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Appointments

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, July 2019–

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Postdoctoral Fellow, Identity and Conflict Lab, 2018-current.

Predocctoral Fellow, Identity and Conflict Lab, 2017-2019.

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2018.

Fields: Comparative Politics (Distinction), Political Behavior, Methods & Formal Theory

Committee: Leonardo Arriola, Ruth Collier, Thad Dunning, Noam Yuchtman

Dissertation: Severed Connections: Political Parties and Democratic Responsiveness in Africa

M.A. in Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2012.

B.A. in Economics (Highest Honors), Korea University, 2007.

Research

Book Project

Severed Connections: Intraparty Politics and Representation in Democratic Africa [in progress]

Explores the conditions under which political parties can undermine the representation of citizen interests in new democracies. Shows that political parties and their leaders can capitalize on their electoral dominance in local elections and authority over intraparty candidate selection institutions to sever the connection between voters and their representatives.

Journal Articles

2. **Donghyun Danny Choi**, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis. Forthcoming. “Parochialism, Social Norms, and Discrimination Against Immigrants”, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
1. Chris Krogslund, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, and Mathias Poertner. 2015. “Fuzzy Sets on Shaky Ground? Parametric and Specification Sensitivity in fsQCA”, *Political Analysis*, 23(1), 21–41.

Working Papers

9. Leonardo Arriola, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, and Staffan Lindberg. “The Rejection of Election Results in Africa” (Revise and resubmit at *African Affairs*)
8. Leonardo Arriola, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, Justine Davis, Melanie Phillips, Lise Rakner, and Ingvild Skage. “The Business of Politics: Candidate Defection and Party Institutionalization in Africa” (Under review)
7. Leonardo Arriola, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Opalo. “The Effect of Cross-Ethnic Outreach in Electoral Campaigns”
6. Leonardo Arriola, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, and Matthew Gichohi. “Political Endorsements and Cross-Ethnic Voting in Multi-ethnic Societies”
5. **Donghyun Danny Choi**. “Party Control of Primary Elections in New Democracies” (Under Review)
4. **Donghyun Danny Choi**. “Congruence or Disconnect? Local Issue Priorities and Public Spending in Kenya”
3. Leonardo Arriola, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, David Dow, and Matthew Gichohi. “Competitive Elections and Public Goods Distribution in Africa”
2. **Donghyun Danny Choi**, Benjamin Laughlin, and Anna Schultz. “Communication Technology and National Identity: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”
1. Leonardo Arriola, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Opalo. “Accountability Under Devolved Government: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Kenya”

Selected Work in Progress

5. “Ethnic Bias in Criminal Sentencing: Evidence from Kenya” (with J. Andrew Harris and Fiona Shen-Bayh)
4. “The Political Logic of Judicial Appointments in Africa” (with Fiona Shen-Bayh)
3. “Zambian Candidate Network Survey” (with Leo Arriola, Justine Davis, Lise Rakner, and Melanie Phillips)
2. “Temperature and Ingroup Bias” (with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)
1. “Feminist Backlash to Political Islam: Evidence from Social Encounters in the Field” (with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Dean's Completion Fellowship (\$21,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley, 2016-17.

African Studies Fellowship (\$1,500), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley, 2016-17.

Rocca Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley, 2015-2016.

Simpson Fellowship (\$12,000), Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley, 2015-2016.

Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, UC Berkeley, 2013-2014.

Division Fellowship (\$15,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley, 2011-2016.

Department Fellowship (\$15,000), Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2011-2016

Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$217,350), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies, 2011-2016

Predocctoral Research Fellowship (\$4,800), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies, 2010-2011.

Conferences and Presentations

*=Invited Talks

2019 SPSA, MPSA (scheduled)

2018 MIT (CTSN 3)*, ERF Workshop*, University of Pittsburgh*, Yale University*, New York University Abu Dhabi*, University of Florida*, APSA, MPSA

2017 APSA, EPSA, ASA (African Studies Association)

2016 Stanford University (WGAPE), New York University Abu Dhabi (WESSI), APSA, MPSA

2013 APSA, MPSA

Teaching

2019 Instructor, PS1381 Capstone in Comparative Politics, University of Pittsburgh.

2019 Instructor, PS1352 Introduction to African Politics, University of Pittsburgh.

2014 Graduate Student Instructor, PS2 Introduction to Comparative Politics, UC Berkeley.

2013 Graduate Student Instructor, PS149A African Politics, UC Berkeley.

Professional Service

Referee American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Public Choice.

References

1. Leonardo R. Arriola, Associate Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley.
2. Ruth Berins Collier, Heller Professor of the Graduate School, UC Berkeley.
3. Thad S. Dunning, Robson Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley.
4. Nicholas Sambanis, Presidential Distinguished Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania.

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