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EDUCATION

University of Houston	2021–present
Ph.D. Candidate and M.A., Political Science	
Fields: Political Methodology, American Politics (Advisor: Jennifer Hayes Clark)	
Yonsei University	2016–2021
Ph.D. Candidate and M.A. Political Science (Advisor: Whasun Jho)	
Myongji University	2016
B.A. in Political Science, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	

PUBLICATIONS

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1. **Lee, Songeun** and Youngwan Kim. 2020. “Comparative Study of South Korean and Japanese Transportation Infrastructure ODA Policies towards Vietnam,” *International Development Cooperation Review* 12(1): 37-57. (in Korean)
 2. Lee, Songeun. 2016. “Opposition Consolidation in the Upper House Election,” In Korean Institute for Future Politics, eds., *Regional Diversity and Social Integration III: Trends and Issues of Citizens-Parties Linkages in the World*, Purungil Press (pp. 220-256).
 3. Lee, Songeun. 2016. “Abe’s Tenure and the Opposition’s Efforts for Cohesion,” In Korean Institute for Future Politics, eds., *Regional Diversity and Social Integration II: Trends and Issues of Citizens-Parties Linkages in the World*, Purungil Press (pp. 407-456).

WORKING PAPERS

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- “Who Survives in Congress? The Racialized Structure of Women’s Legislative Seniority, 1917–2024.”
 - “Speaking to My People: Sex, Race and Candidate Attention to Issues.” ***Under Review.*** (with Jennifer Hayes Clark and Heather K. Evans)
 - “Estimating Heterogeneous Treatment Effects on Vote Choice for Female Candidates.”
 - “How Regime Type Condition the Effect of U.S. Aid on Leader Survival.” (with Byungwon Woo)
 - “Political Geography and Congressional Candidate Rhetoric.” (with Jennifer Hayes Clark)

DATASETS

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- **Twitter and Demographic Data for U.S. House Candidates in the 2022 Midterm Elections:** Standardized dataset of over 129,000 tweets and demographic profiles of candidates from all congressional districts, in collaboration with *Jennifer Hayes Clark and Heather K. Evans.*
 - **Race and Gender in U.S. Congressional Tenure Data, 1921–2024:** Comprehensive database of congressional terms by gender, race, and leadership spanning over 100 years of legislative service.

PRESENTATIONS

◦ SPSA, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA (forthcoming)	2026
◦ APSA, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada	2025
◦ Graduate Student Research Series, Department of Political Science, University of Houston	2025
◦ JSQPS Summer Meeting, Kyoto, Japan	2025
◦ Korean Association of Party Studies Summer Conference, Jeonju, Korea	2025
◦ Politics & Gender Conference, New Brunswick, USA	2025
◦ Texas Methods Meeting, Houston, USA	2025
◦ JSQPS, Winter Meeting, Tokyo, Japan	2025
◦ PolMeth, Annual Meeting, Riverside, USA	2024
◦ APSA, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, USA	2023
◦ MPSA, Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA	2025; 2022
◦ ISA, International Conference, Pok Fu Lam, Hong Kong	2017
◦ Interdisciplinary Social Science Conference, Annual Meeting, Hiroshima, Japan	2017
◦ Global Conference of the World International Studies Committee, Taipei, Taiwan	2017
◦ KPSA, Summer Conference, Seoul, Korea	2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Houston

• Ranking Data and Machine Learning (Yuki Atsusaka)	Summer 2025
• Race, Gender, and Geography in Twitter Campaigning (Jennifer Hayes Clark)	Summer 2025
• Carbon Capture, Use, and Storage (CCUS) Survey (Pablo Pinto & Gail Buttorff)	Spring 2025
• Texas 2024 State Legislative Elections Data Collection and Analysis (Scott Basinger)	Fall 2024
• Hydrogen Energy Legislation Research and Coding (Boris Shor)	Summer 2024
• Twitter Coding for 2022 U.S. Midterm Candidates (Jennifer Hayes Clark)	Fall 2022–Fall 2023
• Immigration and Legislation Research and Coding (Jennifer Hayes Clark)	Spring 2022

Social Science Korea (SSK) Projects

• Yonsei University, PI: Whasun Jho (\$513,800) “Multi-layered Divides and Inequalities in a Networked Society”	2019-2020
• Yonsei University, PI: Deokyoung Park (\$513,800) “Harmonization of Climate Change and Energy Law with International Trade and Investment Rules and International Dispute Settlement after the Paris Agreement”	2018-2019
• Kyunghee University, PI: Hyuksang Sohn (\$250,100) “Building inclusive Development Partnership in International Development Cooperation: Classification, Theorization, and Implication for South Korea”	2016-2017
• Myongji University, PI: Jongbin Yoon (\$89,800) “A Model of Citizen-Party Linkages for the Representative Democracy and Social Integration”	2015

STATISTICS AND DATA SCIENCE TRAINING

Software: R, Python, SPSS, \LaTeX , STATA

- **Yonsei University**, BK21 Program, Department of Political Science 2025
Workshop: *Chat GPT, LLMs, and Social Science Research* (Instructor: James Bisbee)
- **University of Houston**, Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute 2022
Course: *Introduction to Machine Learning*
- **IPSA–NUS Summer School**, Social Science Research Methods 2021
Course: *Computational Models of Social Behaviors* (Instructor: Bear Braumoeller)
- **Yonsei University**, Department of Statistics and Data Science 2020
Courses: *Survival Data Analysis* and *Mathematical Statistics (Audit)*
- **Yonsei University Graduate School**, Certificate of Data Analysis 2016–2019
Courses: *Multilevel Models*, *Structural Equation Modeling*, *Python Programming*, *Text Mining*, and *SPSS for Data Analysis*

TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

University of Houston

- *POLS 3316 Statistics for Political Scientists* (Ling Zhu) Fall 2025
- *POLS 6382 Quantitative Methods III: Maximum Likelihood Estimation* (Ling Zhu) Fall 2025
- *GOVT 2305 US Government: Congress, President, & Courts* Fall 2022 – Spring 2024
Jennifer Hayes Clark (Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023), Boris Shor (Summer & Spring 2024)
- *POLS 3316 Statistics for Political Scientists* (Scott Basinger) Fall 2021

Yonsei University

- *Career and the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights* (Ilho Lee) Fall 2020
- *History Read through European Urban Cultural Spaces* (Seokmin Hong) Spring 2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Brain Korea 21 Strategic Planning Team, Yonsei Graduate School 2019–2020
- Part-Time Researcher on Research Ethics, The Korea Institute of Public Administration 2018–2023

SELECTIVE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- APSA WGPR Section Travel Grant, *Politics & Gender Conference* 2025
- Cullen Fellowship Travel Grant (University of Houston, USD 1,000) 2025
- Departmental Conference Funding (University of Houston, USD 800) 2025
- Travel Awards, *Society for Political Methodology* (USD 1,000) 2024
- Conference Participation Funding (University of Houston, USD 600) 2024
- Presidential Fellowship (University of Houston, USD 4,000) 2021–2023
- BK 21 National Scholarship for Outstanding Student (Yonsei University, USD 20,291) 2019–2021
- Yonsei Graduate Scholarship (Yonsei University, USD 21,661) 2019–2020
- OSE Center Scholarship (Yonsei University, USD 1,793) 2019

- Research Assistant Scholarship (Yonsei University, USD 2,800) 2017
- BK 21 National Scholarship for Outstanding Student (Yonsei University, USD 16,500) 2016–2017
- Asan Foundation Scholarship (USD 13,451) 2014–2015
- Noksan Foundation for Scholarship (USD 2,690) 2013

HONORS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Chair & Discussant, Gender and Identity Politics Section, SPSA (forthcoming) 2025
- Chair & Discussant, Political Methodology Section, APSA 2025
- Committee Member, Mentor of the Year Award 2024
- Discussant, Graduate Student Poster Session, University of Houston 2024
- MPSA Mentoring Program (Mentor: Constanza Sanhueza Petrarca) 2023–2024
- The Most Excellence Prize for Volunteering, Myongji University 2016
- The First Prize for Global Friendship, Myongji University (USD 1,000) 2015
- The Third Prize, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Essay Contest (USD 1,000) 2011

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Languages** Korean (Native), Japanese (Fluent)
- **Memberships** *The Society for Political Methodology, Midwest Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Korean Political Science Association, Korean Association of Party Studies*
- **Translation: Japanese to Korean** *East Asian Institute, “Japan and the Korean Peninsula after Shinzo Abe’s Re-election”* (2018)