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## Academic Appointments

Lecturer/Program Coordinator, Data Analytics and Policy Program, **Johns Hopkins University**, 2022-present.

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, **University of Illinois**, 2022.

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

Advisor: Matthew S Winters

Committee members: 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

### Research Interests

Authoritarian nostalgia, authoritarian legacies, voting behavior, performance-based voting, partisan bias, personality traits, media and politics, post-authoritarian democracies, East Asian politics

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon. 2022. "Alternative Legacies of Authoritarianism: Pro-dictator Bias in Ideology." *Party Politics*. 0(0):1-7.

Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon. "Authoritarian Legacies and Partisan Bias in Performance-based Voting." (R&R at *Journal of Election, Public Opinion, and Parties*)\*

Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon and Nikki Usher. Forthcoming. "Putting the Place Back in Understanding Local News Loss: Why Where the News is Lost (and how we measure it) Matters." *Political Communication*.

### Under Review

"Voting for Nostalgia?: Authoritarian Nostalgia and Political Behavior."\*

"How Loud Does the Watchdog Bark? A reconsideration of local journalism, news non-profits, and political corruption."† with Nikki Usher.

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\*Draft available at <https://sanghoonkim.org>

†Draft available at [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=4096246](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4096246)

## Research in Progress

### *Authoritarian nostalgia and voting behavior*

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

### *East Asian Politics*

“Kill Protests with Kindness: Anti-China protests and China’s public diplomacy.” with Yujeong Yang, Do Young Gong, and Shuyuan Shen  
“Money Backfires: How Chinese Investment Fuels Anti-China Protests Abroad.” with Yujeong Yang, Do Young Gong, and Shuyuan Shen

## 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 Experiences

### *Fieldwork*

Data collection through focus groups, elite interviews, and online surveys, South Korea and Taiwan, January-March, 2020.  
Elite interviews and survey monitoring, Indonesia, November 2019.

### *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.

## Conference Presentations

- "Voting for Nostalgia?: Authoritarian Nostalgia and Political Behavior." Presented at the 2021 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Bloomington, IN; the 2021 International Convention of Asian Scholars, Kyoto, Japan (online); the Asian Politics Online Seminar Series, August 2021 (online); the 2021 Taiwan and Asian Program Conference, University of South Carolina (online); the 2021 annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference. Chicago, IL.
- "Alternative Legacies of Authoritarianism: Pro-dictator Bias in Ideology." Presented at the 2021 annual American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference. Seattle, WA; the 2021 annual MPSA Conference. Chicago, IL.
- "What the US Newspaper Crisis Means for Public Accountability." (with Nikki Usher) Presented at the 2021 annual APSA Conference. Seattle, WA.
- "Losing the News across the US: A Geospatial Analysis of News Deserts, and Partisanship." (with Nikki Usher) Presented at the 2021 annual MPSA Conference. Chicago, IL.
- "Open to an Authoritarian Past?: Personality, Identity, and the Politics of Authoritarian Nostalgia." Presented at the Asian Politics Online Seminar Series, October 2021 (online).
- "Authoritarian Legacies and Partisan Bias in Performance-based Voting." Presented at the 2019 annual MPSA Conference. Chicago, IL.
- "The Political Economy of Patent Protection". Presented at the 2018 annual MPSA Conference. Chicago, IL.

## Teaching

### Teaching Interests

Comparative politics, voting behavior, political research methods, comparative authoritarianism, historical legacies, East Asian politics, survey and measurement

### Teaching Experiences

**Instructor**, University of Illinois.

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.

PS231 Strategic Models, Fall 2020<sup>†</sup>, Fall 2021<sup>†</sup>.

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.

<sup>†</sup> 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.

**Graduate Mentor**, University of Illinois.

Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, 2021-2022.

## Professional Service

Reviewer, *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*.

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.

## Training

### Programming

R, RMarkdown,  $\LaTeX$ , Basic HTML language

Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign

Operating Systems: Windows, Mac

### Language

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

## Other Employment and 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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