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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Johns Hopkins University

Data Analytics and Policy Program

Sr. Lecturer and Assistant Director	2023 – Present
Sr. Lecturer and Program Coordinator	2022 – 2023

SNF Agora Institute

Faculty Affiliate	2023 – Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**   2022

Dissertation title: Voting for Nostalgia?: Authoritarian Nostalgia, Social Identity, and Voting Behavior in Post-Authoritarian Democracies

Committee: Matthew S. Winters (chair), Jeffery J. Mondak, Damarys Josefina Canache, and Aleksander Ksiazkiewicz

M.A. Political Science, **Korea University**   2016

B.A. Political Science; Economics, **Korea University**   2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative politics: Authoritarian nostalgia, political behavior, political psychology, democratic development, ideology, East Asian Politics

International relations: IR and domestic politics, international political economy

Political methodology: Experimental methods, causal inference, text analysis

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

5. "Killing Protests with Kindness: Anti-China Protests and China's Public Diplomacy." with Yujeong Yang, Do Young Gong, and Shuyuan Shen. 2023. *International Studies Quarterly*. 67(4): sqad087.

4. "How Loud Does the Watchdog Bark? A Reconsideration of Local Journalism, News Non-profits, and Political Corruption." with Nikki Usher. 2023. *International Journal of Press/Politics*. (Online first)

3. "Authoritarian Legacies and Partisan Bias in Corruption Voting: Evidence from South Korea." 2023. *Journal of East Asian Studies*. 23(2): 241-262.

2. "Personality Traits, Democratic Support, and Authoritarian Nostalgia." 2023. *Social Science Quarterly*. 104(5): 619-635.

1. "Alternative Legacies of Authoritarianism: Pro-dictator Bias in Ideology." 2023. *Party Politics*. 29(3): 580-586.

BOOK PROJECT

The Past that Binds: Authoritarian Nostalgia, Group Sentiment, and Voter Behavior (Under review)

UNDER REVIEW

"Authoritarian Nostalgia, Group Sentiment, and Voter Behavior."[1] *R&R*.

"Money Backfires: How Chinese Investment Fuels Anti-China Protests Abroad." with Yujeong Yang, Do Young Gong, and Shuyuan Shen. *R&R*

"Mnemonic Politics among Philippine Voters: A Social Media Measurement Approach." with Emily Sallenback. *R&R*

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[1]Draft available at https://sanghoonkim.org

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	"Prejudice and Protest: The Long-term Effects of Ethnic Discrimination on Anti-China Protest in Indonesia." with Yujeong Yang. "Right in the Past, Left in the Present?: Ideological Orientation and Political Nostalgia." "Nationalist Legacies and Authoritarian Retention." "Authoritarian Nostalgia and Partisan Attachment." with Sunkyoung Park. "Learning to Love Dictators: The Effect of Museums Dedicated to Former Dictatorial Rulers." with Matt Winters. "Chinese Nationalist Identity and Authoritarian Nostalgia in Taiwan." "Motivated Reasoning and Retrospective Voting among Polarized Voters."

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Research related

Faculty Grant Award, SNF Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University, 2023. ($5,000)

Doctoral Fellowship, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, 2021. ($20,000)

Ferber & Sudman Dissertation Awards for Survey Research, University of Illinois, 2020. ($2,500)

Nelle M. Signor Graduate Scholarship in International Relations, University of Illinois, 2020. ($2,000)

CEAPS Graduate Student Dissertation Travel Grant, Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois, 2020. ($1,500)

Taiwan Fellowship, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China, 2020. ($5,000)

Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grant, University of Illinois, 2019.

William A. Schroeder and Paul W. Schroeder Summer Fellowship, the Cline Center for Advanced Social Research, University of Illinois, 2018.

Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2018.

National Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Research Scholarship, Korea Student Aid Foundation, 2011-2012

Undergraduate Honors Scholarship, Korea University, 2007.

Teaching related

Excellence in Teaching Award, Center for Advanced Governmental Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 2023.

A. Belden Fields Award for Graduate Student Teaching as a TA, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2019.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association. 2021-2024.

Midwest Political Science Association. 2018-2019, 2021-2024.

American Sociology Association. 2023.

Society of Political Methodology (PolMeth). 2022.

Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs. 2021, 2023.

Association for Asian Studies, AAS-in-Asia. 2023.

International Convention of Asian Scholars. 2021.

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS	The 4th Asian Summer School on Political Parties and Democracy Program. National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan. May 2024. (scheduled)
	The Taiwan Democracy Quarterly-Taiwan Journal of Democracy Conference on "A Season of Elections, New (or renewed) Leadership, and Policy Impacts." University of Nevada, Las Vegas. April 2024. (scheduled)
	The Conference on Judicial Politics and Human Rights: Taiwan in Comparative Perspective. University of South Carolina. December 2023.
	Taiwan in Transition Conference. University of Nottingham, UK, June 2023.
	Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia. New York University. May 2023.
	The Institute for Korean Studies at University of Missouri Annual Research Symposium. University of Missouri. April 2023.
	Taiwan and Asian Program Conference. University of South Carolina (virtual). 2021.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCES	*Fieldwork*
	Elite interviews and survey monitoring, **Indonesia**, November 2019; August 2022.
	Data collection through focus groups, elite interviews, and online surveys, **South Korea** and **Taiwan**, Janurary-March, 2020; June-July, 2023.
	Research Assistant
	Research Assistant, Nikki Usher, College of Media, University of Illinois, 2019-2021.
	Empirical research in *News for the Rich, White, and Blue* (Columbia University Press, 2021).
	Research Assistant, Matthew Winters, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2021.
	Analyses on Multilevel Modeling, Item Response Theory
	Research Assistant, Avital Livny, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2019-2020.
	NSF-awarded project, "Improving and Integrating Global Diversity Estimates." (NSF #1824005)
	Research Assistant, Hyung-min Joo, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2016.
	Research Assistant, East Asia Institute, Seoul, Korea, 2015.
	Brain Korea 21 Research Assistant, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2013.

TEACHING INTERESTS	Comparative politics, political research methods, East Asian politics, political behavior, comparative authoritarianism, democratic development

TEACHING EXPERIENCES	**Instructor**, Johns Hopkins University 2022 - Present
	AS470.667 Machine Learning Methods and Applications, Fall 2023.
	AS470.681 Probability and Statistics, Summer, Fall 2022, Summer, Fall 2023.
	AS470.708 Unleashing Open Data with Python, Summer 2023.
	AS470.854 Fundamentals of Quantitative Methods, Spring 2023.
	AS470.669 Mathematics for Data Scientists, Fall 2022, Spring 2023.
	AS470.768 Programming and Data Management, Summer 2022.
	Instructor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2019-2022
	PS230 Introduction to Political Research, Spring 2021, Spring 2022[†].
	PS241 Comparative Politics in Developing Nations (Online), Winter 2019-2020, Spring 2020.
	GLBL296 Global Politics of Intellectual Property Protection, Spring 2019.
	PS100 Introduction to Political Science (Online), Spring 2019.
	Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois 2016-2021

PS231 Strategic Models, Fall 2020†, Fall 2021†.
PS241 Comparative Politics in Developing Nations, Spring 2018*, Fall 2018*.
PS224 Politics of the National Parks, Summer 2017.
PS220 Introduction to Public Policy, Fall 2017.
PS321 Principles of Public Policy, Spring 2017.
PS322 Law and Public Policy, Fall 2016.
* Ranked as "Outstanding" in the top 10 percent campuswide.
† Ranked as "Excellent" with students evaluation greater than 4.3/5.0.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan   2021
Causal Inference for the Social Sciences, Summer 2021.

Graduate Mentor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign   2021-2022
Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program.

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Reviewer
Journals: *American Political Science Review*; *Asian Survey*; *Democratization*; *East European Politics*; *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Taiwan Politics*.
Book publishers: *Lynne Rienner Publishers.*
Country Expert for South Korea, Varieties of Democracy Project (V-Dem).
Organizer, Complete Panel on Authoritarian Legacies and Political Behavior, the 2021 annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL (Participants: Kharis Templeman, Joseph Wong, Monika Prusik, Nate Grubman, Myunghee Lee).
Organizer, East Asian Politics Workshop, University of Illinois, 2021.
Treasurer, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, 2020-2021.
Chair, Methods Sequence Committee, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, Fall, 2019.
Organizer, Comparative Politics Graduate Workshop, University of Illinois, 2018-2021
Math Camp Committee, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, 2018-2021.
Editorial Assistant, Peace Studies Journal, Korea University, 2012-2013.

PROGRAMMING

R, RMarkdown, Python, LaTeX, Basic HTML language
Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign

LANGUAGE

Korean (native), English (proficient), Chinese (intermediate), Japanese (basic)

OTHER
EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant, Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois, 2019.
Subject-Matter Expert, ASEAN Cyber University Secretariat, Seoul, South Korea, 2015-2016.
Graduate Assistant, Center for Teaching and Learning, Korea University, 2012-2013.
Graduate Assistant, Department of Political Science, Korea University, 2011-2012.

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