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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS Department of Political Science Assistant Professor 2024 – present
	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY Data Analytics and Policy Program Sr. Lecturer and Assistant Director 2023 – 2024 Sr. Lecturer and Program Coordinator 2022 – 2023
	SNF Agora Institute Faculty Affiliate 2023 – 2024
EDUCATION	Ph.D. Political Science, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN 2022 Dissertation title: <i>Voting for Nostalgia?: Authoritarian Nostalgia, Social Identity, and Voting Behavior in Post-Authoritarian Democracies</i> Awarded a Kathleen L. Burkholder Prize for the Best Dissertation by the Department of Political Science at the University of Illinois. 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
BOOK PROJECT	<i>The Past that Binds: Authoritarian Nostalgia, Group Sentiment, and Voter Behavior</i>
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	7. “ <a href="#">Mnemonic Politics among Philippine Voters: A Social Media Measurement Approach.</a> ” with Emily Sallenback. 2024. <i>Democratization</i> . 1-23. 6. “ <a href="#">Money Backfires: How Chinese Investment Fuels Anti-China Protests Abroad.</a> ” with Yujeong Yang, Do Young Gong, and Shuyuan Shen. 2024. <i>World Development</i> . 178: 106566. 5. “ <a href="#">Killing Protests with Kindness: Anti-China Protests and China’s Public Diplomacy.</a> ” with Yujeong Yang, Do Young Gong, and Shuyuan Shen. 2023. <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> . 67(4): sqad087. 4. “ <a href="#">How Loud Does the Watchdog Bark? A Reconsideration of Local Journalism, News Non-profits, and Political Corruption.</a> ” with Nikki Usher. 2023. <i>International Journal of Press/Politics</i> . (Online first) 3. “ <a href="#">Authoritarian Legacies and Partisan Bias in Corruption Voting: Evidence from South Korea.</a> ” 2023. <i>Journal of East Asian Studies</i> . 23(2): 241-262. 2. “ <a href="#">Personality Traits, Democratic Support, and Authoritarian Nostalgia.</a> ” 2023. <i>Social Science Quarterly</i> . 104(5): 619-635.

	1. “Alternative Legacies of Authoritarianism: Pro-dictator Bias in Ideology.” 2023. <i>Party Politics</i> . 29(3): 580-586.
UNDER REVIEW	“Authoritarian Nostalgia, Group Sentiment, and Voter Behavior.” <i>R&amp;R</i> .
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	<p>“Prejudice and Protest: The Long-term Effects of Ethnic Discrimination on Anti-China Protest in Indonesia.” with Yujeong Yang.</p> <p>“Authoritarian Nostalgia.” In <i>Encyclopedia of Authoritarianism</i> edited by Thomas Ambrosio and Stephen Hall. Edward Elgar Publishing.</p> <p>“Right in the Past, Left in the Present?: Ideological Orientation and Political Nostalgia.”</p> <p>“Nationalist Legacies and Authoritarian Retention.”</p> <p>“Authoritarian Nostalgia and Partisan Attachment.” with Sunkyoung Park.</p> <p>“Chinese Nationalist Identity and Authoritarian Nostalgia in Taiwan.”</p> <p>“Learning to Love Dictators: The Effect of Museums Dedicated to Former Dictatorial Rulers.” with Matt Winters.</p> <p>“Motivated Reasoning and Retrospective Voting among Polarized Voters.”</p>
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	<p><b>Research related</b></p> <p>Faculty Grant Award, SNF Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University, 2023. (\$5,000)</p> <p>Doctoral Fellowship, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, 2021. (\$20,000)</p> <p>Ferber &amp; Sudman Dissertation Awards for Survey Research, University of Illinois, 2020. (\$2,500)</p> <p>Nelle M. Signor Graduate Scholarship in International Relations, University of Illinois, 2020. (\$2,000)</p> <p>CEAPS Graduate Student Dissertation Travel Grant, Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois, 2020. (\$1,500)</p> <p>Taiwan Fellowship, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China, 2020. (\$5,000)</p> <p>Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grant, University of Illinois, 2019.</p> <p>William A. Schroeder and Paul W. Schroeder Summer Fellowship, the Cline Center for Advanced Social Research, University of Illinois, 2018.</p> <p>Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2018.</p> <p>National Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Research Scholarship, Korea Student Aid Foundation, 2011-2012</p> <p>Undergraduate Honors Scholarship, Korea University, 2007.</p> <p><b>Teaching related</b></p> <p>Excellence in Teaching Award, Center for Advanced Governmental Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 2023.</p> <p>A. Belden Fields Award for Graduate Student Teaching as a TA, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2019.</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>American Political Science Association. 2021-2024.</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association. 2018-2019, 2021-2024.</p> <p>American Sociology Association. 2023.</p> <p>Society of Political Methodology (PolMeth). 2022.</p> <p>Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs. 2021, 2023.</p> <p>Association for Asian Studies, AAS-in-Asia. 2023.</p> <p>International Convention of Asian Scholars. 2021.</p>

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS	<p>Asian Summer School on Political Parties and Democracy Program. National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan. May 2024.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Conference on Judicial Politics and Human Rights: Taiwan in Comparative Perspective. University of South Carolina. December 2023.</p> <p>Taiwan in Transition Conference. University of Nottingham, UK, June 2023.</p> <p>Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia. New York University. May 2023.</p> <p>Institute for Korean Studies Annual Research Symposium. University of Missouri. April 2023.</p> <p>Taiwan and Asian Program Conference. University of South Carolina (virtual). 2021.</p>
OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCES	<p><i>Fieldwork</i></p> <p><b>Indonesia.</b> Elite interviews and survey monitoring. November 2019; August 2022.</p> <p><b>Taiwan.</b> Data collection, focus groups, elite interviews, and online surveys. January-March, 2020; June-July, 2023.</p> <p><b>South Korea.</b> Data collection and online surveys. January-March, 2020.</p> <p><i>Research Assistant</i></p> <p>Research Assistant, Nikki Usher, College of Media, University of Illinois, 2019-2021.</p> <p>Empirical research in <i>News for the Rich, White, and Blue</i> (Columbia University Press, 2021).</p> <p>Research Assistant, Matthew Winters, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2021.</p> <p>Analyses on Multilevel Modeling, Item Response Theory</p> <p>Research Assistant, Avital Livny, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2019-2020.</p> <p>NSF-awarded project, “Improving and Integrating Global Diversity Estimates.” (NSF #1824005)</p> <p>Research Assistant, Hyung-min Joo, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2016.</p> <p>Research Assistant, East Asia Institute, Seoul, Korea, 2015.</p> <p>Brain Korea 21 Research Assistant, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2013.</p>
TEACHING INTERESTS	<p>Comparative politics, political research methods, East Asian politics, political behavior, comparative authoritarianism, democratic development</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCES	<p><b>Instructor</b>, Johns Hopkins University 2022 – 2024</p> <p>AS470.667 Machine Learning Methods and Applications, Fall 2023.</p> <p>AS470.681 Probability and Statistics, Summer, Fall 2022, Summer, Fall 2023.</p> <p>AS470.708 Unleashing Open Data with Python, Summer 2023.</p> <p>AS470.854 Fundamentals of Quantitative Methods, Spring 2023.</p> <p>AS470.669 Mathematics for Data Scientists, Fall 2022, Spring 2023.</p> <p>AS470.768 Programming and Data Management, Summer 2022.</p> <p><b>Instructor</b>, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2019 – 2022</p> <p>PS230 Introduction to Political Research, Spring 2021, Spring 2022<sup>†</sup>.</p> <p>PS241 Comparative Politics in Developing Nations (Online), Winter 2019-2020, Spring 2020.</p> <p>GLBL296 Global Politics of Intellectual Property Protection, Spring 2019.</p> <p>PS100 Introduction to Political Science (Online), Spring 2019.</p>

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of Illinois 2016 – 2021  
 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 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	<p><i>Reviewer</i></p> <p>Journals: <i>American Political Science Review</i>; <i>Asian Survey</i>; <i>Democratization</i>; <i>East European Politics</i>; <i>Electoral Studies</i>; <i>Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties</i>; <i>Political Behavior</i>; <i>Political Research Quarterly</i>; <i>Taiwan Politics</i>.</p> <p>Book publishers: <i>Lynne Rienner Publishers</i>.</p> <p>Institutions: <i>National Science Foundation</i>.</p> <p><i>Country Expert for South Korea</i>, Varieties of Democracy Project (V-Dem).</p> <p><i>Organizer</i>, 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).</p> <p><i>Organizer</i>, East Asian Politics Workshop, University of Illinois, 2021.</p> <p><i>Treasurer</i>, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, 2020-2021.</p> <p><i>Chair</i>, Methods Sequence Committee, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, Fall, 2019.</p> <p><i>Organizer</i>, Comparative Politics Graduate Workshop, University of Illinois, 2018-2021</p> <p><i>Math Camp Committee</i>, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, 2018-2021.</p> <p><i>Editorial Assistant</i>, Peace Studies Journal, Korea University, 2012-2013.</p>
PROGRAMMING	<p>R, RMarkdown, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Basic HTML language</p> <p>Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign</p>
LANGUAGE	<p>Korean (native), English (proficient), Chinese (intermediate), Japanese (basic)</p>
OTHER EXPERIENCE	<p>Graduate Assistant, Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois, 2019.</p> <p>Subject-Matter Expert, ASEAN Cyber University Secretariat, Seoul, South Korea, 2015-2016.</p> <p>Graduate Assistant, Center for Teaching and Learning, Korea University, 2012-2013.</p> <p>Graduate Assistant, Department of Political Science, Korea University, 2011-2012.</p>

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