of the English language to young learners through various medium including, audio-lingual methodology, music, song and dance. Often required teaching classes of over 36 students at one time.

**University of Auckland**, Auckland, New Zealand

*Mentor and Tutor* MATES and MP2 program 2006-2007

Part of the university's equity program, taught academic English, New Zealand History, introductory level New Zealand politics to high school students in low socio-economic areas who were preparing to sit university examinations. This involved both group sessions and one-on-one tutoring.

## **LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY POSITIONS**

**Tertiary Education Commission** Wellington, New Zealand

*Board Member*, Learner Advisory Committee 2005-2006

Selected as the National Pacific Island Students' representative to the consultative arm of the funding body of New Zealand's tertiary education system. Played a representative role to a high-level government ministry.

**Auckland University Pacific Island Students' Association** Auckland, New Zealand

*President*, 2006

Elected to President in 2006, primary role was advocating for Pacific Island Students at the University of Auckland in all facets of university life: academic, representation, advocacy, service delivery and event management.

**Auckland University Students' Association** Auckland New Zealand

*Executive Officer* 2003-2005 (Education Vice-president, Cultural Affairs, Pacific Island Students' Officer)

Served as an executive officer to the largest students association in New Zealand, with over 20,000 members, held 3 consecutively elected positions, which included student advocacy, support services and event organization and management.

## **RELEVANT DIVERSITY SKILLS INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES**

Dual Citizen of New Zealand and Samoa

Native Speaker of English

Native level of Samoan

Basic Conversational Level in Korean

## **AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS**

University of Washington Top Scholar Award	2015
Seoul National University Global Leadership Scholarship	2013-2014
Seoul National University Superior Academic Performance	2012
Governors Prize for Teaching Excellence	2010
University of Auckland Top Student in Pacific History	2005
University of Auckland Access Award	2003