

# Soonhong Cho

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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Expected 2025	<b>Ph.D., Political Science</b> (advanced to candidacy: Mar 19, 2021) University of California, Los Angeles FIELD: American Politics, Political Methodology
Expected 2025	<b>M.S., Statistics</b> University of California, Los Angeles
2018	<b>M.A., Political Science</b> Seoul National University
2016	<b>B.A., Economics, Political Science</b> (MINOR: Philosophy) Seoul National University

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Political Methodology, Causal Inference, American Politics, Public Opinion

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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7. Counterfactual modeling approach to interrupted time series
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

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2019 -	<b>Teaching Assistant/Fellow</b> , UCLA Causal Inference for Social Science, PhD level (2022 Spring) <a href="#">TA lecture notes</a> 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	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , 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

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

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2023	<b>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</b> , LA, CA.
2017	<b>Midwest Political Science Association</b> , Chicago, IL.
2016	<b>Korean Political Science Association</b> , Busan, Korea.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

## SKILLS

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R (advanced), Stata, C++, Python (intermediate), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, git/GitHub