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## Employment

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA  
Postdoctoral Researcher, Observatory on Social Media, August 2023 -

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science and Social Data Analytics, The Pennsylvania State University, August 2023.

Dissertation Title: "Networks in Political Communication, Advocacy, and Conflict."

Committee: Bruce Desmarais (Chair), Cyanne E. Loyle, Kevin Munger, Charles Seguin (Sociology)

M.A. Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University, 2020.

M.A. Political Science, Korea University, 2018.

B.A. Political Science and Sociology (Double Major), Korea University, 2016.

## Research Interests

Computational Social Science, Social Networks, Political Communication, Social Media, Misinformation Diffusion, Contentious Politics

## Research

### · Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Sangyeon Kim**, Howard Liu and Bruce Desmarais, 2022, "Predicting Dyadic and Geopolitical Interaction Between Spatially Moving Objects", *Political Science Research and Methods*, 1-12.  
· Honorable mention of 2022 John Sprague Award (Best Graduate Student Paper), Political Networks Section, APSA (American Political Science Association).
2. **Sangyeon Kim**, Omer Yalcin, Sam Bestvater, Kevin Munger, Burt Monroe and Bruce Desmarais, 2020, "The Effects of an Informational Intervention on Attention to Anti-Vaccination Content on YouTube." In *Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media* (Vol. 14, pp. 949-953).
3. **Sangyeon Kim**, 2019, "Development and Persistence of African Rebel Groups: Case Study of Three Ugandan Rebel Groups, LRA, UPA and UPDA", *Social Science Review* 50(2): 21-36 [In Korean]

### · Working Papers

"Unmasking Support for Democratic Norms: Punishment and Partisanship in Comparative Perspective. (with Amanda Driscoll, Jay Krehbiel and Michael J. Nelson).", Revise and Resubmit. *European Journal of Political Research*

"Political Communication in the Streaming-oriented Platform, *Twitch*", *Under Review*

"The Political Influence of Non-Politicized Users: An Experimental Approach for the Spread of Protest Information in Twitter"

## Presentations

1. "Political Communication in the Streaming-oriented Platform, *Twitch*." Junior Americanist Workshop Series (JAWS) Conference-within-a-Conference, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, 2023, Chicago, Illinois.
2. "The Political Influence of Non-Politicized Users: An Experimental Approach for the Spread of Protest Information in Twitter." Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, 2023, Chicago, Illinois.
3. "Twitch Affordance and Political Communication in the streaming oriented platform." Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 2022, St. Louis, Missouri. (Online Poster)
4. "Twitch Affordance and Political Communication in the streaming oriented platform." Political Networks Conference, 2022, Online Conference.
5. "Twitch Affordance and Political Communication in the streaming oriented platform." Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS) conference, 2022, Cambridge, Massachusetts (Virtual Participation).
6. "Twitch Affordance and Political Communication in the streaming oriented platform." Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, 2022, Chicago, Illinois. (Virtual Participation).
7. "Predicting Dyadic and Geopolitical Interaction Between Spatially Moving Objects." (with Howard Liu and Bruce Desmarais) Political Networks Conference, 2021, Online Conference.
8. "Predicting Dyadic and Geopolitical Interaction Between Spatially Moving Objects." (with Howard Liu and Bruce Desmarais) Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 2020, Online Conference.
9. "The Political Influence of Non-Politicized Friends." Politics and Computational Social Science and Political Networks Conference, 2020, Online Conference.
10. "The Effects of an Informational Intervention on Attention to Anti-Vaccination Content on YouTube." (with Omer Yalchin, Sam Bestvater, Kevin Munger, Burt Monroe and Bruce Desmarais) Institute for Computational and Data Science (ICDS) Symposium, Virtual Poster Session, 2020, Online Conference.

## Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

RGSO Dissertation Support, College of the Liberal Arts, The Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2023 (\$5,000 for a semester release)

Summer Graduate Research Award, The Pennsylvania State University, Summer 2022. (\$4,000)

Summer Graduate Research Award, The Pennsylvania State University, Summer 2021. (\$4,000)

C-SoDA Accelerator Award, Center of Social Data Analytics (The Pennsylvania State University), Spring 2021. (\$2,000)

Liberal Arts Teaching and Research Scholarship, The Pennsylvania State University, Summer 2020. (\$2,000)

Summer Graduate Research Award, The Pennsylvania State University, Summer 2020. (\$4,000)

Honors Fellowship, Korea University, Spring 2015.

## Teaching Experience

### · Instructor of Record

SoDA 308 Research Design for Social Data Analytics, Fall 2022.

### · Teaching Assistant

Teaching Assistant for Jeremy Ladd, PLSC 10 Scientific Study of Politics, Spring 2022.

Teaching Assistant for Amy Sentementes, PLSC 1 American Politics, Fall 2020.

Teaching Assistant for Dube Sibusiwe, AFR 110 Introduction to Contemporary Africa, Fall 2018.

Teaching Assistant for Jae Hyeok Shin, Leadership Program for Next Generation, Summer 2016.

## Research Experience

Research Assistant for Michael Nelson, Spring/Fall 2021

Research Assistant for Bruce Desmarais, Summer/Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Research Assistant for Vineeta Yadav, Spring 2019

Research Assistant for Jai Kwan Jung, Spring/Fall 2017.

Research Assistant for Hyeok Yong Kwon, SSK Research Team: "Inequality and Political Economy for Social Integration", Fall 2015/Spring 2016.

## External Service

Reviewer: *The Journal of Politics, Government and Opposition*

Member: American Political Science Association, the Midwestern Political Science Association

## Professional Skills

*Programming Languages:* R, Python

## References

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