

# Sanghoon Kim-Leffingwell

555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC, 20001  
[skl@jhu.edu](mailto:skl@jhu.edu) | [sanghoonkimleffingwell.org](http://sanghoonkimleffingwell.org)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS Department of Political Science Incoming Assistant Professor2024 –
	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY Data Analytics and Policy Program Sr. Lecturer and Assistant Director2023 – 2024 Sr. Lecturer and Program Coordinator2022 – 2023
	SNF Agora Institute Faculty Affiliate2023 – 2024
EDUCATION	Ph.D. Political Science, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN2022  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 UNIVERSITY2016 B.A. Political Science; Economics, KOREA UNIVERSITY2011
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> (Under review)
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	7. “ <a href="#">Mnemonic Politics among Philippine Voters: A Social Media Measurement Approach</a> .” with Emily Sallenback. 2024. <i>Democratization</i> . 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> . 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. *Party Politics*. 29(3): 580-586.

#### UNDER REVIEW

“Authoritarian Nostalgia, Group Sentiment, and Voter Behavior.”<sup>1</sup> *R&R*.  
 “Chinese Nationalist Identity and Authoritarian Nostalgia in Taiwan.”

#### 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.  
 “Motivated Reasoning and Retrospective Voting among Polarized Voters.”  
 “Authoritarian Nostalgia.” In *Encyclopedia of Authoritarianism* edited by Thomas Ambrosio and Stephen Hall. Edward Elgar Publishing.

#### 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.

---

<sup>1</sup>Draft available at <https://sanghoonkim.org>

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. (scheduled)</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

- 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<sup>†</sup>.  
 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<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

- Reviewer*  
 Journals: *American Political Science Review*; *Asian Survey*; *Democratization*;  
*East European Politics*; *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opin-*  
*ion, and Parties*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Taiwan*  
*Politics*.  
 Book publishers: *Lynne Rienner Publishers*.  
 Institutions: *National Science Foundation*.  
*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 Associa-  
 tion, 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, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, 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.

Last updated: May 6, 2024