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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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REPRESENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY; POLITICAL PARTIES; ELITE AND VOTER BEHAVIOR; LEGISLATIVE POLITICS; IDENTITY POLITICS; AFRICAN POLITICS; CAUSAL INFERENCE; EXPERIMENTAL METHODS; COMPUTATIONAL TEXT ANALYSIS

## EMPLOYMENT

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| September 2019           | Department of Political Science   University of Pittsburgh, PITTSBURGH, PA<br>> Assistant Professor of Political Science  |
| August 2017<br>July 2019 | Identity and Conflict Lab   University of Pennsylvania, PHILADELPHIA, PA<br>> Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2018-2019)<br>> Predoctoral Research Fellow (2017-2018) |

## EDUCATION

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| 2018 | <b>Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Berkeley</b><br>Fields : Comparative Politics (Distinction), Political Behavior, Methods & Formal Theory<br>Committee : Leonardo Arriola, Ruth Collier, Thad Dunning, Noam Yuchtman |
| 2012 | <b>M.A. in Political Science, University of California, Berkeley</b>   |
| 2007 | <b>B.A. in Economics (with Highest Honors), Korea University</b><br><i>Minor in Public Policy</i>  |

## BOOK PROJECT

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**SEVERED CONNECTIONS : POLITICAL PARTIES AND DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA** IN PROGRESS  
🔗 <https://dhdannychoi.com/project/severedconnections/>  
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.

## PUBLICATIONS

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| 2015 | Chris Krogslund, <b>Donghyun Danny Choi</b> , and Mathias Poertner. "Fuzzy Sets on Shaky Ground? Parametric and Specification Sensitivity in fsQCA", <i>Political Analysis</i> , 23(1), 21–41. |
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## WORKING PAPERS

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- 1 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*)
- 2 Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Staffan Lindberg. "The Rejection of Election Results in Africa" (Revise and resubmit at *African Affairs*)
- 3 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)
- 4 Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Opalo. "The Effect of Campaign Rallies in Multi-ethnic Societies : Evidence from a Natural Experiment"
- 5 Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Matthew Gichohi. "Political Endorsements and Cross-Ethnic Voting"
- 6 Donghyun Danny Choi. "Party Control of Primary Elections in New Democracies"
- 7 Donghyun Danny Choi. "Congruence or Disconnect? Local Issue Priorities and Public Spending in Kenya"
- 8 Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, David Dow, and Matthew Gichohi. "Competitive Elections and Public Goods Distribution in Africa"
- 9 Donghyun Danny Choi, Benjamin Laughlin, and Anna Schultz. "Communication Technology and National Identity : Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa"
- 10 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

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- 1 "Ethnic Bias in Criminal Sentencing : Evidence from Kenya" (with J. Andrew Harris and Fiona Shen-Bayh)
- 2 "The Political Logic of Judicial Appointments in Africa" (with Fiona Shen-Bayh)
- 3 "Zambian Candidate Network Survey" (with Leo Arriola, Justine Davis, Lise Rakner, Ingvild Skage, and Melanie Thompson)
- 4 "Temperature and Ingroup Bias : Evidence from a Field Experiment" (with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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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
2010-11	Predocotrual Research Fellowship (\$4,800), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- \*=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 EXPERIENCE

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- 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 R. Arriola)

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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

## LANGUAGE

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English ● ● ● ● ●  
Korean ● ● ● ● ●  
German ● ● ○ ○ ○

## PROGRAMMING

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R ● ● ● ● ○  
STATA ● ● ● ● ○  
Python ● ● ○ ○ ○

## REFERENCES

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- 1 **Leonardo R. Arriola**  
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- 2 **Ruth Berins Collier**  
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- 3 **Thad Dunning**  
Robson Professor of Political Science  
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- 4 **Nicholas Sambanis**  
Presidential Distinguished Professor of Political Science  
Faculty Director, Identity and Conflict Lab  
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