John Kuk

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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*.

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, 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   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