





# JAE YEON KIM

## Overview

- Computational social scientist: using data science to study the politics of diversity and inclusion
- Research software developer: building tools that make digital data collection easier and faster
- Experience: analyzing survey, experimental, administrative, and text data using statistical and machine learning methods





## EDUCATION

- 2016  
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Present
- **University of California, Berkeley**  
PhD Candidate in Political Science  Berkeley, California, USA
- Summer  
2019
- **Summer Institute in Computational Social Science**  
Participant (10% acceptance rate)  Princeton University, Princeton, USA
- 2014  
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2016
- **University of California, Berkeley**  
MA in Political Science  Berkeley, California, USA
- 2012
- **Korea University**  
BA in Political Science and English (completed exchange student programs in Hong Kong and Taiwan)  Seoul, South Korea



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- May  
2019  
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- **Senior Data Science Fellow, Instructor, and Statistical Consultant**  
[Data-intensive Social Sciences Lab](#)  UC Berkeley
- Developed an internal Shiny-based dashboard for inspecting human-labeled and machine predicted outcomes of the [D-Lab's Online Hate Speech Index Project](#)
  - Consulted 70+ Berkeley faculty, students, and staff on applied statistics, machine learning, and database management
  - Developed [seven original workshops](#) on machine learning, functional programming, package development, advanced data wrangling, and reproducible project management and taught 90+ hours
- September  
2020  
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Present
- **Visiting Student Fellow**  
[P3 Lab, SNF Agora Institute](#)  Johns Hopkins University,
- Collaborated with Milan de Vries (former Director of Analytics at MoveOn.Org)
  - Parsed more than 3 million tax reports ([XML files stored in Amazon AWS](#)) filed by nonprofits in the United States and linked this data source with these organizations' websites and social media handles
  - Designed and built a data infrastructure that tracks civic organizations in the US and their relationships with food security, polarization, and the 2020 racial justice movement

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## COURSEWORK

Statistical and Causal Inference, Experimental Design, Survey Methods, Game Theory, Computational Social Science

Passed [Political Behavior](#) (social and cognitive psychology, survey and experimental design) field exam with distinction

## SKILLS

📊 **Quantitative:** Statistical and causal inference, Experimental and Survey Design, Governance and Innovation, Kennedy School, ~~declined~~ Social Media Research Fellowship, D-Lab and Social learning, R/tidyverse, tidymodels, Science Matrix, UC Berkeley statistical packages, Python (2020, declined), D-Lab Data Science Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2020), Data Science (MongoDB), Program Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2020), American Democracy Project Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2019), California Poverty and Socioeconomic Inequality Fellows

Spring  
2020

## Data Science Education Program Fellow

Data Science Education Program

📍 UC Berkeley

- Served as research lead for the undergraduate students and project partners involved in 40+ [data science discovery projects](#)
- Taught original [workshops](#) on project management, computational reproducibility, bias in machine learning, and data visualization
- Published [an article](#) on project management in SAGE Ocean, an initiative from SAGE Publishing focusing on computational social science

Fall 2016

Present

## Graduate Student Instructor

Department of Political Science

📍 UC Berkeley

- Developed and taught an original graduate-level course on [computational tools for social science research](#) as an instructor ([original online textbook](#))
- Taught an undergraduate-level applied statistics as a teaching assistant and received [the outstanding graduate student instructor award](#), which is given to less than 10% of Berkeley TAs



## SOFTWARE

**tidytweetjson:** R package for turning Tweet JSON files into a cleaned and wrangled dataset. The package takes 12.34 seconds to turn 5,685 articles into a tidy dataframe.

**tidyethnicnews:** R package for turning search results from one of the largest databases on ethnic newspapers and magazines published in the United States into a cleaned and wrangled dataset. The package takes 4 minutes to turn 2 million tweets into a tidy dataframe.

**makereproducible:** R package for making a project computationally reproducible before sharing it.

**TidyChaseBankStatements:** R Package for turning Chase bank Statements into a tidy dataframe.



## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Summer  
2020

Present

## Large-scale Twitter Analysis on COVID-19 and Anti-Asian Climate [\[GitHub\]](#) [\[Preprint\]](#)

PhD Candidate

📍 UC Berkeley

- Developed an [R package](#) that automates parsing a large Tweet JSON file (>5GB) into a cleaned and wrangled dataset
- Applied dynamic topic modeling to 1.4 million tweets and traced the rise of anti-Asian sentiment in the post-pandemic US
- Presented at the 2020 American Political Science Association annual meeting
- Co-authored a [preprint](#), which is under review at the *Perspectives on Politics*

**🏆 Awards:** Don T. Nakanishi Award for Distinguished Scholarship and Service in Asian Pacific American Politics, Western Political Science Association (2020), Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley (2016)

Fall 2019  
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Present

## Causal Inference and Machine Learning [GitHub] [Preprint] [Slides]

PhD Candidate

📍 UC Berkeley

- Developed an [R package](#) that automates parsing ethnic newspaper articles (in HTML format) into a cleaned and wrangled dataset
- Used a natural experiment and machine learning to examine how threats prompt information seeking among marginalized populations
- Presented at [the joint Political Computational Social Science and Political Network 2020 Conference](#) and [the Berkeley Computational Social Science Forum](#)
- Co-authored a [preprint](#), which is under review at the *American Political Science Review*

Spring  
2020

## Intersectional Bias in Hate Speech and Abusive Language Detection Datasets [GitHub] [Preprint] [Slides]

PhD Candidate

📍 UC Berkeley

- Classified gender, racial, and party identities of the 100k tweets
- Demonstrated African American tweets were up to 3.7 times more likely to be labeled as abusive, and African American male tweets were up to 77% more likely to be labeled as hateful compared to the others
- Published the paper version in *Proceedings of the Fourteenth International Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), Data Challenge Workshop*

Fall 2018  
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Spring  
2019

## Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning [GitHub] [Preprint] [Slides]

PhD Candidate

📍 UC Berkeley

- Demonstrated unreliable training data generates weak predictions and extreme interpretations using 80k+ ethnic newspaper articles
- Received [the Best Paper Award in Asian Pacific American Politics](#) from the Western Political Science Association (2020)
- Authored a preprint, which is forthcoming at the *Journal of Computational Social Science*

2016  
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2018

## Statistical Modeling of Time Series Data [GitHub] [Preprint]

PhD Candidate

📍 UC Berkeley

- Examined how social policy influenced community organizing among Asian Americans and Latinos by creating an original [organizational dataset](#) and modeling time-series data
- Authored a preprint, which was invited to Revise and Resubmit at *Political Research Quarterly*

2019  
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Spring  
2020

## Survey and Experimental Research [GitHub] [Preprint]

PhD Candidate

📍 UC Berkeley

- Designed a within-subject experiment and embedded it in a California-wide survey to investigate how different racial groups interpret questions on racial solidarity differently
- Authored a [preprint](#)

Summer  
2018

## Survey Research [GitHub]

Graduate Student Researcher

📍 UC Berkeley

- Cleaned and wrangled the largest panel survey data on Asian Americans and conducted factor and regression analysis



## ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE

### ● **Summer Institute in Computational Social Science in the San Francisco Bay Area**

Co-organizer

📍 August 2019 - July 2020

- Raised 50k+, reviewed 100+ applicants and selected 20 participants
- Developed close partnerships with Bay Area nonprofits (e.g., Code for America, DonorsChoose, Hopelab)
- Designed the curriculum, guided the project development and developed the evaluation criteria
- Published a [blog post](#) on the [Berkeley Institute of Data Science](#) website that highlights the key accomplishments of the Summer Institute