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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Substantive: Legislative Politics, Parties, Interest Groups, Campaign Finance Methods: Text-As-Data, Machine Learning, Causal Inference	
EDUCATION	University of California, Los Angeles , 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> Yonsei University , Seoul, Korea B.A., Political Science and Diplomacy August 2018 B.A., Applied Statistics	
WORKING PAPERS	“Committee Assignment Power in State Legislatures.” <i>Under Review</i> “First to Come, Last to Leave: MCs and their Seed Donors” <i>Under Review</i> “Tracing the Impact of Early Money on Committee Assignments” “Whose Champion? Investigating Legislators’ Priorities in Committee Hearings”	
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>Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2025, \$8,000</p> <p>Hayek Fund, Institute for Humane Studies, 2025, \$1,000</p> <p>Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award, APSA Political Organizations and Parties (POP) Section, 2024</p> <p>Profession Travel Grant, APSA Committee on the Status of Disability, 2024</p> <p>Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA, 2024-2025, \$20,000</p> <p>Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship, UCLA, 2018 & 2021, \$30,000</p> <p>Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, UCLA, 2020, \$6,000</p> <p>Graduate Dean's Scholar Award, UCLA, 2018 - 2020, \$14,500</p>	
INVITED TALKS	<p>Learning from Senior TAs, UCLA, 2025 (scheduled)</p> <p>IHS Workshop on Limited Governance and Constitutionalism, Purdue University, 2025 (scheduled)</p>	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UCLA)	<p>Instructor</p> <p>Undergraduate Clusters Program <i>Data in Theory and Practice</i> (Spring 2024, Spring 2025 (Scheduled))</p> <p>Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Social Science Interdepartmental Program, Masters</p> <p><i>Engaged Social Science</i> (Winter 2024), <i>Social Science Research and Perspectives</i> (Fall 2023)</p> <p>Political Science, Undergraduate</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>Sociology, Undergraduate</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 ^A T _E X, HTML	