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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh

Ph.D. in International Affairs and Public Policy

Pittsburgh, PA

Expected in May 2023

Texas A&M University

M.A. in Political Science

College Station, TX

May 2019

Columbia University

M.A. in International Affairs

New York, NY

May 2017

Brown University

B.A. in International Relations and Economics

Providence, RI

May 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: International Political Economy, High-skilled immigration, Economic sanctions, Public opinion and behavior, Multinational firms and governance

Methodological: Experimental design, Causal inference, and Computational social science

DISSERTATION PROJECT

Title: Unpacking High-Skilled Immigration in the United States

Committee: Erica Owen (Chair), Daniel Jones, Jude Hays, Quan Li

PUBLICATIONS

“How Do Economic Sanctions Affect Public Opinion and Consumer Behavior in Target States?: Evidence from China’s economic sanctions on South Korea.” 2022. *International Studies Quarterly* 66(3). (with Jonghyuk Park).

“Economic Sanctions and Consumer Behavior in Target States: An Agent-Based Model of Boycott Movements.” 2021. *Proceedings of the 2021 Conference of the Computational Social Science Society of the Americas*: 43-55. Springer, Cham. (with Jonghyuk Park).

“Labor and Trade Protection in Comparative Perspective.” 2020. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. (with Erica Owen).

“How Do Capital and Labor Split Economic Gains in an Age of Globalization?” 2019. *Review of International Political Economy* 28(1): 232-257. (with Erica Owen and Quan Li).

WORKING PAPERS

‘The Political Economy of High-skilled Immigration: Votes and sponsorship on high-skilled immigration bills in the U.S. Congress’

‘Reshaping Attitudes toward High-Skilled Immigration: Does Information About Labor Market Competition, Difficulty Faced by Foreign Nationals, and International Rivalry Affect the Attitudes of High-skilled Native Citizens toward High-skilled Immigration?’

‘Microfoundations of Firms’ Hiring Preferences toward Native citizens and Foreign Nationals.’

‘Economic Sanctions, Hostility, and Consumer Behavior in Target States: Under What Conditions Do Target State’s Public Boycott Sanctioning States in response to Economic Sanctions?’ (with Jonghyuk Park)

GRANTS

Travel Grants, American Political Science Association	July 2022
Dissertation Grants, University of Pittsburgh	April 2022
Graduate Assistantship, University of Pittsburgh	September 2019 – Present
Graduate Assistantship, Texas A&M University	September 2017 – May 2019
Ottaway Fellowship, Columbia University	September 2015 – May 2017
Toyota Scholarship, International House, New York	September 2016 – May 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

University of Pittsburgh	Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
PIA2022 Quantitative Analysis I, Instructor of record	Fall 2022
PIA2022 Quantitative Analysis I, Teaching assistant	Spring 2022
PIA2022 Quantitative Analysis I, Teaching assistant	Fall 2021

PRESENTATIONS

Association for Public Policy & Management, Washington, D.C., US	November 2022
International Political Economy Society, Pittsburgh, US	October 2022
American Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada	September 2022
Penn State – Pittsburgh IR Workshop, Penn State University	May 2022
Computational Social Science conference, Virtual conference	November 2021
American Political Science Association, Virtual conference	September 2021
American Political Science Association, Virtual conference	September 2020
International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada	March 2019
Southern Political Science Association, Austin, Texas	January 2019

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Reviewer	International Studies Quarterly
University of Pittsburgh	Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
Search committee for International political economy, Student representative	Fall 2021
Columbia University	School of International and Public Affairs
Admissions Office, Student assistant	Fall 2016
Academic Department, Student assistant	Spring 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

IBM <i>Global Business Services</i>	Seoul, South Korea
• Senior consultant	August 2013 – May 2015
• Consultant	January 2011 – July 2013
Korea Development Bank Capital <i>Investment Banking</i>	Seoul, South Korea
• Investment Analyst	September 2009 – September 2010

SKILLS

Programs: R, STATA, Python, Qualtrics, mTurk, Latex
Languages: Korean (native), English (fluent), Chinese (intermediate)

REFERENCES

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