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Positions

- 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, USA*
Dissertation: "Keeping up with the Joneses: Relative Economic Voting, Electoral Participation, and Reference Points" (Advisors: Laron K. Williams & Cooper Drury)
- M.S., Global Politics, London School of Economics (LSE), United Kingdom
- M.A., International Economics, Berlin School of Economics (BSE), 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)

Publications

8. "How do Sanctions Affect Incumbent Electoral Performance?" *Political Research Quarterly*, 2019. 72(3): 744-759.
7. "Compare to What? Media-guided Reference Points and Relative Economic Voting" *Electoral Studies*, forthcoming
6. "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)
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. "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)
3. "The 'Most Important Problem' Dataset (MIPD): A New Dataset on American Issue Importance" *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2019. 36(3): 312-335. (with Colton Heffington and Laron K. Williams). Access the MIPD dataset here: <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/important-problem-dataset/>

2. "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)
1. "Electoral Competitiveness and Perceived Election Quality: Unraveling the Mediation Role of District-level Turnout in the 2016 Korean Legislative Election" *Journal of Future Politics*, 2019 (with Youngho Cho)

In Progress

- "Does the Economy have a Null Effect on Turnout? A Voter Turnout Model based on Spatially Benchmarked Economy," invited to **revise and resubmit** from *Political Behavior*
- "Guns vs. Butter? The Micro Foundations of American Issue Importance"
- "Economics and Elections: Then, Now, and the Future" (with Michael Lewis-Beck and Mary Stegmaier)
- "Does Globalization weaken Democratic Accountability? It depends!" (Under review)
- "Interest Groups and Economic Voting in the U.S. Gubernatorial Elections" (with Gidong Kim) (Under review)
- "The Well-Oiled Machine: Multiparty Autocracies and the Effect of Oil on Electoral Competition" (with Michael Wahman and Matthias Basedau) (Under review)
- "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?"
- "Bilateral Investment Treaties and Human Security: Changes in Bargaining Leverage between Investor and Host States"

Teaching Areas

- Comparative Politics (Political Behaviour, Public Opinion, Asia)
- International Relations (Security, Human Security, IPE)
- Political Methodology

Teaching Experience

- **The College of New Jersey (TCNJ)**
 Politics of Development, Fall 2018
 Comparative Politics, Fall 2019
 Political Analysis (Political Methodology), Spring 2020
 East Asian Politics, Fall 2018
 International Relations, Fall 2018 & 2019
 International Studies, Spring 2019 & 2020
- **University of Missouri-Columbia**
 Power and Politics of East Asia: China, Japan and Two Koreas, Spring 2018
 Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2017
 Computing Method in Introductory Statistics for Political Science, Fall 2015 & 2016
 Introduction to Political Research (Lab), Fall 2014
 Introduction to International Relations (Lab), Spring 2014

Conference Presentations

- “Globalization and the Economic Voting: An Implication to Election Forecasting,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC., 2019.
- “Does the Economy Matter in Voter Turnout? The Relative Economy and Turnout,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2019.
- “Does Globalization Weaken the Economic Voting? It Depends?,” paper 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.

Invited Talk & Forum

- “Why do incumbents exercise more electoral manipulations when it is unnecessary?,” Politics Forum, Department of Political Science, The College of New Jersey, NJ, 2018
- “How does economic issue salience affect the vote choice?,” The 4th Interdisciplinary Research Forum, The College of New Jersey, NJ, 2018

Additional Training

- Diversity Education Series: Skills for Facilitating Conversations Across Difference, The Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, The College of New Jersey, NJ, 2020
- Academic Advising: Creating Partners in Students Success, Department of Education, The College of New Jersey, NJ, 2019

Awards and Support

- Humanities and Social Science Mini Research Grant, The College of New Jersey, 2019
- 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 2014- 2016
- 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

Services

- **Reviewer for Peer-reviewed Journal**

American Political Science Review, Electoral Studies, European Political Science Review, West European Politics, Political Behavior, European Journal of Political Research, International Political Science Review, Party Politics, International Journal of Forecasting, Comparative European Politics, Swiss Political Science Review, Japanese Journal of Political Science, Korea Observer

- **Department Service**

Representative to HSS Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee (LOAC), The College New Jersey, Fall 2019

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

Skills

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

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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