

Soonhong Cho

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Expected 2025	Ph.D., Political Science University of California, Los Angeles FIELD: American Politics, Political Methodology, Race and Ethnicity Politics
Expected 2025	M.S., Statistics and Data Science University of California, Los Angeles
2018	M.A., Political Science Seoul National University
2016	B.A., Economics, Political Science (MINOR: Philosophy) Seoul National University

RESEARCH INTEREST

Political Methodology, Causal Inference, American Politics, Public Opinion

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

7. Estimating dynamic treatment effects of events: An imputation approach to Interrupted Time Series design
6. Drivers of attitudes toward Asian Americans: Disentangling stereotyping from racial identity (with Jieun Park and [Jesscia Hyeonjeong Lee](#))
5. Unraveling climate refugee-specific hostility: Exploring deservingness bias in developed countries (with Jieun Park)
4. Inference at the data's edge: Gaussian processes for modeling and inference under model-dependency, poor overlap, and extrapolation (with [Chad Hazlett](#) and Doeun Kim)
3. Modeling and assessing controlled direct effects with the regression-with-residuals method (with [Ian Lundberg](#))
2. Non-existent outcomes in research on inequality: A causal approach (with [Ian Lundberg](#))
1. Characterizing voter types with Gaussian Process clustering: An application to high-dimensional individual-level ballot data

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024	ACIC Travel Scholarship , Society for Causal Inference
2023-2024	Institute to Study Hate Research Grant , UCLA \$15,000 Grant awarded by the UCLA Initiative to Study Hate for research project
2023-2024	Dissertation Year Fellowship , UCLA
2022, 2023	Political Psychology Fellowship , UCLA
2018-2023	Kwanjeong Educational Foundation Scholarship (5 years) (competitive scholarship awarded for doctoral research abroad)
2018-2020	Graduate Dean's Scholar Award , UCLA Graduate Division
2018-2020	Irma Polaski Fellowship , UCLA Graduate Division
2018-2023	Funding for doctoral studies: Fellowship and TA position UCLA Department of Political Science
2017	Next-generation Researcher Fellowship , Seoul National University
2013-2015	Merit-based Scholarship (4 semesters), Seoul National University
2016	Best Research Paper Social Science Research Grant for Undergrads, Seoul National University
2015	Best Essay , Annual Undergraduate Student Essay Award, Seoul National University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019 -	Teaching Assistant/Fellow , UCLA Causal Inference for Social Science, PhD level (2022 Spring) TA lecture notes The American Presidency (2022 Winter) Politics & Strategy - Game Theory for Political Science (2023 Spring, 2022 Fall, 2021 Fall, 2021 Winter, 2020 Fall, Spring, Winter) Introduction to American Politics (2021 Spring, 2019 Fall, 2023 Winter)
2016 - 2018	Teaching Assistant , Seoul National University Understanding and Analyzing Korean Politics (2017 Fall) Studies in Chinese Politics (2017 Spring) Research Methods in Political Science (2016 Fall) Quantitative Political Analysis, Grad level (2016 Fall)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Gathered relevant information from journals, historical records, and online databases
- Developed GUI-based statistical tools and visualization dashboards using R
- Designed, administered, and analyzed complex survey experiments

2023 - 2024	Graduate Research Assistant , Cornell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborate on projects to study causal inference when the treatment causes sample attrition, - Write R codes, analyze data, read papers, and write parts of the draft.
2020 -	Graduate Research Assistant , UCLA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and analyze datasets containing actual ballots from LA County (1986-2010)
2016 - 2018	Graduate Research Assistant , Seoul National University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An Exploratory Study for Development of GUI-based Statistical Package - Establishment of Networks for the Next Generation of Women Scientists - The Legislative Effectiveness of Women in the 19th National Assembly - Cooperation and Integration of Economic and Social Community in East Asia - What Good Governments Are Made of: Measuring and Untangling the Quality of Government Using Lab, Survey, and Field Experiment - Gender Inequality on Campus: An Emphasis on the Next Generation of Female Academics

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024	Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting , Riverside, CA. (poster)
2024	American Causal Inference Conference , Seattle, WA. (2 posters)
2023	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting , Los Angeles, CA.
2017	Midwest Political Science Association , Chicago, IL.
2016	Korean Political Science Association , Busan, Korea.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2023 -	Affiliated with Practical Causal Inference Lab
2022 -	Graduate Student R Maven , UCLA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide individual programming support for graduate students as a peer tutor
2021 -	Affiliated with Social Inequality Data Science Lab
2017	Vice-President of Graduate Students Council , Political Science Major, Seoul National University
2017	Reading Group Organizer , Center for Political Communication Reading Group
2016	Discussion Leader , SNU Political Science Graduate Students Workshop
2015	Presenter , Seoul National University - U-Tokyo Undergrad Conference
2011-2013	Staff Sergeant , Republic of Korea Air Force (2 years)

SKILLS

R (advanced), Stata, C++, Python (intermediate), L^AT_EX, git/GitHub