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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Substantive: Legislative Politics, Interest Groups, Campaign Finance, Elections Methods: Text-As-Data, Machine Learning, Causal Inference	
EDUCATION	<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> , Los Angeles, CA Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science Expected June 2025  Dissertation: <i>The Primary Connection: How Groups Influence Lawmaking in Congress</i> My dissertation explores the influence of early donors in congressional law-making, with a focus on a new group of highly loyal donors that I term <i>seed donors</i> —those who contribute to legislators during their first open-seat primaries. I examine the extent to which these donors’ policy preferences are reflected in Members of Congress’ legislative behavior, particularly in their committee assignments and hearing speeches.  - Kathleen Bawn (C), Jeffrey Lewis, Chris Tausanovitch, Dan Thompson - Subfields: American Politics, Quantitative Methods  <i>Medical Leave of Absence: Dec 2022 - Aug 2023</i>  <b>Yonsei University</b> , Seoul, Korea B.A., Political Science and Diplomacy August 2018 B.A., Applied Statistics	
WORKING PAPERS	<i>Job Market Paper</i> “Whose Champion? Investigating Legislators’ Priorities in Committee Hearings”  <i>Prepared for Submission</i> “First to Come, Last to Leave: MCs and their Seed Donors” “Committee Assignment Power in State Legislatures.”  <i>Working Paper</i> “Tracing the Impact of Early Money on Committee Assignments”	
PEER - REVIEWED ARTICLES	Whang, Taehee, Seo, Jeongkun, and Chun, A Young. 2017. “Analyzing Economic Sanctions of the United States” (In Korean). <i>Korean Political Science Review</i> 57(4): 191-216. Chun, A Young and Whang, Taehee. 2017. “Counting Chickens: Examining the Reputation Effect in Economic Sanctions.” <i>Korean Political Science Review</i> 57(3): 53-79.	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>Women in Legislative Studies: 2024, 2025 (Virtual Research Meeting, Scheduled)</p> <p>APSA: 2017, 2024 (Research Meeting), 2024, 2025 (Scheduled)</p> <p>MPSA: 2017, 2024, 2025 (Scheduled)</p> <p>PolMeth: 2017 (Asia), 2018 (Asia)</p>	
GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p><b>Humane Studies Fellowship</b>, Institute for Humane Studies, 2025, \$8,000</p> <p><b>Hayek Fund</b>, Institute for Humane Studies, 2025, \$1,670</p> <p><b>Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award</b>, APSA Political Organizations and Parties (POP) Section, 2024</p> <p><b>Profession Travel Grant</b>, APSA, 2024</p> <p><b>Dissertation Year Fellowship</b>, UCLA, 2024-2025, \$20,000</p> <p><b>Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship</b>, UCLA, 2018 &amp; 2021, \$30,000</p> <p><b>Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award</b>, UCLA, 2020, \$6,000</p> <p><b>Graduate Dean's Scholar Award</b>, UCLA, 2018 - 2020, \$14,500</p>	
INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS	<p>Consortium on the American Political Economy (CAPE) Annual Summer Academy, UC Berkeley, 2025 (scheduled)</p> <p>Learning from Senior TAs, UCLA, 2025 (scheduled)</p> <p>IHS Workshop on Limited Governance and Constitutionalism, Purdue University, 2025</p>	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UCLA)	<p><b>Instructor</b></p> <p><b>Undergraduate Clusters Program</b> <i>Data in Theory and Practice</i> (Spring 2024, Spring 2025 (Scheduled))</p> <p><b>Teaching Assistant</b></p> <p><b>Social Science Interdepartmental Program, Masters</b></p> <p><i>Engaged Social Science</i> (Winter 2024), <i>Social Science Research and Perspectives</i> (Fall 2023)</p> <p><b>Political Science, Undergraduate</b></p> <p><i>Intro to American Politics</i> (Fall 2018, Spring 2021, Winter 2022, Fall 2022, Winter 2025), <i>The Presidency</i> (Fall 2021), <i>American Political Development</i> (Winter 2021), <i>Intro to Data Analysis</i> (Spring 2020, Spring 2022), <i>World Politics</i> (Fall 2020, Winter 2020)</p> <p><b>Sociology, Undergraduate</b></p> <p><i>Intro to Sociology</i> (Fall 2024)</p>	
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	<p>Dr. Graeme Blair (UCLA)</p> <p>Dr. Daniel Posner (UCLA)</p> <p>Dr. Robert Trager (UCLA)</p> <p>Dr. Changrok Seo (Korea Univ)</p> <p>Dr. Taehee Whang (Yonsei Univ)</p> <p>Dr. Insong Kim (MIT)</p>	<p>Fall 2023 – Spring 2024</p> <p>Spring 2021 – Spring 2022</p> <p>Spring 2018 – Spring 2019</p> <p>Spring 2018</p> <p>Spring 2016 – Fall 2017</p> <p>Summer 2017</p>
SKILLS	R, Python, Stata, git/GitHub, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, HTML	