## **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

Updated: October 15, 2024

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

## 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 (Virtual), 2024

Midwest Political Science Association: 2017, 2024

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 EXPERIENCE

(UCLA)

Instructor

Undergrad Data in Theory and Practice (Spring 24)

Teaching Assistant

Graduate Engaged Social Science (Winter 24)

Graduate Social Science Research and Perspectives (Fall 23)

Undergrad Intro to American Politics (Fall 18, 22; Spring 21; Winter 22)

Undergrad The Presidency (Fall 21)

Undergrad American Political Development (Winter 21)

Undergrad Intro to Data Analysis (Spring 20, 22) Undergrad World Politics (Fall 20; Winter 20)

Undergrad Intro to Sociology (Fall 24)

RESEARCH Research Assistant

EXPERIENCE 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