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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: International Relations, International Security, Diplomacy, U.S. Foreign Policy
Methodological: Computational Social Science (Natural Language Processing), Formal Modeling, Survey Experiments

ACADEMIC POSITION / AFFILIATION

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science   **2021–**
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science   **2020–21**

    Affiliated Faculty, Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics   **2022–**
    Affiliated Faculty, Center for Human-Computer Interaction   **2023–**
    Affiliated Faculty, School of Public and International Affairs   **2025–27**
    Deputy Director, Tech4Humanity Lab   **2020–22**
    Research Associate, Center for Humanities   **2020-21**

University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA   **2020–**
External Research Associate, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies (CCIS)

Duke University, Durham, NC   **Fall 2019–Summer 2020**
Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Political Science

New York University, New York, NY   **Fall 2018–Summer 2019**
Postdoctoral Associate, Wilf Family Department of Politics & Center for Data Science

    Supervisor: Arthur Spirling
    Project: Computational and Historical Resources on Nations and Organizations for the Social Sciences

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA

    Ph.D., Political Science, **2018**
    Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology
    Dissertation: *In the Name of National Interest: Persuasion in Security Politics*
    Dissertation Committee: Branislav L. Slantchev, David A. Lake, Margaret E. Roberts, Samuel Kernell, Joel Sobel

Stony Brook University (SUNY at Stony Brook) , Stony Brook, NY

    M.A., Political Science, **2011**
    Fields: Political Psychology, Political Economy

New York University, New York, NY

    M.A. (Terminal), Politics, **2009**

Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea

B.A., Anthropology (Major) and Law (Minor), **2004**

PEER-REVIEWED / ACCEPTED PAPERS

[1] **Suong, Clara H.**, Scott Desposato, and Erik Gartzke (2025). "Ubiquitous but Heterogeneous: International Organizations' Influence on Public Opinion in China, Brazil, Japan, and Sweden." *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 25 (2). doi:10.1093/irap/lcae018

[2] **Suong, Clara H.** (2023). "Authoritarian Media Coverage of International News: The Case of North Korea." *East and West Studies* 35 (3): 107–135. Early draft available at SSRN.

[3] **Suong, Clara H.**, Scott Desposato, and Erik Gartzke (2023). "Thinking Generically and Specifically in International Relations Survey Experiments." *Research & Politics* 10 (2). doi:10.1177/20531680231165871

[4] Connelly, Matthew J., Raymond Hicks, Robert Jervis, Arthur Spirling, and **Clara H. Suong** (2021). "Diplomatic Documents Data for International Relations: The Freedom of Information Archive Database." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 38 (6): 762–781. doi:10.1177/0738894220930326

[5] **Suong, Clara H.**, Scott Desposato, and Erik Gartzke (2020). "How Democratic is the Democratic Peace? A Survey Experiment of Political Preferences in Brazil and China." *Brazilian Political Science Review*, 14 (1), e0002. doi:10.1590/1981-3821202000010002

[6] Norpoth, Helmut, Andrew H. Sidman, and **Clara H. Suong** (2013). "Polls and Elections: The New Deal Realignment in Real Time." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 43 (1): 146–166. doi:10.1111/psq.12007

BOOK CHAPTERS

[1] **Suong, Clara H.** (2019). "6. PAKISTAN, 2001–11: Washington's Small Stick." In Eli Berman, David A. Lake (Eds.), Proxy Wars: Suppressing Violence through Local Agents (pp. 159–184). Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. doi:10.7591/9781501733093-009

- Reviewed in Hager, Robert P. (2022). "Proxy Wars: Suppressing Violence through Local Agents." *Democracy and Security*, 18:1, 90-94. doi:10.1080/17419166.2022.2029002

WORKING PAPERS

[1] **Suong, Clara H.** "Unnamed but Reassuring? Quasi-Secrecy and Public Support for Foreign Policy." *Revision Submitted. International Studies Quarterly.*

[2] **Suong, Clara H.**, Scott Desposato, and Erik Gartzke. "Inconsistent Cue Effects: Evidence from Public Responses to International Organizations." *Revision Submitted. Review of International Organizations.*

[3] **Suong, Clara H.**, Scott Desposato, and Erik Gartzke. "Propaganda and Territorial Salience in International Conflicts." *Submitted.*

[4] **Suong, Clara H.** "Contextualizing Global Issue Salience." *Under Review.*

[5] **Suong, Clara H.** "The Cost of Not Being Male, Pale, and Yale: Ambassadorial Attributes and Influence."

[6] **Suong, Clara H.**, Scott Desposato, and Erik Gartzke. "Rethinking the Tradeoffs of Within-Subjects Designs in International Relations Experiments." Draft available at SocArXiv Papers.

[7] **Suong, Clara H.** "Anonymity Index: Automatic Extraction and Classification of Sources."

[8] **Suong, Clara H.** "The Potential and Limits of Digital Diplomacy."

DATA

[1] **Suong, Clara H.**, Scott Desposato, and Erik Gartzke (2023). "Replication Data for: Thinking Generically and Specifically in IR Survey Experiments." doi.org/10.7910/DVN/PA45UO

[2] Connelly, Matthew J., Raymond Hicks, Robert Jervis, Arthur Spirling, and **Clara H. Suong** (2020). "Replication Data for: Diplomatic Documents Data for International Relations: The Freedom of Information Archive (FOIArchive) Database."

[3] **Suong, Clara H.**, Scott Desposato, and Erik Gartzke (2020). "Replication Data for: How 'Democratic' is the Democratic Peace? A Survey Experiment of Foreign Policy Preferences in Brazil and China, published in BPSR vol.14, n. 1, 2020." doi.org/10.7910/DVN/PNDP4V

COMMENTARY & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

[1] **Suong, Clara H.** (2022). "Exporting Surveillance: Tech Companies and Export of Surveillance Technology", Tech4Humanity Lab Blog, April.
- Revised and published as an Open Access Teaching Case (Funded by: The Andrew Mellon Foundation)

[2] **Suong, Clara H.** (2020)."Misperceptions About Political Misinformation and Disinformation", Tech4Humanity Lab Blog, October.
- Revised and published as an Open Access Teaching Case (Funded by: The Andrew Mellon Foundation)

[3] **Suong, Clara H.** (2020). "Electronic Voting and Election Security", Tech4Humanity Lab Blog, October.
- Revised and published as an Open Access Teaching Case (Funded by: The Andrew Mellon Foundation)

[4] **Suong, Clara H.** (2020)."Innovation in Election Administration and Voter Turnout", Tech4Humanity Lab Blog, September.

[5] **Suong, Clara H.** (2022). "Guarding the Border with Tech: Algorithmic Implementation of Immigration and Refugee Policies." Open Access Teaching Case (Funded by: The Andrew Mellon Foundation).

[6] Interview with Middle East Broadcasting Networks (Alhurra TV), August 2020.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

PPE Research Fellow Panel, Virginia Tech (2025)
Virtual IPES (Online, 2025)
Chinese Politics Research in Progress Workshop (Online, 2024)
David Lake's "Academic Family Reunion" Conference, La Jolla, California (2024)
Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS), Vanderbilt University (2024)
Hack n Yak, Center for Human-Computer Interaction, Virginia Tech (2024)
CAIR Reading Group, Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech (2024)
Journeys in World Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison (2023)
Workshop on Diplomats and Bureaucrats in International Relations, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University (2023)
Invited Talk, International Theory and Research Seminar (GUITARS), Department of Government and School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University (2023)
Hume Seminar Series, National Security Institute, Virginia Tech (2022)
Faculty Research Associate Colloquium Series, Center for Humanities, Virginia Tech (2021)

Institute for Politics and Strategy, Carnegie Mellon University (2021)
Department of Politics, Mount Holyoke College (2019)
Defense and Political Sciences Department, RAND Corporation (2018)
Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University (2017)
Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Tech (2017)
Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland (2017)
Proxy Wars Conference, George Washington University (2016)
European Consortium for Political Research's Research Session on Survey Experiments in International Relations, University of Essex (2014)
Operant Research Group, Department of Psychology, UC San Diego (2013)

CONFERENCES   American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2025 (scheduled), 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2018, 2011, 2010
International Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2025, 2024, 2022
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2011
Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting (poster): 2024, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017
North American Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International): 2025 (scheduled), 2023, 2022
Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science Meeting: Summer 2025 (scheduled)
International Political Science Association World Congress: 2025 (scheduled)
American Political Science Association Virtual Research Meeting: 2024
Annual California Graduate Student Conference, UC Irvine: 2015
Experiments in International Relations Conference, Princeton University: 2014
Southern California Comparative Political Science Conference, UC Santa Barbara: 2013
American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ: 2011

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS   Research Fellowship, Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Virginia Tech (2024)
Summer Stipend, Center for Humanities, Virginia Tech (Summer 2024)
Faculty Research Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Tech (Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2022)
American Political Science Association Centennial Center Research Grant (Summer 2023)
Virginia Tech Open Access Subvention Fund (Spring 2023)
Google Cloud Program Academic Research Grant (2022–23)
Social Sciences PREP Program, Institute for Society, Culture and Environment (ISCE), Virginia Tech (2022–23)
Niles Research Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Tech (Fall 2021)
New Faculty Mentoring Grant, Office of the Provost, Virginia Tech (2022–24)
Juneteenth Scholar, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Tech (2022–23)
Research Grant, Center for Humanities, Virginia Tech (2020)
NYU Future Labs Scholarship Award (2019)
Nominee for the Chancellor's Dissertation Medal, UC San Diego Dept. of Political Science (2019)
Sanford Lakoff Research Fellowship, UC San Diego Dept. of Political Science (2018, 2017)
Seoul National University Alumni Association San Diego Chapter Scholarship (2015–16)
NSF Conference Grant, Society for Political Methodology (2019, 2018, 2017)
Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (2019, 2018, 2017)
Travel Grant, UC San Diego Dept. of Political Science (2018, 2017, 2014, 2013)
Travel Grant, Jack W. Peltason Center for the Study of Democracy, UC Irvine (2015)

TEACHING AND MENTORING	**Virginia Tech**, Blacksburg, VA **Fall 2020–**

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<tr><td valign="top">TEACHING AND
MENTORING</td><td>

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA   **Fall 2020–**
Instructor of Record, Department of Political Science
- Foundations of Security Environments (cross-listed in Computer Science and Business Information Technology)
- National Security
- Research Methods (Undergraduate)
- Research Methods II (Graduate)

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA   **Fall 2020–**
Mentoring
- Begum Zareefa Islam, Ph.D. Student, Virginia Tech Department of Sociology (2025–)
- Cassandra Cogan, research assistant for the Juneteenth Scholarship project (2022)
- Scott Mogensen, research assistant for the Juneteenth Scholarship project (2022)
- Mounika Abbineni, research assistant and student affiliate of Tech4Humanity Lab (2021)

University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA   **Spring 2018**
Instructor of Record, Department of Political Science
- Data Analytics for the Social Sciences (cross-listed in Economics)

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY   **Summer 2010 and 2011**
Instructor of Record, Department of Political Science
- World Politics

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<tr><td valign="top">SERVICE</td><td>

Editorial Board Member: *International Interactions* (2025–)

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Global Studies Quarterly*; *International Interactions*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *International Organization*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Politics*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Communication*; *Research and Politics*; *Review of International Organizations*; Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Conference 2023, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021; Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Midwinter Conference 2021; International Communication Association Conference 2025, 2019

Conference/Workshop/Meeting Panel Organizer/Program Committee Member (O), Chair (C), Discussant (D), and Panelist (P): International Studies Association Annual Meeting (2025: C, D); Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS-7) (2024; O); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2025: C, D; 2024: C, D; 2023: C, D); Conversations in International Studies, Virginia Tech (2024; D); Journeys in World Politics Workshop (2023: D); Virtual IPES (2023: D); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2021: C, D; 2019: D); Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting (2022: D; 2019: D); Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Midwinter Conference (2021: D); Women in Conflict Studies' Professional Development Panel on Race, Ethnicity, and Inclusion in IR (2023: P)

Virginia Tech: Department Executive Committee (AY 2024–25); Department Diversity Committee (AY 2024–25, 2023–24); Destination Area/Research Frontier Department Committee (AY 2024–25, 2022–23, 2021–22); Integrated Security Destination Area University Committee (AY 2024–25,

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2023–24, 2022–23, 2021–22); Commencement/End of Year Awards Department Committee (AY 2022–23, 2021–22); Reviewer for Center for Humanities (2024); Speaker at the Dean's State of College 2022 (Sept. 29, 2022); Search Committees for Instructor and Visiting Assistant Professor in Integrated Security (2022); Panelist at the Office of the Vice Provost's New Faculty Welcome (August 20, 2021); Member of the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Caucus (2020–); Member of the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA) Southern Virginia Chapter (2022–)

OTHER EXPERIENCE	**University of California, San Diego**, San Diego, CA *Graduate Student Researcher*, Department of Political Science	**2012–18**
	Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY *Research Assistant*, Department of Political Science	**2010–11**
	Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC *(Full-Time) Consultant*, Integration and Trade Sector	**2008**
	U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC *Intern*, Office of Korean Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Main State; and Political Section, U.S. Embassy Seoul	**2007**
	U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, DC *Research Assistant*, Jennings Randolph Program	**2006–7**
	Republic of Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Seoul, Korea *Intern/Legal Assistant*, Multilateral Treaties Division, Treaties Bureau	**2004–5**

COMPUTER SKILLS R, Python, HTML, bash, Stata, Mathematica, Git, LaTeX, Qualtrics, and HPC

LANGUAGE SKILLS English (native), Korean (native), Japanese (intermediate; certificate in Level N2 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test), Chinese (reading knowledge of Traditional Chinese)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING Certified Instructor, Software and Data Carpentries; Digital Learning Essentials, Virginia Tech Professional Development Network (Fall 2023); Anti-Racist Teaching Training, Virginia Tech Professional Development Network (Fall 2021); Foundations of Online Teaching Training, Virginia Tech Professional Development Network (Fall 2021); Certificate in Teaching and Learning at the College Level, UC San Diego (Winter 2017); Certificate in Public Speaking, UC San Diego (Summer 2013); Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Program, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (Summer 2013)

CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.

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