

Soonhong Cho

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

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| 2025 | Ph.D., Political Science UCLA Committee: Jeffrey Lewis, Chad Hazlett (co-chairs), Chris Tausanovitch, Ian Lundberg (Sociology) |
| 2025 | M.S., Statistics and Data Science UCLA |
| 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

WORKING PAPERS & RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

7. Estimating dynamic treatment effects of events: An imputation approach to Interrupted Time Series design [**Job Market Paper**]
6. 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](#))
5. Non-existent outcomes in research on inequality: A causal approach (with [Ian Lundberg](#))
4. Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Governmental Restrictions on Firearms Purchasing Behavior (with Jack Kappelman, Tanvi Shinkre, Ryan Baxter-King, Haotian Chen, and Abigail Kappelman)
3. Unraveling climate refugee-specific hostility: Exploring deservingness bias in developed countries (with [Jieun Park](#))
2. Drivers of attitudes toward Asian Americans: Disentangling stereotyping from racial identity (with [Jieun Park](#) and [Jesscia Hyeonjeong Lee](#))
1. Modeling and assessing controlled direct effects with the regression-with-residuals method (with [Ian Lundberg](#))

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 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 (\$122,500) A 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

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| 2019 - 2023 | Teaching Assistant/Fellow , UCLA Causal Inference for Social Science, PhD level (2022 Spring) 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

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| 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, as well as projects on mediation analysis. - Write R codes, analyze data, read papers, and write parts of the draft. |
| 2020 - 2021 | 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

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| 2024 | Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting , Riverside, CA. |
| 2024 | American Causal Inference Conference , Seattle, WA. |
| 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

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| 2023 - Present | Affiliated with Practical Causal Inference Lab |
| 2022 - Present | Graduate Student R Maven , UCLA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide statistics/programming support for graduate students as a tutor |
| 2021 - Present | Affiliated with Inequality Data Science Lab |
| 2017 | Vice-President of Graduate Students Council , Political Science Major, Seoul National University |
| 2011-2013 | Staff Sergeant , Republic of Korea Air Force (2 years) |

SKILLS

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