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Current Appointments

- 2025– Stephen Robert Assistant Professor of Political Science, Brown University, Providence, RI
- 2022–25 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Brown University, Providence, RI
- 2025 Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, MIT, Cambridge, MA

Previous Appointments

- 2019–22 Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2017–19 Pre/Postdoctoral Fellow, Identity & Conflict Lab, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Education

- 2018 Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Berkeley
- 2012 M.A. in Political Science, University of California, Berkeley
- 2007 B.A. in Economics (with Highest Honors), Korea University

Books

- In progress Severed Connections: How Intraparty Politics Erodes Representation in Democratic Africa
Donghyun Danny Choi (Under Review)
+ *Juan Linz Prize for Best Dissertation in the Comparative Study of Democracy, APSA, 2020.*
- 2022 **Native Bias: Overcoming Discrimination Against Immigrants***
Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis
Princeton University Press, Princeton Studies in Political Behavior. 2022.
+ *Best Book Award, Experimental Research Section, APSA, 2023*
+ *Featured in Scope Conditions Podcast, Season 3 Episode 1*
+ *Reviewed in Perspectives on Politics, H-Migration, LSE Review of Books, Ethnic and Racial Studies*
European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology, Choice, Political Science Quarterly

Journal Articles

- 2025+ **Couples Therapy for a Divided America: Assessing the Effects of Reciprocal Group Reflection on Partisan Polarization***
Hannah Baron, Robert A. Blair, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, Laura Gamboa, Jessica Gottlieb, Amanda Lea Robinson, Steven C. Rosenzweig, Megan M. Turnbull, and Emily A. West
Political Behavior. Forthcoming
- 2025 **Policymakers' Abortion Preferences: Understanding the Intersection of Gender and Wealth***
Leonardo R. Arriola, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, Justine M. Davis, Melanie Phillips, and Lise Rakner
Comparative Political Studies. 2025. 58(1), 78-121.
- 2023 **The Hijab Penalty: Feminist Backlash Against Muslim Immigrants***
Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis
American Journal of Political Science. 2023. 67(2), 291–306.

- + Luebbert Prize for Best Article in Comparative Politics published in the past two years, APSA, 2022
+ Best Paper Award, European Politics & Society Section, APSA, 2021
- 2023 [Temperature and Outgroup Discrimination*](#)
Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis
Political Science Research and Methods. 2023. 11, 198–206.
- 2022 [Increasing Intergroup Trust: Endorsements and Voting in Multiethnic Societies*](#)
Leonardo R. Arriola, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, and Matthew K. Gichohi
Journal of Politics. 2022. 84(4), 2107–2122.
- 2022 [Ethnic Bias in Judicial Decision-making: Evidence from Criminal Appeals in Kenya*](#)
Donghyun Danny Choi, J. Andrew Harris, and Fiona Shen-Bayh
American Political Science Review. 2022. 116(3), 1067–1080.
+ McGillivray Award for Best Paper in Political Economy, Political Economy Section, APSA, 2020
- 2022 [Navigating Insider and Outsider Status as Researchers Conducting Field Experiments*](#)
Eunji Kim, Sumitra Badrinathan, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, Sabrina Karim, and Yang-Yang Zhou
PS: Political Science & Politics, 2022. 55(4), 754–758.
- 2022 [Paying to Party: Candidate Resources and Party Switching in New Democracies*](#)
Leonardo R. Arriola, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, Justine M. Davis, Melanie Phillips, and Lise Rakner
Party Politics. 2022. 28(3), 507–520.
- 2021 [Linguistic Assimilation Does Not Reduce Discrimination Against Immigrants*](#)
Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis
Journal of Experimental Political Science. 2021. 8(3), 235–246.
+ Rebecca Morton Award for best article in JEPS, Experimental Research Section, APSA, 2022
- 2019 [Parochialism, Social Norms, and Discrimination Against Immigrants*](#)
Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. 2019. 116(33), 16274–16279.
- 2015 [Fuzzy Sets on Shaky Ground? Parametric and Specification Sensitivity in fsQCA*](#)
Chris Krogslund, **Donghyun Danny Choi**, and Mathias Poertner
Political Analysis. 2015. 23(1), 21–41.

Work In-Progress

- [1] Democratic Trajectories in the Wake of Opposition Victory in Africa* (with Fiona Shen-Bayh, revision requested for *Journal of Democracy*, Draft Available)
- [2] The Party's Hand in Primary Elections: Evidence from Party Primaries in a New Democracy (Draft Available)
- [3] Arrested Debate: Opposition Repression and Parliamentary Speech* (with Fiona Shen-Bayh, Draft Available)
- [4] Legislating with Women: How Gender Composition Affects Issue Advocacy* (with Leo Arriola, Junwoo Suh, and Soosun You, Draft Available)
- [5] Do Voters Respond to Cross-Cleavage Campaigning in Polarized Societies? (with Leonardo R. Arriola, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Ochieng' Opalo, Draft Available).
- [6] Lasting Effects of Transient Exposure to the Greek Refugee Crisis: Affective versus Cognitive Responses to Tragedy and Realistic Threat* (with Nicholas Sambanis, Draft Available)

- [7] Mobile Internet Technology and National Identity in Sub-Saharan Africa* (with Benjamin Laughlin and Anna Schultz, Draft Available)
- [8] Framing the Fight for LGBT Rights: How Human Rights and Public Health Narratives Shape Policy-maker Support* (with Leo Arriola, Justine Davis, Melanie Phillips, and Lise Rakner, Draft Available)
- [9] Legacies of Institutionalized Discrimination: Evidence from Chinese Exclusion and Japanese Internment* (with Jonathan Chu and Jaemin Woo, Analysis in Progress)
- [10] The Politics of Foreign Aid Allocation in Africa* (with Yucong Li, Analysis in Progress)

Affiliations

- 2025– Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)
- 2023– Faculty Affiliate, Identity and Conflict Lab, Yale University
- 2018– Non-resident Research Associate, Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

- 2025–26 Henry Merritt Wriston Fellowship for excellence in teaching and research, Brown University.
- 2024–27 SSK Project: The Politics of Immigration: Diversity, Coexistence, and Integration, Korea National Research Foundation (Overseas co-PI, KRW 750 Million, equivalent to \$567,154)
- 2024 The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Diversity Institute: Why and How Difference Makes a Difference, Stanford University.
- 2024 Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award (\$15,000), Brown University.
- 2023 Salzburg Global Fellow, Salzburg Global Seminar.
- 2023 Best Book Award, Experimental Research Section, APSA.
- 2022 Gregory Luebbert Prize for Best Article in Comparative Politics, Comparative Politics Section, APSA.
- 2022 Rebecca Morton Best Article Award, Experimental Research Section, APSA.
- 2021 Best Paper Award, European Politics & Society Section, APSA.
- 2020 Juan Linz Prize for Best Dissertation, Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA.
- 2020 Fiona McGillivray Award for Best Paper, Political Economy Section, APSA.
- 2016 Dean's Completion Fellowship (\$21,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley.
- 2016 African Studies Fellowship (\$1,500), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2015 Rocca Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2015 Simpson Memorial Fellowship (\$12,000), Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2015 Graduate Division Fellowship (\$15,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley.
- 2014 Graduate Division Fellowship (\$15,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley.
- 2011–16 Doctoral Scholarship (full tuition & stipend), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies.

Invited Presentations & Lectures

- 2025 *Intergroup Interventions Workshop*, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin; *Diversity Institute, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS)*, Stanford University; *Watson Institute Africa Initiative Conference*, Brown University

- 2024 *Comparative Politics Workshop*, University of Pennsylvania; *Comparative Politics Seminar*, New York University; *Summer School on Democratic Decline and Resilience*, University of Montreal; *CEPDISC Seminar*, Aarhus University; *Riker Seminar Series*, University of Rochester; *Research in Comparative Politics Workshop*, Boston University; *Invited Seminar Series*, Department of Global Public Administration, Yonsei University
- 2023 *Gui2de Development Seminar*, Georgetown University; *Center for Political Studies Seminar*, University of Michigan; *Sustainable Democracy Roundtable*, Stanford University, Freeman Spogli Institute; *The Cooperation Colloquia*, Jointly hosted by U Amsterdam, Vienna, and Copenhagen; *Invited Book Talk*, LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore; *Comparative Politics Seminar*, MIT; *Political Science, Political Economy, African Politics Joint Seminar*, LSE; *Experimental Politics Working Group*, Seoul National University
- 2022 *Methods Winter Lecture Series*, Seoul National University[†]; *Identity and Conflict Lab Workshop*, University of Pennsylvania; Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy; *Replication Seminar*, UC San Diego[†]; *Political Behavior Seminar*, UC Davis[†]; European Politics Online Workshop; *20th Anniversary Alumni Lecture*, Korea University[†]; *Global Scholar Seminar*, Sungkyunkwan University
- 2021 *Institute for Governmental Studies Seminar*, Korea University; Intergroup Relations Online Workshop
- 2020 *Political Science Seminar*, Korea University; Pennsylvania State University (canceled due to COVID); European University Institute (canceled due to COVID); *Comparative Politics Workshop*, Vanderbilt University
- 2019 *Organizational Behavior Seminar*, Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University; *Department of Government Seminar*, College of William and Mary; *Institute for Politics Seminar*, Seoul National University; *Economic History Conference*, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
- 2018 *Cultural Transmission and Social Norms Workshop 3*, MIT; *Peace-building Workshop*, Economic Research Forum (ERF)

Teaching

(G)=Graduate, (U)=Undergraduate

- Brown POLS2590 Quantitative Methods IV (G), S2025; POLS2590 Quantitative Methods II (G), S2024; POLS0200 Introduction to Comparative Politics (U), S2023, S2025; POLS1445 Contemporary African Politics (U), S2023, F2024; Identity Politics in Global Perspective (U), F2022, S2024, F2024.
- Pitt Experiments in Social Science Research (G), S2022. Dissertation Overview (G), F2020, S2021, F2021, S2022. Identity Politics (U), F2020. Computational Social Science (U), S2020. Comparative Politics Capstone (U), F2019. Introduction to African Politics (U), F2019, S2021, F2021.
- Penn African Political Economy (G/MBA), Wharton School of Business, Lauder Institute, S2018, S2019

Doctoral Committees

= Name (Year of PhD, Current Position)

- Brown Shreya Singh (In Progress); Daniel Cabral (In Progress); Leja Joe Mathew (In Progress); Débora Duque (In Progress); Lee-Or Ankori-Karlinsky (In Progress); Joshua Weitz (2024, Research Associate, Brown University)
- Pitt Nicole Loncaric (2024, Lecturer, Duquesne University); Hyunjung Park (2024, University of York Postdoc); Matthias Avina (2023, University of Copenhagen Postdoc)

Disciplinary Service

- 2023– Co-convener, Northeast Workshop on Empirical Political Science
 - 2025– Co-convener, Boston Area Working Group on African Political Economy (BWGAPE)
 - 2025 Best Dissertation Award Committee, African Politics Conference Group, APSA/ASA
 - 2024 Best Book Award Committee, Experimental Research Section, APSA
Program Co-Chair, Democracy and Autocracy Section, APSA Annual Meeting
 - 2023 Program Co-Chair, Political Economy Section, APSA Annual Meeting
Sage Best Paper Prize Committee, Comparative Politics Section, APSA
 - 2019–22 Co-convener, Midwest Workshop on Empirical Political Science
 - 2022 Best Paper Award Committee, European Politics & Society Section, APSA
 - 2020 Best Book Award Committee, Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA
Program Co-Chair, African Politics Section, MPSA Annual Meeting, MPSA
 - 2019 Chair, Best Fieldwork Award Committee, Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA
- Reviewer:** *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, International Interactions, International Migration Review, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Modern African Studies, Journal of Politics, Nature Human Behavior, Oxford University Press, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Politics, Groups, and Identities, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Science Research and Methods, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Choice, Sociological Research and Methods, World Politics.*

Grant Reviewer: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation.

Department & University Service

Brown University

- 2024–25 Graduate Affairs/Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science
- 2023 University Fulbright Scholarship Committee
- 2022 International Political Economy Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science

University of Pittsburgh

- 2021–22 Graduate Education Committee, Political Science.
- 2021 Chair Selection Committee, Political Science.
- 2021 Comparative Politics Field Exam Committee, Political Science.
- 2021–22 Structural Racism Junior Faculty Search Committee, Political Science.
- 2020 Structural Racism Target of Opportunity Search Committee, Political Science.
- 2020–21 Co-convener, Historical Political Economy Seminar, Political Science.
- 2019–20 Co-convener, Human Rights and Migration Seminar, Political Science.
- 2019–21 Undergraduate Committee, Political Science.