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EDUCATION

Dual-title PhD in Political Science and Social Data Analytics
[Penn State University, Expected in 2022](#)

MA in Political Science
[Seoul National University, 2016](#)

Dual-title BA in Political Science and English Linguistics & Literature
[Yonsei University, 2013](#)

ONGOING PROJECTS

Dissertation Project

- **Violent Political Rhetoric on Twitter** [\[PDF\]](#)
[Revise & Resubmit at Political Science Research and Methods](#)
I develop an automated method to identify tweets threatening violence against out-party politicians and investigate the substantive dimensions associated with these tweets.
* *Recipient of 2021 John Sprague Award (Best Graduate Student Paper)*
Political Networks Section, American Political Science Association
- **Violent Political Rhetoric and Inter-party Relations**
I conduct an online experiment to investigate the effects of the exposure to online threats of violence against opposing partisans on affective polarization and violent attitudes.
- **Moralized Politics and Violent Partisan Hostility**
I argue that politicians prime moralized political issues to bolster their core support base, while it leads to violent partisan expression by evoking moral outrage, and test the argument using tweets from the 117th Congress.

State Policy Analysis Project

- **Attention to the COVID-19 Pandemic on Twitter** [\[PDF\]](#)
[Conditionally Accepted at Legislative Studies Quarterly](#)
With Nitheesha Nakka, Ishita Gopal, Bruce Desmarais, Abigail Mancinelli, Jeffrey Harden, Hyein Ko, and Frederick Boehmke
We build a data set of state legislators' tweets, examine state legislators' responses to the pandemic, and investigate partisan differences.
- **Modeling State Legislator Networks on Twitter**
With Ishita Gopal, Nitheesha Nakka, and Bruce Desmarais
We investigate state legislators' networked communication on social media. We reconstruct key networks among state legislators on Twitter and examine the impact of party, state, chamber, cohort, gender, and policy area on the formation of these networks.
- **State Legislators' Attention to and Stance on Vaccination**

SKILLS

Software

[R](#) (tidyverse, plm, lme4, stm, quanteda, network, igraph, ergm), [Python](#) (pandas, numpy, matplotlib, scikit-learn, Keras, Pytorch, NLTK, transformers, tweepy), [Stata](#), [Git](#), [LaTeX](#)

Language

[English \(fluent\)](#), [Korean \(native\)](#)

RESEARCH AREAS

Political Science

[Political Communication](#), [Social Media and Politics](#), [Partisanship](#), [Polarization](#), [Violent Extremism](#), [State Politics](#), [American Politics](#)

Computational Social Science

[NLP/Text-as-data](#), [Network Analysis](#), [Machine Learning](#), [Statistical Modeling](#)

PRESENTATIONS

Violent Political Rhetoric on Twitter
[PaCSS/PolNet 2020](#), [PolMeth 2020](#), [APSA 2020](#), [MPSA 2021](#)

Attention to the COVID-19 pandemic on Twitter
[PolNet 2021](#), [LAPolMeth 2021](#)

AWARDS

John Sprague Award, 2021
[Political Networks Section, APSA](#)
Paterno Graduate Fellowship, 2018-2019
[Penn State University](#)

PUBLICATIONS

The Effects of Diverse Polling Methods on the Estimation of Candidates' Approval Ratings: The Case of 19th Presidential Election in South Korea

With Jongho Choi and Kangwook Han

Journal of International and Area Studies, Vol.24, No.1 (2017)

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Research Design for Social Data Analytics (undergraduate)
Penn State University, Scheduled Spring 2022

Graduate Statistical Method Course Preceptor

Multivariate Analysis for Political Research, Christopher Zorn,
Penn State University, Spring 2020 [\[PDF\]](#)

Topics in Political Methodology, Christopher Zorn,
Penn State University, Fall 2019 [\[PDF\]](#)

Statistical Methods for Political Research, Bruce Desmarais,
Penn State University, Fall 2019 [\[PDF\]](#)

INVITED TALKS

Violent Political Rhetoric on Twitter
[Department of Government, University of Essex](#), Scheduled in Nov 2021

REFERENCES

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