# John Kuk

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ACADEMIC

Washington University in St. Louis

9/2017-Present

APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Sociology

EDUCATION

# University of California, San Diego

Ph.D., Dec 2017

Department of Political Science

Dissertation: An Unequal and Polarized Democracy: Why Has Unequal Growth Caused

Party Polarization in the American Public

Committee: James Fowler (Co-Chair), Gary Jacobson (Co-Chair), Seth Hill, Stephan

Haggard, Lane Kenworthy, James Druckman (Northwestern University)

Seoul National University

M.A., 2011

Political Science

### Seoul National University

B.A., 2009

Political Science, magna cum laude,

Agricultural Economics (minor) and Philosophy (minor)

RESEARCH Interest American politics, politics of inequality, political behavior, race and ethnicity, machine learning, text analysis, and political methodology.

Publications

Zoltan Hajnal, **John Kuk**, and Nazita Lajevardi. "We All Agree: Strict Voter ID Laws Disproportionately Burden Minorities." *The Journal of Politics* 80.3 (2018): 1052–1059.

John Kuk, Deborah Seligsohn, and Jack Jiakun Zhang. "The Effect of Rising Import Competition on Congressional Voting Towards China." Journal of Contemporary China 27.109 (2018): 103–119

Geoff Boeing, Max Besbris, Ariela Schachter, and **John Kuk**. "Housing Search in the Age of Big Data: Smarter Cities or the Same Old Blind Spots?" **Forthcoming** at *Housing Policy Debate*.

Zoltan Hajnal, **John Kuk**, and Nazita Lajevardi. "A Disproportionate Burden: Strict Voter Identification Laws and Turnout." **Forthcoming** at *Politics*, *Groups and Identities*.

WORKING PAPERS

John Kuk and Zoltan Hajnal. "Parties, State Legislatures, and Gender Inequality." Invited to Revise and Resubmit at Legislative Studies Quarterly.

Max Besbris, Ariela Schachter, and **John Kuk**. "The Geography of Information: Inequalities in Online Advertisements for Rental Housing." Invited to **Revise** and **Resubmit** at *Demography*.

John Kuk. "The Effect of Economic Distress on Racial Attitudes." Under Review

**John Kuk**. "Red American Dream, Blue American Dream: The Geography of Intergenerational Mobility and Voting Behavior." *Under Review* 

John Kuk. Deborah Seligsohn, and Jack Jiakun Zhang. "The Partisan Divide in U.S. Congressional Communications after the China Shock." *Under Review* 

John Kuk. "Inequality and Public Polarization: Have Voters Become Polarized as Income Inequality Rises?"

John Kuk and Inbok Rhee. "North Korean Elites and Their Propaganda Strategy: Analyzing Korean Central News Agency Text Data."

# Works In Progress

**John Kuk**. The Economic Origins of Identity Politics. Book manuscript in preparation

Max Besbris, Jacob Faber, Ariela Schachter, and **John Kuk**. "The Impact of Homicide on Rental Market."

Mitch Downey, **John Kuk**, and Nazita Lajevardi. "The Disparate Rejection Rate of Voter Registration Applications."

Sergio Garcia-Rios and **John Kuk**. "The American Dream and Racial and Ethnic Minorities Political Behavior."

## Grants and Awards

Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy Small Grant (with Ariela Schachter) 2018

UCSD Political Science TA Excellence Award

2017

Sanford Lakoff Fellowship

2017

UCSD Graduate Student Association Travel Grant

2015, 2016

#### Teaching

#### Instructor of Record:

Growing Up Poor Across America

Spring 2018, Fall 2018

Statistics for Sociology

Fall 2019

### Teaching Assistant with Discussion/Recitation Sections:

Causal Inference (Graduate)

Spring 2017

Introduction to American Politics

Fall 2014, Spring 2016

Political Inquiry (undergraduate research design, statistics)

Fall 2013

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Winter 2016

#### **Guest Lectures:**

Introduction to American Politics

Summer 2016

Korean Politics

Spring 2014, Summer 2014, Spring 2015

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

University of Mannheim, Collaborative Research Center

Indiana University, American Politics Workshop

September 2018 April 2019

Presentations

APSA 2010, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019

MPSA 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019

**SPSA 2018** 

Polmeth 2014, 2015, 2018

Cooperative Congressional Election Studies (CCES) Sundance 2019

Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) 2018, 2019

ASA 2018

Population Association of America (PAA) 2019

Election Science, Reform, and Administration 2018

The Political Economic Implications of Legislative Institutions Texas A&M 2019

Political Economy Workshop at Michigan State University 2018

International Political Economy Society (IPES) 2017

UCSD North Korea Workshop 2017

Political Networks 2011

Professional & Department Service

Panel Chair, MPSA 2018, 2019

Panel Discussant, MPSA 2018, 2019

Panel Discussant, SPSA 2018

Panel Chair, Polmeth 2018

Panel Discussant, Iowa Caucuses Conference 2020

APSA Class and Inequality Section Conference Committee 2017

University of California, San Diego

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2014–2015

Co-organizer, Human Nature Group, 2015–2017

System Administrator of HNG Supercomputer, 2015–2016

Seoul National University

Organizer, Comparative Politics Workshop 2010–2011

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2010–2011

Advising

Undergraduate honors thesis advisor

Brian Tung (Washington University in St. Louis, Sociology)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Fire fighter (alternative service for military duty)

Fall 2005 - Fall 2007

CITIZENSHIP

United States of America and Republic of Korea (dual citizenship)

References

Gary Jacobson (gjacobson@ucsd.edu)

Distinguished Emeritus Professor, Political Science

James Fowler (folwer@ucsd.edu)

Professor, Political Science and Medical Genetics

Zoltan Hajnal (zhajnal@ucsd.edu)

Professor, Political Science and School of Global Policy and Strategy

Ariela Schachter (ariela@wustl.edu) Assistant Professor, Sociology