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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: Legislative Politics, Interest Groups, Campaign Finance, Elections
Methods: Text-As-Data, Machine Learning, Causal Inference

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN   Aug 2025 - Aug 2027 (expected)
    Postdoctoral Researcher at the Program on American Institutional Renewal

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
    Ph.D. in Political Science   June 2025
    Subfields: American Politics and Quantitative Methods

Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea
    B.A., Political Science and Diplomacy   August 2018
    B.A., Applied Statistics

ONGOING PROJECTS

Job Market Paper
    "Whose Champion? Investigating Legislators' Priorities in Committee Hearings"

Under Review
    "Bundled Power: How Donors Value Procedural Powers in U.S. State Legislatures"
    - **R&R at *Legislative Studies Quarterly***
    "First to Come, Last to Leave: MCs and their Seed Donors," *Winner, 2024 Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award, APSA POP Section*
    - **Under Review**

In the Pipeline

1. "Donor Networks and Bipartisan Coalition Building in American Legislatures"
    – *Winner, CEL 2025 Small Grant Competition*

2. "Tracing the Impact of Early Money on Committee Assignments"

3. "Congressional Staffer Policy Portfolios" *with Jesse Crosson (Purdue), Alexander Furnas (Northwestern), and Tim LaPira (James Madison)*

4. "Thermostatic Donors? Revisiting the Thermostatic Model of Congressional Elections" *with Logan Strother (Purdue)*

5. "Measuring Greenwashing: Corporate Environmental Policy Demanders and their Incentives" *with Robin Lee (University of Alberta)*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES	Whang, Taehee, Seo, Jeongkun, and **Chun, A Young**. 2017. "Analyzing Economic Sanctions of the United States" (In Korean). ***Korean Political Science Review*** 57(4): 191-216.
	Chun, A Young and Whang, Taehee. 2017. "Counting Chickens: Examining the Reputation Effect in Economic Sanctions." ***Korean Political Science Review*** 57(3): 53-79.
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND ROLES	**Paper Presentations** Women in Legislative Studies (WiLS): 2024, 2025 APSA: 2017, 2024, 2025 MPSA: 2017, 2024, 2025, 2026 (Expected) SPSA: 2026 (Expected) PolMeth: 2017 (Asia), 2018 (Asia) **Discussant and Chair Roles** Center for C-SPAN Research Conference, 2025 (Discussant) MPSA, 2026 (Discussant, Chair)
GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	**Expense Support**, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), 2025, $1,000 **Small Grant Award**, Center for Effective Lawmaking (CEL), 2025, $2,000 **Fellowship**, IHS, 2025, $8,000 **Hayek Fund**, IHS, 2025, $1,670 **Virginia Gray Graduate Research Award**, APSA POP Section, 2024 **Profession Travel Grant**, APSA, 2024 **Dissertation Year Fellowship**, UCLA, 2024-2025, $20,000 **Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship**, UCLA, 2018 & 2021, $30,000 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award**, UCLA, 2020, $6,000 **Graduate Dean's Scholar Award**, UCLA, 2018 - 2020, $14,500
INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS	Consortium on the American Political Economy (CAPE) Annual Summer Academy, UC Berkeley, 2025 Workshop on Limited Governance and Constitutionalism, Purdue, 2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UCLA)	**Instructor**
	    Undergraduate Clusters *Data in Theory and Practice* (Spring 2024, 2025)
	Teaching Assistant
	    Social Science Interdepartmental Program, Masters
	    Engaged Social Science (Winter 2024), *Social Science Research and Perspectives* (Fall 2023)
	    Political Science, Undergraduate
	    Intro to American Politics (Fall 2018, Spring 2021, Winter 2022, Fall 2022), *The Presidency* (Fall 2021), *American Political Development: Political Economy* (Winter 2021), *Intro to Data Analysis* (Spring 2020, 2022), *World Politics* (Fall 2020, Winter 2020)
	    Sociology, Undergraduate
	    Intro to Sociology (Fall 2024)

RESEARCH	Prof. Graeme Blair (UCLA)	Fall 2023 – Spring 2024
ASSISTANCE	Prof. Daniel Posner (UCLA)	Spring 2021 – Spring 2022
	Dr. Robert Trager (Oxford)	Spring 2018 – Spring 2019
	Prof. Changrok Seo (Korea Univ)	Spring 2018
	Prof. Taehee Whang (Yonsei Univ)	Spring 2016 – Fall 2017
	Prof. Insong Kim (MIT)	Summer 2017

SKILLS	R, Python, Stata, git/GitHub, LaTeX, HTML