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## Academic Appointments

Sr. Lecturer/Program Coordinator (full-time faculty), Center for Advanced Governmental Studies,  
**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, 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 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

"Authoritarian Legacies and Partisan Bias in Performance-based Voting." (*R&R at the Journal of East Asian Studies*)\*

"How Loud Does the Watchdog Bark? A reconsideration of local journalism, news non-profits, and political corruption." (*R&R at the International Journal of Press & Politics*)<sup>†</sup> with Nikki Usher.

"Why are some voters more nostalgic to an authoritarian past?: Personality Traits, Democratic Support, and Authoritarian Nostalgia."\*

"Authoritarian Nostalgia, Group Sentiment, and Voter Behavior."\*

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

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

“Words of Nostalgia: Nostalgic Rhetoric in Philippines’ Social Media.”

## Research in Progress

### *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

### *Authoritarian legacies*

“Varieties of Authoritarian Legacies.”

## 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*

Elite interviews and survey monitoring, Indonesia, November 2019; August 2022.

Data collection through focus groups, elite interviews, and online surveys, South Korea and Taiwan, January-March, 2020.

### *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

- "Why are some voters more nostalgic to an authoritarian past?: Personality Traits, Democratic Support, and Authoritarian Nostalgia." Presented at the 2022 Annual American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference. Montréal, QC; the Asian Politics Online Seminar Series (APOSS), October 2021(online).
- "Words of Nostalgia: Nostalgic Rhetoric in Philippines' Social Media." Presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Society of Political Methodology. St. Louis, MO.
- "Varieties of Authoritarian Legacies." Presented at the 2022 Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference. Chicago, IL.
- "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); APOSS, August 2021 (online); the 2021 Taiwan and Asian Program Conference, University of South Carolina (online); the 2021 Annual MPSA Conference. Chicago, IL.
- "Alternative Legacies of Authoritarianism: Pro-dictator Bias in Ideology." Presented at the 2021 Annual 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.
- "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, East Asian politics, political economy, political research methods, comparative authoritarianism, historical legacies, survey and measurement

### Teaching Experiences

**Instructor**, Johns Hopkins University.

AS470.669 Mathematics for Data Scientists, Fall 2022.

AS470.681 Probability and Statistics, Summer 2022, Fall 2022.

AS470.768 Programming and Data Management, Summer 2022.

**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.

† 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, *Political Science Quarterly*, *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, Myunghye 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, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, 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.