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## Academic Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor Pitzer College, Claremont 2025 - present

## Education

University of California, Riverside, Ph.D. Political Science 2025  
- Fields: American Politics and Mass Political Behavior  
Seoul National University (Seoul, Korea), M.A. Political Science and International Relations 2019  
Kookmin University (Seoul, Korea), B.A. Political Science and International Relations 2016

## Interests

Immigration, Bureaucracy, Racial and Ethnic Politics, Intergroup Relations, Political Behavior, Public Opinion, Political Psychology, Women in Politics, Experimental Methodology, Mixed-Methods Approach

## Publications

### PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

**Joo, Minhye.** 2018. "Analysis of People's Party Supporters: Focused on Saenuri Party and Democratic Party of Korea's Defectors." *Journal of Social Science* 44(2): 249–277.

### UNDER REVIEW

**Joo, Minhye.** "Where American Dream Begins: How Does Contact with Street-Level Bureaucrats Impact Immigrants' Political Attitudes?"

**Joo, Minhye,** Danielle C. Lemi, Jennifer L. Merolla, and Abbylin H. Seller. "Only for Some Women: Experimental Evidence on Descriptive Representation and Political Engagement." **R&R at Political Behavior**

Greenlee, Jill S., **Minhye Joo,** Jennifer L. Merolla, Rachel VanSickle-Ward, and Ivy A. M. Cargile. "Ambition in the Time of Covid: How Caregiving Shapes Women's Interest in Running for Office." **R&R at the Journal of Women, Politics & Policy**

**Joo, Minhye,** Fulya Felicity Turkmen, Naia Pizarro, Kashish Rai, Riley Fong, Satoru Hiramatsu, Eun-A Park, Ash Soledad, Dominion Aiku, Chukwufunanya Ikechukwu, Kim Yi Dionne. "Repression and Political Participation: Evidence from a Vignette Experiment with College Students" *Research Paper with Undergraduates*

### WORKING PAPERS

**Joo, Minhye.** "Hope or Frustration? Bureaucratic Encounters and Immigrant Political Participation."

**Joo, Minhye.** "Do I Belong Here? Navigating Bureaucracy and Immigrants' Sense of Belonging."

**Joo, Minhye.** "Theory of Bureaucratic Encounters and Immigrant Incorporation."

**Joo, Minhye** and Jieun S. Park. "Conditional Love: When Do Americans Support Undocumented Migrants?" *Funded by the IHS Research Grant, Presented at SPSA, 2025, and WPSA, 2025*

Boudreau, Cheryl, Jennifer L. Merolla, and **Minhye Joo**. "For Whom Does the Message Matter? Examining the Effect of Targeted Get-Out-The-Vote Appeals on the Political Participation of Underrepresented Groups."

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

**Joo, Minhye** and Jieun S. Park. "The Politics of Skin Tone: How Does Skin Tone Shape Political Identities and Behavior." *Funded by the APSA Centennial Research Grant, Presented at PRIEC 2025*

Do, Mai N., **Minhye Joo**, and Jennifer L. Merolla. "Framing Immigrants' Rights." *Presented at PRIEC 2025*

Do, Mai N. and **Minhye Joo**. "Non-cooperation Policy and Civic Engagement."

**Joo, Minhye** and Carlin Crisanti. "Bureaucratic Decisions and Institutional Trust: How Immigration Decision Shapes Trust in the USCIS."

**Joo, Minhye**, Ayse Topal, and Jennifer L. Merolla. "Group Empathy and Support for Minorities."

Boudreau, Cheryl, Jennifer L. Merolla, and **Minhye Joo**. "Mobilization and Racial/Ethnic Minorities"

**Joo, Minhye**, Kim Yi Dionne, and Fulya Felicity Turkmen. "How Does Social Media Mobilize Student Political Participation?"

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Cargile, Ivy A.M., Jill S. Greenlee, **Minhye Joo**, Jennifer L. Merolla, and Rachel VanSickle-Ward. 2024. "Caregiving, COVID-19, and Running for Office." Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

### Teaching/Research Experience

**Instructor of Record** at Pitzer College, Claremont

U.S. Politics

Fall 2025

Statistics and Data Analysis

Fall 2025

Research Methods

Spring 2026

Political Psychology

Spring 2026

**Instructor of Record** at University of California, Riverside

American Politics

Summer 2024

American Politics

Summer 2023

**Teaching Assistant** at University of California, Riverside

Politics on Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration, Political Economy of International Migration, Politics and Economic Policy, Money in Politics, Digital Government, and Elections and Political Participation

**Teaching Assistant** at Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea

Research Methods in Political Science, Introductory Political Science

**Research Assistant** for Minority Serving Institution Research Academy Project

Fall 2024 - 2025

**Research Assistant** at University of California, Riverside (PI: Jennifer L. Merolla)

Fall 2024

**Research Assistant** at Korea Institute of Public Administration, Korea

2018

**Research Fellow** at Center for Political Communication, Seoul, Korea

2017-2019

## Fellowships, Grants, and Other Awards

### American Political Science Association

Summer Centennial Center Research Grant (with Jieun S. Park, \$2,500)	Sep 2025
Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$15,000)	Jan 2024

### Russell Sage Foundation

Dissertation Research Grant Scholarship (\$10,000)	May 2023
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### Institute for Humane Studies

Expense Support (with Jieun S. Park, \$3,000)	Aug 2024
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### University of California, Riverside (Riverside, CA)

Dissertation Completion Fellowship Award (\$20,000)	2025
Humanities Graduate Student Research Grant (with Mai N. Do, \$500)	April 2025
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award	2023-2024
Graduate Dean's Dissertation Research Grant (\$2,000)	Fall 2023
Humanities Graduate Student Research Grant (\$300)	May 2023
Gabbert Funds Department Graduate Student Research Award (\$2,000)	Winter 2023
Political Science Department ICPSR Grant	Summer 2022
Dean's Distinguished Fellowship	Fall 2019 – Spring 2023

## Invited Talk

The Junior Americanist Workshop Series	Dec 2024
Boulder REP Lab at University of Colorado Boulder	Oct 2024
Immigration Politics Brown Bag at University of Missouri (Postponed)	Jan 2024

## Conference Presentation

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2023, 2024, 2025
The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (WPSA)	2025
The 2025 Southern Political Science Association Meeting (SPSA)	2025
The Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2024, 2023
Visions in Methodology Conference (VIM)	2024
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC)	2025, 2024, 2022
Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research (SWMMR)	2023
Southern California Political Institutions and Political Economy (PIPE) Conference	2023

## Professional Service

Junior Coordinator, Women of Color in Political Science Project	2025 - present
Lab Manager, Dionne Publicly Engaged Research Lab	2025
Lab Manager, UCR Identity and Politics Lab	2023, 2024

## Additional Training

### ICPSR Summer Training *University of Michigan.*

Summer 2022

Causal Inference for the Social Sciences  
Simultaneous Equation Models (SiEM)

### KOSSDA Statistics Workshop *Seoul National University.*

2018

Advanced Categorical Data Analysis  
Panel Analysis

## Other Skills

Software: R, STATA, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown, Python, SPSS

## References

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