Ayoung Chun

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RESEARCH Substantive: Parties, Congress, Interest Groups, Legislative Politics Interests 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

Diss. The Primary Connection: How Groups Control Lawmaking in Congress My dissertation explores the influence of early donors in congressional lawmaking, with a focus on a new group of highly loyal donors that I term seed donors—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), Jeff Lewis, Chris Tausanovitch, Dan Thompson
- Subfields: American Politics, Quantitative Methods

Medical Leave of Absence: Dec 2022 - Aug 2023

Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

B.A., Political Science and Diplomacy

B.A., Applied Statistics

August 2018

Updated: October 18, 2024

WORKING PAPERS

"Committee Assignment Power in State Legislatures." Under Review

"First to Come, Last to Leave: An Analysis on Seed Donors and Politicians"

"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). 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 Women in Legislative Studies: 2024

PRESENTATIONS American Political Science Association: 2017, 2024 (Research Meeting), 2024

Midwest Political Science Association: 2017, 2024

Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth): 2017 (Asia), 2018 (Asia)

GRANTS, Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award, APSA Political Orga-

AWARDS, AND nizations and Parties (POP) Section, 2024

FELLOWSHIPS Profession Travel Grant, APSA Committee on the Status of Disability, 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

Alumni Scholarship, Yonsei University, 2019, \$1,000

Political Science Alumni Scholarship, Yonsei University, 2016, \$1,000

TEACHING Instructor

Assistance

EXPERIENCE Undergraduate Clusters Program Data in Theory and Practice (Spring (UCLA) 2024, Spring 205 (Scheduled))

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)

Intro to Data Analysis (Spring 2020, Spring 2022)

The Presidency (Fall 2021)

American Political Development (Winter 2021)

World Politics (Fall 2020, Winter 2020)

Sociology, Undergraduate

Intro to Sociology (Fall 24)

RESEARCH Dr Graeme Blair (UCLA) Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

Dr Daniel Posner (UCLA) Spring 2021 – Spring 2022
Dr Robert Trager (UCLA) Spring 2018 – Spring 2019

Dr Changrok Seo (Korea Univ) Spring 2018

Dr Taehee Whang (Yonsei Univ) Spring 2016 – Fall 2017

Dr Insong Kim (MIT) Summer 2017

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