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**Career Highlights:**

* The highest graded female and the first female to be awarded 7th Dan in the Australian Kendo Association but also the second female in British Kendo Association.
* Studying Doctor of Philosophy at Victoria University with a full scholarship.
* Founder and manager of Tora Dojo Kendo Club (London & Melbourne) and the London Cup kendo competition.
* Awarded a certificate of recognition for outstanding contribution to the promotion of sports in Seoul, South Korea.
* Selected for the South Korean National Kendo Team after only 3 years of starting kendo study – a record-breaking achievement.
* Regularly employed in Australia and internationally as a guest coach, seminar presenter, grading panelist, and a Kendo referee.
* Ladies Coach/Assistant Coach for the British Kendo Team.
* Victoria University current student with a full scholarship (Melbourne).
* The first lecturer of Kendo to be appointed at the University of Yonsei (Seoul).
* Yonsei University alumni graduating with a scholarship.
* Yong In University scouted me for my kendo ability.
* Daelim University College alumni graduating with 4.0 GPA, being second in the whole university, with a scholarship.

**Educational Background:**

**The University of Victoria (Australia)** 2018 – Current

Doctor of Philosophy of Sports Science, Sports Sociology (with a full scholarship)

**The University of Yonsei (South Korea)** 2002 – 2004

Master of Sports and Leisure Education (with honours)

**The University of Yong In (South Korea)** 2000 – 2002

Bachelor of Combative Arts (Kendo Specialization, College of Martial Arts)

**Daelim University College (South Korea)** 1995 – 1997

Diploma of Technology Management (with honours)

**Research Experience**

Much of my research experience comes from the Master of Sports and Leisure Education that I completed at the University of Yonsei. One year of this Masters was spent researching and writing a substantial thesis, which my supervisors considered of a high enough quality to be published in the *Korean Journal of Physical Education* with my supervisors as co-authors.

In addition to the research training and experience of my Masters, I have also been employed at Victoria University as a Research Assistant on a project funded by the Australia Korea Foundation. While the focus of this project was not on Kendo, it provided me with further skills and experience in working with, comparing, and analysing the sporting cultures of Australia and South Korea.

Subsequently, I applied for the Doctor of Philosophy course at Victoria University. When I was accepted, I started writing my research relation to gender relations, power relations, and violence in Kendo. This will be published in scholarly journals and hopefully also in a book, as well as a Ph. D. thesis.

**List of Publications:**

* Park, Hyoung-Ran, Wright, Hyun-Hong & Lee, Han-Joo, ‘Analysis of Coaching Behaviors between Successful and less Successful Kumdo (Kendo) Coaches 2004’, *Korean Journal of Physical Education*, 2004, Vol. 43, No. 5, pp. 173-182.

* Wright, Hyun-Hong, ‘Analysis of Coaching Behaviors between Successful and less Successful Kumdo (Kendo) Coaches’, Published Master Degree thesis: Master of Sports and Leisure Education (with honours) Thesis, University of Yonsei, 2004.
* Wright, Hyun-Hong, ‘My Life in Kendo: Gender, Power and Violence’, Doctor of Philosophy in College of Sport and Exercise Science (with honours), University of Victoria, Australia, *Publication of Thesis in Progress.*
* Wright, Hyun-Hong, ‘My Life in Kendo: Gender, Power, and Violence’, *Publication of* *Journal in Progress*.
* Wright, Hyun-Hong, ‘My Life in Kendo: Gender, Power, and Violence’, *Publication of* *Article in Progress*.
* Wright, Hyun-Hong, Little Hongi and Dragonflies, *Publication of Children Book is in Progress.*

**Work Experience**

As can be seen from my Work History detailed below, I have been training and then working professionally in the area of Kendo nearly 30 years over the world. This has given me great experience and knowledge of contemporary kendo and life in Britain, Australia, Japan, and South Korea, and much of this knowledge will be valuable for this Ph. D. and any future Postdoctoral Project.

**Work History:**

**Victoria University** 2015 - Current

• Research Assistant – Australia Korea Foundation Project: Using the AFC 2015 to develop a bilateral research

partnership around sports exchange and diplomacy

\* Translation, coordinating focus groups, interviews and transcriptions

**Australian Kendo Renmei (AKR)** 2014 – Current

* Panelist for national and international grading up to 5th Dan ranking

**Victorian Kendo Renmei (VKR)** 2014 – Current

* Assistant coach for the state squad
* Panelist for state grading up to 5th Dan ranking
* Referee for Australian state and national championships

**Tora Dojo London and Melbourne** 2006 – Current

* Co-founder and Chairman of Tora Dojo London and Melbourne. The London became the nation’s largest club within 2 years of establishment
* Responsible for venue management, website/social media, finance, seminars, training, and grading
* My Students have gone on to becoming team members of the British, Switzerland, German, Portugal, New Zealand, Malaysia, Malta, Chinese, Vietnam and Swedish teams, team captains of the Swedish and British teams, and champions of the British and Swedish national competitions

**The London Cup** 2008 – 2013

* Co-founder and Manager of the largest Kendo competition in the UK and one of the largest in Europe with over 300 competitors, 300 spectators, and representatives from over 40 countries in the World
* This includes advertising, venue management, website, finance, timetabling, ticketing, and sponsorship
* Head Referee (Shinpan-Jo) for the event responsible for the quality of the referee decision as well as the managing of the event on the day

**British Kendo Association (BKA)** 2007 – 2013

* Grading officer: Manage all grading for the BKA including document acceptance, timetabling, organizing payment, panels for grading, and venue
* Ladies Coach (2008 – 2010): Responsible for selection, teaching, and managing the team for preparing to participate in the World Kendo Championships (WKC) in Brazil
* The referee for national competitions in both Europe and South Korea
* Panelist for grading up to 5th Dan rank the UK and Europe
* Head Referee (Shinpan-Jo) the UK and Europe

**Funded International Travel for Kendo Expertise** 2000 – Current

* UK: Requested to present a lecture for the national team, panelist for grading up to 5th Dan rank, head referee for international University competition, as a guest teacher(Sensei) for seminars throughout England and Scotland, all expenses paid
* Australia: Requested to present a lecture for seminars, referee for the national competition, panelist for grading up to 5th Dan rank, Sydney, Gold coast, Peth, Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra, and Melbourne
* Japan, Hiroshima, Yokohama, Tokyo, Kumamoto, Dong In Secondary, Kuksagwan: Requested to be a guest, travel expenses paid, also attending Kyoto Taikai
* South Korea: International Referee Seminar (Asia Zone) sponsored by the AKR
* Sweden: Every year requested to present a lecture for the national team and head referee (Shinpan-Jo) for the national competition, all expenses paid.
* Greece: Requested to present a lecture for the European Ladies Conference, Head referee (Shinpan-Jo) for the national competition, all expenses paid.
* Norway: Referee for the national competition, panelist for grading up to 5th Dan rank, all expenses paid
* China/Taipei/Singapore: Requested to be a guest teacher (Sensei), all expenses paid
* Brazil: Ladies Coach for the 11th WKC
* Europe: Requested to present a lecture for the national team, referee for the national competition, panelist for grading up to 5th Dan rank, all expenses paid
* Germany: Referee and coach for international competition including Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Hungry, UK, Portugal, France and Finland, all expenses paid
* Belgium: International Referee Seminar (Europe Zone) sponsored by the BKA
* Pending invitations as a guest sensei in: Vietnam, Singapore, China, the UK, Spain and Korea

**Kendo** 1996 – Current

* Within the first 6 months ranked as 3rd and within 12 months ranked 1st in Seoul
* Within 2 years, ranked 2nd in South Korea
* Within 2.5 years, requested to join the Korean Kendo National Team and participated in the WKC
* Only “amateur” selected to be part of the National Korean squad historically, so far unprecedented
* Able to hold the Japanese captain to a 1-1 draw and received the Fighting Spirit Award in the WKC
* Captain position for the WKC Group Competition

**The University of Yonsei** 2004 – 2006

* First-ever Kendo lecturer at the University of Yonsei with a class that graded and examined 35 people in the   
  classes, 2 x 2 hours per week
* Classes increased from 2 to 4 per week due to demand and success
* Specific English speaking class for summer school, for 50 people from 20 different countries
* Part-time Administrator for application acceptance and processing
* Part-time preparing a projector for classes
* Kendo teacher for graduated students, administrative staff, and professors
* First-ever established Master’s and Doctorate Kendo Department

**Seoul Kumho Girls’ Middle School** 2003 – 2004

* Physical education teacher, 32 students in the classes, 3 x 1 hour per day for two month
* Kendo teacher, 50 students in the classes, 1 x 2 hours per week

**Awards and Achievements**

* First Female 7th Dan in Australian Kendo history, examined in Japan 2019
* British National Team Championship, 2nd Place 2008
* The London Cup Individual 1st Place 2008
* European Competition 1st ,2nd Place 2006 – 2007
* Korean National Competition 1st, 2nd,3rd Place 1996 – 2005
* Awarded for Contributing to the Promotion of Sports in Seoul, South Korea 2004
* Awarded Fighting Spirit Award at the 11th World Kendo Championships 2000