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Current Appointments

Brown University, Providence, RI

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| 2025– | Stephen Robert Assistant Professor of Political Science |
| | + Faculty Affiliate, Africa Initiative, Watson School of Int'l & Public Affairs |
| | + Faculty Affiliate, Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics |
| | + Faculty Associate, Population Studies and Training Center |
| 2022–25 | Assistant Professor of Political Science |

Georgetown University, Washington DC

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| Spring 2026 | Visiting Researcher, Mortara Center for International Studies |
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Previous Appointments

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| Fall 2025 | Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, MIT, Cambridge, MA |
| 2019–22 | Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA |
| 2017–19 | Pre/Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA |

Education

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

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| 2018 | Ph.D. in Political Science |
| | Dissertation: <i>Severed Connections: Political Parties and Responsiveness in Africa</i> |
| | + Juan Linz Prize for Best Dissertation in the Study of Democracy, APSA 2020 |
| 2012 | M.A. in Political Science |

Korea University, Seoul, Korea

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| 2007 | B.A. in Economics (with <i>Highest Honors</i>) |
| | Minor in Public Administration and Policy |

Book Projects

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| <i>Severed Connections: How Intraparty Politics Erodes Representation in Democratic Africa</i> (Under Review at Cambridge University Press) | |
| | Donghyun Danny Choi |

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| 2022 | <p><i>Native Bias: Overcoming Discrimination Against Immigrants*</i></p> <p>Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis</p> <p><i>Princeton University Press, Princeton Studies in Political Behavior</i>. 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Best Book Award, Experimental Research Section, APSA, 2023 + Featured in Scope Conditions Podcast, Season 3 Episode 1 + Reviewed in <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>, <i>H-Migration</i>, <i>LSE Review of Books</i>, <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i>, <i>Choice</i>, <i>Political Science Quarterly</i> |
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Journal Articles

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| 2025 | <p>How Oppositions Turn Authoritarian</p> <p>Donghyun Danny Choi and Fiona Shen-Bayh</p> <p><i>Journal of Democracy</i>. 36(4), 75-91.</p> |
| 2025 | <p>Couples Therapy for a Divided America: Assessing the Effects of Reciprocal Group Reflection on Partisan Polarization</p> <p>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</p> <p><i>Political Behavior</i>. 47, 1363-1388.</p> |
| 2025 | <p>Policymakers' Abortion Preferences: Understanding the Intersection of Gender and Wealth</p> <p>Leonardo R. Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, Justine M. Davis, Melanie L. Phillips, and Lise Rakner</p> <p><i>Comparative Political Studies</i>. 2025. 58(1), 78-121.</p> |
| 2023 | <p>The Hijab Penalty: Feminist Backlash Against Muslim Immigrants</p> <p>Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis</p> <p><i>American Journal of Political Science</i>. 2023. 67(2), 291–306.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Gregory Luebbert Prize for Best Article in Comparative Politics, APSA, 2022 + Best Paper Award, European Politics & Society Section, APSA, 2021 |
| 2023 | <p>Temperature and Outgroup Discrimination</p> <p>Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis</p> <p><i>Political Science Research and Methods</i>. 2023. 11, 198–206.</p> |
| 2022 | <p>Increasing Intergroup Trust: Endorsements and Voting in Multiethnic Societies</p> <p>Leonardo R. Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Matthew K. Gichohi</p> <p><i>Journal of Politics</i>. 2022. 84(4), 2107–2122.</p> |
| 2022 | <p>Ethnic Bias in Judicial Decision-making: Evidence from Criminal Appeals in Kenya</p> <p>Donghyun Danny Choi, J. Andrew Harris, and Fiona Shen-Bayh</p> <p><i>American Political Science Review</i>. 2022. 116(3), 1067–1080.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Fiona McGillivray Award for Best Paper in Political Economy, APSA, 2020 |
| 2022 | <p>Navigating Insider and Outsider Status as Researchers Conducting Field Experiments</p> <p>Eunji Kim, Sumitra Badrinathan, Donghyun Danny Choi, Sabrina Karim, and Yang-Yang Zhou</p> <p><i>PS: Political Science & Politics</i>, 2022. 55(4), 754–758.</p> |

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| 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 <i>Party Politics</i> . 2022. 28(3), 507–520. |
| 2021 | Linguistic Assimilation Does Not Reduce Discrimination Against Immigrants Donghyun Danny Choi , Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> . 2021. 8(3), 235–246. + <i>Rebecca Morton Award for best article in JEPS, Experiments Section, APSA</i> , 2022 |
| 2019 | Parochialism, Social Norms, and Discrimination Against Immigrants Donghyun Danny Choi , Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i> . 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 <i>Political Analysis</i> . 2015. 23(1), 21–41. |

Work-in-Progress

- *=graduate student coauthors
- [1] The Party's Hand in Primary Elections: Evidence from Party Primaries in a New Democracy (Draft Available)
 - [2] Arrested Debate: Opposition Repression and Parliamentary Speech (with Fiona Shen-Bayh, Draft Available)
 - [3] Legislating with Women: How Gender Composition Affects Issue Advocacy (with Leo Arriola, Junwoo Suh*, and Soosun You, Draft Available)
 - [4] Do Voters Respond to Cross-Cleavage Campaigning in Polarized Societies? (with Leo Arriola, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Ochieng' Opalo, Draft Available).
 - [5] Lasting Effects of Transient Exposure to the Greek Refugee Crisis: Affective versus Cognitive Responses to Tragedy and Realistic Threat (with Nicholas Sambanis, Draft Available)
 - [6] Mobile Internet Technology and National Identity in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Benjamin Laughlin and Anna Schultz, Draft Available)
 - [7] 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, Draft Available)
 - [8] Legacies of Institutionalized Discrimination: Evidence from Chinese Exclusion and Japanese Internment (with Jonathan Chu and Jaemin Woo*, Analysis in Progress)
 - [9] The Politics of Foreign Aid Allocation in Africa (with Yucong Li*, Draft Available)
 - [10] Calendars of Conflict: Intersecting Holidays and Political Violence (with Nicholas Sambanis and Lee-Or Ankori-Karlinsky* Analysis in Progress)

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

- 2025 | Henry Merritt Wriston Fellowship, Brown University.

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| 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 | Best Book Award, Experimental Research Section, APSA. |
| 2022 | Gregory Luebbert Prize for Best Article in Comparative Politics, 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. |

External Affiliations

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| 2025- | Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) |
| 2025- | Visiting Scholar, Peace and Democracy Institute, Korea University |
| 2023- | Faculty Affiliate, Identity and Conflict Lab, Yale University |
| 2018- | Non-resident Associate, Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley |

Invited Presentations & Lectures

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| 2026 | <i>Identity and Politics Seminar</i> , OSU (scheduled); <i>Mortara Research Seminar</i> , Georgetown University (scheduled); <i>Political Economy Seminar</i> , Georgetown University (scheduled) |
| 2025 | <i>Toronto Political Behavior Workshop</i> , University of Toronto; <i>Global Diversity Lab</i> , MIT; <i>Gender and Politics in East Asia Workshop</i> , USC; <i>Intergroup Interventions Workshop</i> , Hertie School of Governance, Berlin; <i>Diversity Institute</i> , Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford University; <i>Watson Africa Initiative Conference</i> , Brown University |

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| 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</i> , Korea University; Intergroup Relations 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

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| 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 |

Advising

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| 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

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| 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 |
| 2024 | Program Co-Chair, Democracy and Autocracy Section, APSA Annual Meeting |
| 2023 | Program Co-Chair, Political Economy Section, APSA Annual Meeting |
| 2023 | 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: <i>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.</i> |
| | Grant Reviewer: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. |

Department & University Service

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

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| | 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. |