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Academic Appointments and Affiliations

Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2018-
Visiting Scholar, University of Tokyo, 2017-2018

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Chicago, 2018

- Committee: Dan Slater (Chair), Michael Albertus, Cheol-Sung Lee (Sociology)
- Exam Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology
- Additional Training: Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse, 2014

Exchange Scholar, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2012

M.P.P. (Master in Public Policy), John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2010

B.A., Political Science and International Relations, Korea University, 2006

Research Interests

Comparative Politics; Political Economy of Development and Inequality; Democratic Transition and
Dysfunction; Political Attitudes and Behavior; East Asian Politics

Book Project

Democracy Without Redistribution: The Sense of Injustice, Perceived Inequality, and Demands for
Redistribution

Research

Working Papers

1. "The Sense of Injustice, Perceived Inequality, and Preferences for Redistribution"
2. "The Sense of Injustice in Comparative Perspective"
3. "Understanding the Causes of Inequality Perceptions"
4. "The Effect of Media on Individual Attitudes Toward Economic Inequality" (with Jaemin Shim,
German Institute of Global and Area Studies)
5. "Extra-Budget Funds in China: Source of Corruption or Good Governance?"

Manuscripts In Preparation

1. "Making Sense of the Conflicting Attitudes Toward Immigration in Two Ethn racially Homogeneous Democracies"
2. "Voting Against Democracy? The Sense of Injustice, Perceived Inequality and Populist Preferences"
3. "Yes, But Not From My Pocket: Economic Inequality and the Mixed Attitudes Toward Taxation"

Research In Progress

1. "The Price of Miracle: Economic Growth and Democratic Discontent in Developmental Asia"
2. "Business, Labor, and Local Government Relations and Non-Market Strategies of Multinational Firms in China"

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Michael and Ling Markovitz Dissertation Fellowship (one of the University's most honorific fellowships awarded to 1-2 students in the Social Sciences Division), University of Chicago, 2017-2018 (\$54,821)

Center for East Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2016-2017 (\$24,000)

Toyota Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2015-2016 (\$23,000)

Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2016 (\$5,000)

Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship, Japanese Ministry of Education, 2015 (\$1,600)

Social Sciences Division Overseas Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2015 (\$3,000)

Center for East Asian Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2012-2014 (\$6,000)

William J. and Myrtle N. Hawley Scholarship, University of Chicago, 2011-2012

Social Sciences Division Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2010-2015

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

Conferences

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA): 2016, 2017, 2018

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (ASA): 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018

International Political Economy Society (IPES): 2016

International Political Science Association World Congress (IPSA): 2016

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA): 2015, 2019 (scheduled)

Social Science History Association Annual Meeting (SSHA): 2016

Invited Talks and Seminars

University of Chicago (Comparative Politics Workshop, 2013, 2019)

Harvard University (Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Seminar, 2019)

University of Chicago (East Asia Workshop, 2012, 2019)

Harvard University (Weatherhead Forum, 2018)

Yonsei University (5th Symposium on Inequality, 2017)

University of Tokyo (Institute of Social Science, 2017)

Teaching

Grodzins Prize Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2016

- PLSC 21006 Political Economy of Inequality

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2013-2015

- PLSC 28901 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Monika Nalepa)

- PLSC 22200 Introduction to Political Economy of Development (Alberto Simpser)

- PLSC 27815 Politics and Public Policy in China (Dali Yang)

Professional Experience

Consultant, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, 2009

Research Associate, East-West Center, 2008

Public officer (contract-term), Policy Planning Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Korea, 2005-2006

Other Skills

Languages

Korean (native)

Mandarin Chinese (fluent)

French (advanced)

Japanese (advanced reading, writing and listening, intermediate speaking)

Spanish (advanced reading and writing, intermediate listening and speaking)

Software: STATA, R, WinBUGS, ArcGIS, ATLAS.ti, Qualtrics, MTurk, \LaTeX