

John Kuk

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Oklahoma 8/2020-Present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Washington University in St. Louis 9/2017-8/2020
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Sociology and Weidenbaum Center on
the Economy, Government, and Public Policy

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*.

John Kuk and Zoltan Hajnal. "Parties, State Legislatures, and Gender Inequality."
Accepted at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

WORKING PAPERS	Max Besbris, Ariela Schachter, and John Kuk . “The Geography of Information: Inequalities in Online Advertisements for Rental Housing.” Conditional Accept at <i>Demography</i> .	
	John Kuk . “The Effect of Economic Distress on Racial Attitudes.” <i>Under Review</i>	
	John Kuk . “Red American Dream, Blue American Dream: The Geography of Intergenerational Mobility and Voting Behavior.” <i>Under Review</i>	
	John Kuk . Deborah Seligsohn, and Jack Jiakun Zhang. “The Partisan Divide in U.S. Congressional Communications after the China Shock.” <i>Under Review</i>	
	John Kuk . “Inequality and Public Polarization: Have Voters Become Polarized as Income Inequality Rises?”	
	John Kuk , Max Besbris, Jacob Faber, and Ariela Schachter. “The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Rental Market: Evidence from Craigslist.”	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	John Kuk . <i>The Economic Origins of Identity Politics</i> . <i>Book manuscript in preparation</i>	
	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, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	Kavli Fellow, National Academy of Sciences	2020
	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	
	Kavli Frontiers of Science, National Academy of Sciences	July 2020
	University of Mannheim, Collaborative Research Center	September 2018
	Indiana University, American Politics Workshop	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	<p>Gary Jacobson (gjacobson@ucsd.edu) Distinguished Emeritus Professor, Political Science</p> <p>James Fowler (folwer@ucsd.edu) Professor, Political Science and Medical Genetics</p> <p>Zoltan Hajnal (zhajnal@ucsd.edu) Professor, Political Science and School of Global Policy and Strategy</p> <p>Ariela Schachter (ariela@wustl.edu) Assistant Professor, Sociology</p>