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## Academic Positions

### University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

2019- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

### University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

2018-2019 Postdoctoral Fellow, Penn Identity and Conflict Lab

2017-2018 Predoctoral Fellow, Penn Identity and Conflict Lab

## Education

### University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

2018 Ph.D. in Political Science  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Behavior, Methodology & Formal Theory  
Committee: Leonardo Arriola, Ruth Collier, Thad Dunning, and Noam Yuchtman

2012 M.A. in Political Science

### Korea University, Seoul, South Korea

2007 B.A. in Economics (with highest honors)  
Minor: Public Administration and Policy

## Book Project

*Severed Connections: Political Parties and Democratic Representation in Sub-Saharan Africa*

## Journal Articles

2015 “Fuzzy Sets on Shaky Ground? Parametric and Specification Sensitivity in fsQCA”, *Political Analysis*, 23(1), 21–41 (with Chris Kroglund and Mathias Poertner).

## Working Papers

Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis. “Parochialism, Social Norms, and Discrimination Against Immigrants” (Revise and resubmit at *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*)

Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Staffan Lindberg. “The Rejection of Election Results in Africa” (Revise and resubmit at *African Affairs*)

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)

Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, Matthew Gichohi, and Kennedy Opalo. “The Effect of Campaign Rallies in Multi-ethnic Societies: Evidence from a Natural Experiment”

Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Matthew Gichohi. “Political Endorsements and Cross-Ethnic Voting”

Donghyun Danny Choi. “Party Control of Primary Elections in New Democracies”

## Manuscripts in Progress

Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, David Dow, and Matthew Gichohi. “Competitive Elections and Public Goods Distribution in Africa”

Donghyun Danny Choi. “Congruence or Disconnect? Local Issue Priorities and Public Spending in Kenya”

Donghyun Danny Choi, Benjamin Laughlin, and Anna Schultz. “Communication Technology and National Identity: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”

Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, Matthew Gichohi, and Kennedy Opalo. “Accountability Under Devolved Government: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Kenya”

## Selected Works in Progress

“Ethnic Bias in Criminal Sentencing: Evidence from Kenya” (with J. Andrew Harris and Fiona Shen-Bayh)

“The Political Logic of Judicial Appointments in Africa” (with Fiona Shen-Bayh)

“Zambian Candidate Network Survey” (with Leo Arriola, Justine Davis, Lise Rakner, Ingvild Skage, and Melanie Thompson)

“Temperature and Ingroup Bias: Evidence from a Field Experiment” (with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)”

“Using Machine-Learning and Natural Language Processing to Extract Relational Data from Text”

## **Fellowships and Awards**

2016-17	Dean’s Completion Fellowship (\$21,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
2016-17	African Studies Fellowship (\$1,500), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley
2015-16	Rocca Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley
2015-16	Simpson Memorial Fellowship (\$12,000), Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley
2013-14	Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
2011-16	Division Fellowship (\$15,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
2011-16	Department Fellowship (\$15,000), Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley
2011-16	Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$217,350), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies
2010	Predocotrual Research Fellowship (\$4,800), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies

## **Selected Conferences and Presentations**

\* = Invited talk

2019	SPSA, MPSA (scheduled)
2018	MIT (CTSN 3)*, ERF Workshop*, University of Pittsburgh*, Yale University*, New York
2017	University Abu Dhabi*, University of Florida*, APSA, MPSA African Studies Association (ASA), APSA, EPSA
2016	Stanford University (WGAPE), New York University Abu Dhabi (WESSI), APSA, MPSA
2013	APSA, MPSA

## **Teaching Experience**

2014	Graduate Student Instructor, PS2 Introduction to Comparative Politics, University of California, Berkeley (Instructor: M. Steven Fish)
2013	Graduate Student Instructor, PS149A African Politics, University of California, Berkeley (Instructor: Leonardo Arriola)

## **Additional Training**

2016	Winter Experimental Social Science Institute (WESSI), NYU-Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2014	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University
2012	Inter-University Consortium on Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan

## Fieldwork

2018 Germany (1 month): Nordrhein Westfalia, Berlin, Saxony, Brandenburg  
2015-17 Kenya (18 months): Nairobi, Kisumu, Embu, Nakuru, Kiambu, Mombasa county  
2016-17 Zambia (3 months): Lusaka

## Professional Service

*Referee:* American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis

## Skills

Programming: R, Python, STATA, ARCGIS  
Languages: Korean (native), English (native), German (intermediate), Swahili (basic)

## References

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