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Position

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), August 2018 - Present

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Missouri. *July 2018*

- Dissertation: "Keeping up with the Joneses: Relative Economic Voting, Electoral Participation, and Reference Points"
- Committee: Laron K. Williams (Chair), Cooper A. Drury (co-chair), Mary Stegmaier, and Johnathan Kriekhaus

M.S., Global Politics, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

M.A., International Economics, Berlin School of Economics and Law, Germany

B.A., International and Area Studies/ English, *summa cum laude*, Handong University, S. Korea

Methods Training

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan (2017)

Research

Publications

6. "How do Sanctions Affect Incumbent Electoral Performance?" *Political Research Quarterly*, forthcoming.
5. "Should We Talk about the Weather? How Party Competition and Coalition Participation Influence Parties' Attention to Economic Issues" *Party Politics*, forthcoming (with Edward Goldring and Laron K. Williams)
4. "Who is Responsible? The Effect of Clarity of Responsibility on the Voter Turnout?" *West European Politics*, 2019. 42(3): 464-494. (with Nikolaos Frantzeskakis and Jungsub Shin)
3. "Do the Welfare Benefits Weaken the Economic Vote? A Cross-National Analysis of Welfare State and Economic Voting" *International Political Science Review*, 2019. 40(1): 108-125. (with Jungsub Shin)
2. "The 'Most Important Problem' Dataset (MIPD): A New Dataset on American Issue Importance" *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, forthcoming (with Colton Heffington and Laron K. Williams). Access the MIPD dataset here: <https://ropcenter.cornell.edu/important-problem-dataset/>

1. "The Vote and Popularity Function: A Review" *Sage Handbook of Electoral Behavior*, 2v. Eds. Kai Arzheimer, Jocelyn Evans, and Michael S. Lewis-Beck. Sage Publications. (2017) (with Mary Stegmaier and Michael Lewis-Beck)

Works in Progress

- "Does Globalization Help or Hurt Government during Crisis?" (Under review)
- "Bilateral Investment Treaties and Human Rights: Changes in Bargaining Leverage between Investor and Host States"
- "Keeping up with the Joneses: Relative Economy and Media-informed Reference Points (Dataset)" (Under review)
- "Electoral Competitiveness and Perceived Election Quality: Unraveling the Mediation Role of District-level Turnout in the 2016 Korean Legislative Election" (with Youngho Cho) (Under review)
- "The Well-Oiled Machine: Multiparty Autocracies and the Effect of Oil on Electoral Competition" (with Michael Wahman and Matthias Basedau) (Under review)
- "How does Relative Economy Affect the Voter Turnout?" (Dissertation Chapter)
- "When Do Agents Deliver the Vote? A Vote-Popularity Function in Electoral Manipulation"
- "The Economy as the Most Important Problem: How does Economic Issue Salience Affect the Economic Voting?" (with Jaehyun Song)

Teaching

The College of New Jersey (TCNJ)

POL 250 - Politics of Development, Fall 2018
POL 230 - International Relations, Fall 2018
POL 353 - East Asian Politics, Fall 2018
INT 200 - International Studies, Spring 2019

University of Missouri

Instructor

PS 2170 - Power and Politics of East Asia: China, Japan and Two Koreas, Spring 2018
PS 1400 - Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2017

Lab Instructor

PS 4010/7010 - Computing Method in Introductory Statistics for Political Science, Fall 2015, Fall 2016
PS 3000 - Introduction to Political Research, Fall 2014
PS 1400 - Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2014

Conference Presentations

- "Does Globalization Weaken the Economic Voting? It Depends?," paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, 2019.
- "Relative Economy: Compare to What?," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2018.

- “Tell me ‘Who is Responsible?’ How does the Clarity of Responsibility Affect the Voter Turnout?,” (with Nikolaos Frantzeskakis and Jungsub Shin) paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2018.
- “Statistical Nightmare of Causal Feedback: How Spatial Econometric Models Improve Empirical Evaluations of Formal Models of Party Competition,” (with Edward Goldring and Laron K. Williams) paper presented at the European Political Science Association, Milan, Italy, 2017.
- “When do Agents Deliver the Vote? A Vote-Popularity Function in Electoral Manipulation,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2017.
- “Coercive Diplomacy and Democratization: Economic Sanction and Electoral Consequence,” paper presented at the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, 2017.
- “Bilateral Investment Treaties and Human Rights: Changes in Bargaining Relationships between Investors and Host States”, paper presented at the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, 2016.
- “The Welfare State and Economic Voting,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2015.

Areas of Academic Interests

International Relations

Globalization, global governance (TRIPs and TRIMs), international political economy, and how international factors affect electoral accountability

Comparative Politics

Economic voting, politics of development, comparative political economy, democratization

Methodology

Statistical inference (Bayesian and fisherian), spatial econometrics, empirical modeling of theoretical implications (EMT)

Regional concentration

East Asia and developing world (cross-national analysis)

Skills

R, Stata, SPSS, Stan, JAGS, BUGS, L^AT_EX

Awards and Support

- David M. Wood Excellence in Graduate Research Award, University of Missouri, 2018
- Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship in Political Science, ICPSR, University of Michigan, 2017
- Department Support for ICPSR Attendance, University of Missouri, 2017
- Missouri Excellence in Political Science Teaching Award, University of Missouri, 2017

- MU Donald K. Anderson Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Department Nominee, University of Missouri, 2017
- J.G Heinberg Scholarship, University of Missouri, 2016
- Summer Research Fellowship, University of Missouri (Research Assistant for Jay Dow and Laron K. Williams), 2016
- Summer Research Fellowship, University of Missouri (Research Assistant for Laron K. Williams), 2014
- The Robin Ramington Scholarship, University of Missouri, 2014
- DAAD Dissertation Fellowship, Berlin School of Economics, 2011
- Foreign Language Study Scholarship, London School of Economics, 2009

Service

Professional Service

Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Political Science Review*, *West European Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *International Political Science Review*, *Swiss Political Science Review*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*

Department Service

Treasurer, University of Missouri, Department of Political Science, Graduate Association of Political Science, 2014-2015

Professional Experience

Correspondent Researcher, The Korean National Election Commission (London branch), 2009-2010

Air Force Officer, ROKAF-USAF Command and Control Officer, Republic of Korea Air Force, 2004-2007

References

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