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Current Appointments

Brown University, Providence, RI

2025– Stephen Robert Assistant Professor of Political Science

2022–25 Assistant Professor of Political Science

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

2025 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, MIT

Previous Appointments

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

2019–22 Assistant Professor of Political Science

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

2017–19 Pre/Postdoctoral Fellow, Identity & Conflict Lab

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

Book Projects

Severed Connections: How Intraparty Politics Erodes Representation in Democratic Africa

Donghyun Danny Choi (Preparing for submission)

+ *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) – In preparation for invited submission to *Journal of Democracy*
2. The Party's Hand in Primary Elections: Evidence from Party Primaries in a New Democracy.
3. Arrested Debate: Opposition Repression and Parliamentary Speech (with Fiona Shen-Bayh)
4. Echoes of Presence: How Female Peer Exposure Elevates Women's Issue Advocacy in Legislatures (with Leo Arriola, Junwoo Suh, and Soosun You)

5. Mobile Internet Technology and National Identity in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Benjamin Laughlin and Anna Schultz).
6. Do Voters Respond to Cross-Cleavage Campaigning in Polarized Societies? (with Leonardo R. Arriola, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Ochieng' Opalo).
7. Lasting Effects of Transient Exposure to the Greek Refugee Crisis: Affective versus Cognitive Responses to Tragedy and Realistic Threat (with Nicholas Sambanis)
8. LGBT+ Tolerance: Assessing the Impact of Judicial Decisions and Social Campaigns in Africa (with Leo Arriola, Matthew Gichohi, Siri Gloppen, and Malcolm Langford)
9. Framing the Fight for LGBT Rights: How Human Rights and Public Health Narratives Shape Policymaker Support (with Leo Arriola, Justine Davis, Melanie Phillips, and Lise Rakner)
10. Legacies of Institutionalized Discrimination: Evidence from Chinese Exclusion and Japanese Internment (with Jonathan Chu and Jaemin Woo)
11. The Politics of Foreign Aid Allocation in Africa (with Yucong Li)

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.
Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award (\$15,000), Brown University.
- 2023 Salzburg Global Fellow, Salzburg Global Seminar.
Best Book Award, Experimental Research Section, APSA.
- 2022 Gregory Luebbert Prize for Best Article in Comparative Politics, Comparative Politics Section, APSA.
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.
Fiona McGillivray Award for Best Paper, Political Economy Section, APSA.
- 2016 Dean's Completion Fellowship (\$21,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley.
African Studies Fellowship (\$1,500), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2015 Rocca Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley.
Simpson Memorial Fellowship (\$12,000), Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley.
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	<i>Watson Institute Africa Initiative Conference</i> , Brown University; <i>Intergroup Interventions Workshop</i> , Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
2024	<i>Comparative Politics Workshop</i> , University of Pennsylvania; <i>Comparative Politics Seminar</i> , New York University; <i>Summer School on Democratic Decline and Resilience</i> , University of Montreal; <i>CEPDISC Seminar</i> , Aarhus University; <i>Riker Seminar Series</i> , University of Rochester; <i>Research in Comparative Politics Workshop</i> , Boston University; <i>Invited Seminar Series</i> , Department of Global Public Administration, Yonsei University
2023	<i>Gui2de Development Seminar</i> , Georgetown University; <i>Center for Political Studies Seminar</i> , University of Michigan; <i>Sustainable Democracy Roundtable</i> , Stanford University, Freeman Spogli Institute; <i>The Cooperation Colloquia</i> , Jointly hosted by U Amsterdam, Vienna, and Copenhagen; <i>Invited Book Talk</i> , LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore; <i>Comparative Politics Seminar</i> , MIT; <i>Political Science, Political Economy, African Politics Joint Seminar</i> , LSE; <i>Experimental Politics Working Group</i> , Seoul National University
2022	<i>Methods Winter Lecture Series</i> , Seoul National University [†] ; <i>Identity and Conflict Lab Workshop</i> , University of Pennsylvania; Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy; <i>Replication Seminar</i> , UC San Diego [†] ; <i>Political Behavior Seminar</i> , UC Davis [†] ; European Politics Online Workshop; <i>20th Anniversary Alumni Lecture</i> , Korea University [†] ; <i>Global Scholar Seminar</i> , Sungkyunkwan University
2021	<i>Institute for Governmental Studies Seminar</i> , Korea University; Intergroup Relations Online Workshop
2020	<i>Political Science Seminar</i> , Korea University; Pennsylvania State University (canceled due to COVID); European University Institute (canceled due to COVID); <i>Comparative Politics Workshop</i> , Vanderbilt University
2019	<i>Organizational Behavior Seminar</i> , Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University; <i>Department of Government Seminar</i> , College of William and Mary; <i>Institute for Politics Seminar</i> , Seoul National University; <i>Economic History Conference</i> , KDI School of Public Policy and Management
2018	<i>Cultural Transmission and Social Norms Workshop 3</i> , MIT; <i>Peace-building Workshop</i> , 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.
Pittsburgh	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 (PhD Institution, Year of PhD, Current Position)

Shreya Singh (Brown, In Progress)

Daniel Cabral (Brown, In Progress)

Leja Joe Mathew (Brown, In Progress)

Débora Duque (Brown, In Progress)

Lee-Or Ankori-Karlinsky (Brown, In Progress)
 Joshua Weitz (Brown, 2024, Research Associate, Brown University)
 Nicole Loncaric (Pitt, 2024)
 Hyunjung Park (Pitt, 2024, University of York Postdoc)
 Matthias Avina (Pitt, 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, 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.