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Education

Ph.D. Candidate. Political Science, University of Illinois, 2016–Present.

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

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

Research

Research Interests

Authoritarian nostalgia, authoritarian legacies, voting behavior, performance-based voting, partisan bias, personality traits, post-authoritarian democracies

Dissertation Project

Voting for Nostalgia?: Authoritarian Legacies and Voting Behavior in Post-Authoritarian Democracies

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

Research in Progress

Authoritarian nostalgia

“Open to an Authoritarian Past?: Personality, Identity, and the Politics of Authoritarian Nostalgia.”

“Voting for Nostalgia?: Authoritarian Nostalgia and Political Behavior”

“The Ideological Legacies of Authoritarianism: Pro-dictator Bias in Political Ideology.” (Under review)

“Right in the Past, Left in the Future?: Ideology and Political Nostalgia.”

Performance-based voting

“Authoritarian Legacies and Partisan Bias in Performance-based Voting.” (Under review)

“Religion and Economic Voting in Indonesia.” with Matthew S Winters

Political communication

“Losing the News across the US: A Geospatial Analysis of News Employment Concentration, News Deserts, and Partisanship.” (Accepted pending minor revision at *Political Communication*) with Nikki Usher.

“The Power Geometries of US News Philanthropy.” with Nikki Usher.

“What the US Newspaper Crisis Means for Public Accountability.” with Nikki Usher.

Fellowships and Awards

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.

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

Research Experience

Research Assistant

Prof. Matthew Winters, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2021.

Prof. Nikki Usher, College of Media, University of Illinois, 2019-2021.

Prof. Avital Livny, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2019-2020.

Prof. Hyung-min Joo, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2016.

East Asia Institute, Seoul, Korea, 2015.

Brain Korea 21 Research Assistant, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2013.

Teaching

Independent Lecturer, University of Illinois.

PS230 Intro to Political Research, Spring 2021.

PS241 Comparative Politics in Developing Nations (Online), Winter 2019-2020, Spring 2020.

GLBL296 Global Politics of Intellectual Property Protection, Spring 2019.

PS100 Intro to Political Science (Online), Spring 2019.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois.

PS231 Strategic Models, Fall 2020[†].

PS241 Comparative Politics in Developing Nations, Spring 2018*, Fall 2018*.

PS224 Politics of the National Parks

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.

Causal Inference for the Social Sciences, Summer 2021.

Other Employment and Experience

Journal Reviewer, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*

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.

Editorial Assistant, *Peace Studies Journal*, Korea University, 2012-2013.

Training

Programming

R, RMarkdown, L^AT_EX, Basic HTML language

Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign

Operating Systems: Windows, Mac

Language

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

Service

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 and founding member, Comparative Politics Graduate Workshop, University of Illinois, 2018-2021

Math Camp Committee, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, 2018-2021.