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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Substantive: Legislative Politics, Interest Groups, Campaign Finance, Elections 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	<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	Women in Legislative Studies: 2024, 2025 (Virtual Research Meeting, Scheduled) APSA: 2017, 2024 (Research Meeting), 2024, 2025 (Scheduled) MPSA: 2017, 2024, 2025 (Scheduled) PolMeth: 2017 (Asia), 2018 (Asia)	
GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	Humane Studies Fellowship , Institute for Humane Studies, 2025, \$8,000 Hayek Fund , Institute for Humane Studies, 2025, \$1,670 Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award , APSA Political Organizations and Parties (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	6th Annual Consortium on the American Political Economy Summer Academy, UC Berkeley, 2025 (scheduled) Learning from Senior TAs, UCLA, 2025 (scheduled) IHS Workshop on Limited Governance and Constitutionalism, Purdue University, 2025	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UCLA)	Instructor Undergraduate Clusters Program <i>Data in Theory and Practice</i> (Spring 2024, Spring 2025 (Scheduled)) Teaching Assistant Social Science Interdepartmental Program, Masters <i>Engaged Social Science</i> (Winter 2024), <i>Social Science Research and Perspectives</i> (Fall 2023) Political Science, Undergraduate <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) Sociology, Undergraduate <i>Intro to Sociology</i> (Fall 2024)	
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Dr. Graeme Blair (UCLA) Dr. Daniel Posner (UCLA) Dr. Robert Trager (UCLA) Dr. Changrok Seo (Korea Univ) Dr. Taehee Whang (Yonsei Univ) Dr. Insong Kim (MIT)	Fall 2023 – Spring 2024 Spring 2021 – Spring 2022 Spring 2018 – Spring 2019 Spring 2018 Spring 2016 – Fall 2017 Summer 2017
SKILLS	R, Python, Stata, git/GitHub, L ^A T _E X, HTML	