

## John Kuk

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Washington University in St. Louis**  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Sociology

9/2017-Present

### EDUCATION

**University of California, San Diego** Ph.D., 2012–2017  
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 race and inequality, political behavior, urban segregation, 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

### WORKING PAPERS

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

Ariela Schachter and **John Kuk**. “A Change of Heart or Change of Address? The Geographic Sorting of Whites’ Attitudes towards Immigration.” *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** and Nazita Lajevardi. “Constituent Communications in a New Technological Era: Congressional E-Newsletters.” *Under Review*

**John Kuk** and Inbok Rhee. “North Korean Elites and Their Propaganda Strategy: Analyzing Korean Central News Agency Text Data.” *Under Review*

**John Kuk**. “The Effect of Economic Anxiety on Racial Attitudes.”

	<b>John Kuk.</b> “Inequality and Public Polarization: Have Voters Become Polarized as Income Inequality Rises?”
	Zoltan Hajnal, <b>John Kuk</b> , and Nazita Lajevardi. “A Disproportionate Burden: Strict Voter Identification Laws and Turnout.”
	Max Besbris, Ariela Schachter, and <b>John Kuk.</b> “The Language of Segregation: Variation in the Description of Rental Housing Across Neighborhoods.”
WORKS IN PROGRESS	Max Besbris, <b>John Kuk</b> and Ariela Schachter. “The Distribution of Fair Market Rent Housing in the Metropolitan United States.”
	Max Besbris, Jacob Faber, <b>John Kuk</b> and Ariela Schachter. “The Impact of Homicide on Rental Market.”
	Mitch Downey, <b>John Kuk</b> , and Nazita Lajevardi. “The Disparate Rejection Rate of Voter Registration Applications.”
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	<b>Instructor of Record:</b>
	Growing Up Poor Across America Spring 2018, Fall 2018
	<b>Teaching Assistant with Discussion/Recitation Sections:</b>
	Causal Inference (Graudate) Spring 2017
	Introduction to American Politics Fall 2014, Spring 2016
	Political Inquiry (undergraduate research design, statistics) Fall 2013
	Introduction to Comparative Politics Winter 2016
	<b>Guest Lectures:</b>
	Introduction to American Politics Summer 2016
	Korean Politics Spring 2014, Summer 2014, Spring 2015
INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS	Invited Talk
	University of Mannheim, Collaborative Research Center (scheduled 9/2018)
	Presentations
	APSA 2010, 2015, 2017, 2018
	MPSA 2015, 2017, 2018
	Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) 2018
	Polmeth 2014, 2015, 2018
	ASA 2018
	Election Science, Reform, and Administration 2018
	Political Networks 2011

PROFESSIONAL & DEPARTMENT SERVICE	Panel Chair, MPSA 2018	
	Panel Discussant, MPSA 2018	
	Panel Chair, Polmeth 2018	
	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	
OTHER ACTIVITIES	Fire fighter (alternative service for military duty)	Fall 2005 – Fall 2007
REFERENCES	James Fowler (folwer@ucsd.edu)	
	Professor, Political Science and Medical Genetics	
	Gary Jacobson (gjacobson@ucsd.edu)	
	Distinguished Emeritus Professor, Political Science	
	Zoltan Hajnal (zhajnal@ucsd.edu)	
	Professor, Political Science and School of Global Policy and Strategy	
	Ariela Schachter (ariela@wustl.edu)	
	Assistant Professor, Sociology	