John Kuk

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS University of Oklahoma

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Washington University in St. Louis

9/2017-8/2020

8/2020-Present

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

Political Science

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

Publications

- 1. Zoltan Hajnal, John Kuk, and Nazita Lajevardi. 2018. "We All Agree: Strict Voter ID Laws Disproportionately Burden Minorities." The Journal of Politics 80.3: 1052 - 1059.
- 2. John Kuk, Deborah Seligsohn, and Jack Jiakun Zhang. 2018. "The Effect of Rising Import Competition on Congressional Voting Towards China." Journal of Contemporary China 27.109: 103-119
- 3. Geoff Boeing, Max Besbris, Ariela Schachter, and John Kuk. 2021. "Housing Search in the Age of Big Data: Smarter Cities or the Same Old Blind Spots?" Housing Policy Debate 31: 112–126.
- 4. John Kuk and Zoltan Hajnal. 2021. "Democratic Party Control Reduces Gender Inequality." Legislative Studies Quarterly. 46 (1): 155–188.
- 5. Max Besbris, Ariela Schachter, and John Kuk. 2021. "The Geography of Information: Inequalities in Online Advertisements for Rental Housing." Demography. 58.4: 1197-1221.
- 6. John Kuk, Max Besbris, Jacob Faber, and Ariela Schachter. 2021. "The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Rental Market: Evidence from Craigslist." American Behavioral Scientist. 65.12: 1623–1648.
- 7. Zoltan Hajnal, John Kuk, and Nazita Lajevardi. 2022. "A Disproportionate Burden: Strict Voter Identification Laws and Turnout." Politics, Groups and Identities. 10.1: 126-134.

- 8. **John Kuk**. Deborah Seligsohn, and Jack Jiakun Zhang. 2022. "The Partisan Divide in U.S. Congressional Communications after the China Shock." *Economics & Politics*
- 9. Max Besbris, **John Kuk**, Ann Owens, Ariela Schachter, 2022. 'Predatory Inclusion in the Market for Rental Housing: A Multi-City Empirical Test" *Socius*. 8: 1–16.
- 10. Nate Breznau, Eike Mark Rinke, ..., John Kuk, ..., and Tomasz Żółtak, Forthcoming. 'Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty' Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

WORKING PAPERS

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*

Jeong Hyun Kim, **John Kuk**, and Yesola Kweon. "Perceptions of Essential Workers, Racial Prejudice, and Redistributive Preferences." *Under Review*

John Kuk, Don Lee, and Inbok Rhee. "Does Exposure to Election Fraud Research Undermine Confidence in Elections?" *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

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

Junior Faculty Fellowship, University of Oklahoma 2020

Kavli Fellow, National Academy of Sciences

2020

National Science Foundation, Collaborative Research: The Geography of Information: Testing the Effects of Unequal Information in the Market for Rental Housing (co-author of the grant proposal and projects)

2019

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:

Problems in Political Behavior Spring 2022
Introduction to Political Analysis Spring, Fall 2021
Capstone in Political Science Fall 2020, Spring 2022
Oklahoma City Exit Poll Fall 2020
Growing Up Poor Across America Spring 2018, Fall 2018
Statistics for Sociology Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant with Discussion/Recitation Sections:

Causal Inference (Graduate)

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

Korea National Assembly Research Service April 2022

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology October 2021

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, 2021, 2022 (scheduled)

MPSA 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

SPSA 2018, 2021

Polmeth 2014, 2015, 2018

International Society of Political Psychology 2022

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

APSA Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section Best Paper Award Selection Committee 2021

Panel Chair, MPSA 2018, 2019

Panel Discussant, MPSA 2018, 2019, 2022

Panel Discussant, SPSA 2018, 2022

Panel Chair, Polmeth 2018

Panel Discussant, Iowa Caucuses Conference 2020

APSA Class and Inequality Section Conference Committee 2017

APSA Class and Inequality Section Reception Committee 2021

APSA Class and Inequality Section Class and Race Online Seminar Series (CROSS) Co-organizer 2022

University of Oklahoma

Subnational Public Policy Search Committee 2021 Center for Faculty Excellence Peer Mentor 2021–2022

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