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Academic Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor Pitzer College, Claremont 2025 - present

Education

<i>University of California, Riverside</i> , Ph.D. Political Science	2025
- Fields: American Politics and Mass Political Behavior	
<i>Seoul National University (Seoul, Korea)</i> , M.A. Political Science and International Relations	2019
<i>Kookmin University (Seoul, Korea)</i> , 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)
Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$15,000)

Sep 2025
Jan 2024

Russell Sage Foundation

Dissertation Research Grant Scholarship (\$10,000)

May 2023

Institute for Humane Studies

Expense Support (with Jieun S. Park, \$3,000)

Aug 2024

University of California, Riverside (Riverside, CA)

Dissertation Completion Fellowship Award (\$20,000)
Humanities Graduate Student Research Grant (with Mai N. Do, \$500)
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
Graduate Dean's Dissertation Research Grant (\$2,000)
Humanities Graduate Student Research Grant (\$300)
Gabbert Funds Department Graduate Student Research Award (\$2,000)
Political Science Department ICPSR Grant
Dean's Distinguished Fellowship

2025
April 2025
2023-2024
Fall 2023
May 2023
Winter 2023
Summer 2022
Fall 2019 – Spring 2023

Invited Talk

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

Dec 2024
Oct 2024
Jan 2024

Conference Presentation

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

2023, 2024, 2025
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Professional Service

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

2025 - present
2025
2023, 2024

Additional Training

ICPSR Summer Training *University of Michigan.*
Causal Inference for the Social Sciences
Simultaneous Equation Models (SiEM)

Summer 2022

KOSSDA Statistics Workshop *Seoul National University.*
Advanced Categorical Data Analysis
Panel Analysis

2018

Other Skills

Software: R, STATA, L^AT_EX, Markdown, Python, SPSS

References

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