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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics (Major), **Methods** (Minor), Public Opinion, Political Trust, Electoral Behavior, Party Polarization, Party-Voter Linkage, Asian Politics

EDUCATION

- University of Georgia** August 2020 - May 2026 (Expected)
Ph.D. in Political Science & International Affairs Athens, GA
 - Dissertation Title: *From Trust to Action: Examining the Dynamics Between Trust and Political Behavior in Democracies*
 - Dissertation Committee: *Shane P. Singh (Chair), Markus M. L. Crepaz, Alexa Bankert*
- Ewha Womans University** August 2019
MA in Political Science & International Relations (Diplomacy) Seoul, South Korea
 - Dissertation Title: *How Does Economic Issue Voting Condition Party Polarization? (UCI: I804:11048-000000158728)*
- Ewha Womans University** February 2017
BA in Political Science & International Relations (Diplomacy) Seoul, South Korea
 - Exchange Student Program: Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)* January 2016- May 2016

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

- Summer School in International Survey Methods (Selected Participant)** 2025
Center for Global Development, Vanderbilt University

WORKING PAPERS

- Citizen Voices Reshaping Politics: How Political Trust in the Public Shapes Party Polarization** Under Review
Invited to Present at the 2025 APSA, 2025 IPSA, and Presented at the 2022 MPSA Conference
- Political Trust and Electoral Participation: A Comparative Analysis Across Economic Contexts** Under Review
Presented at the 2025 GPSA and 2023 MPSA Conference
- In the Shadow of Dissatisfaction: Vote Choice Analysis of “Korean Men in Their 20s” in Elections From 2017 to 2024** In Progress
Funded by the Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia (With Minjin Choi)
Invited to Present at the 2025 APSA
- The Political Online Landscape Analysis & Research (POLAR) Project: Mapping Political Polarization on YouTube during Korea’s 2024 Martial Law Debate** In Progress
(With Minjin Choi)
- Performance Matters: Incumbent Voting in Times of Crisis** In Progress
- Signals and Choices: Media Effects on Trust and Voting under Pressure** In Progress

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- University of Georgia**
 - Research Assistant, Dr. Rongbin Han August 2023 - May 2024
 - Research Assistant, Department of International Affairs August 2022 - May 2024
 - Research Assistant, Dr. Maryann Gallagher & Dr. Gulcan Saglam June 2023 - July 2023
 - Research Assistant, Dr. Cas Mudde January 2023 - May 2023
 - Research Assistant, Dr. Laura Zimmermann August 2022 - December 2022
 - In-Person Facilitator, Dr. Leah Carmichael January 2021 - May 2021
 - Research Assistant, Dr. Gregory Thaler August 2020 - December 2020
- Ewha Womans University**
 - Research Assistant, Department of Political Science & International Relations March 2017 - June 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **University of Georgia**
 - Instructor of Record, *Introduction to Global Issues* August 2025 - December 2025
 - Instructor of Record, *Comparative Democracy* January 2025 - December 2025
 - Instructor of Record, *Comparative Public Opinion and Participation* August 2024 - December 2024
 - Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record in Breakout Sections), *Introduction to American Government* August 2021 - May 2022
 - Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Comparative Politics* August 2020 - May 2021
- **Ewha Womans University**
 - Teaching Assistant, *Reading in Social Sciences* September 2018 - December 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Korean Institute of Public Administration: KIPA** February 2020 - July 2020
Junior Researcher Seoul, South Korea
- **The Institute for Far Eastern Studies: IFES** September 2019 - December 2019
Research Intern Seoul, South Korea

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- **Political Trust and Electoral Participation** 2025
2025 Political Science Graduate Student Symposium
- **The Role of Political Trust in Party Polarization** 2024
81st Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference
- **Does Trust Lead People to Vote?** 2023
80th Midwest Political Science Association Conference
- **Rethinking Party Polarization in Democracies: The Role of Public Opinion** 2022
79th Midwest Political Science Association Conference
- **Cartel Party in South Korea: Weakened Alignments in Party System** 2018
SPAS Graduate Student Conference, The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- **History of East Asian Order Architecture: From Ancient Heaven to Future Complexes** 22-24 June 2017
East Asia Institutes (EAI) Sarangbang at Beijing

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **GS Travel Grants (\$700)** 2025
Graduate School at the University of Georgia
- **The Earl F. Ziemke Graduate Fellowship Fund (\$1,250)** 2025
Graduate School at the University of Georgia
- **SPIA Spring 2025 Scholarship (\$450)** 2025
School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia
- **2025 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award** 2025
Graduate School at the University of Georgia
- **2025 Excellence in Teaching Awards (Nominated)** 2025
Graduate School at the University of Georgia
- **Department of International Affairs Small Research Grants (\$4,000)** 2024
Department of International Affairs at the University of Georgia
- **Humane Studies Fellowship (\$3,000)** 2024
Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) at George Mason University
- **IA Travel Funding (\$679)** 2024
Department of International Affairs at the University of Georgia
- **GS Travel Grants (\$850, \$350)** 2023, 2024
Graduate School at the University of Georgia
- **Summer Research Grants (\$1,500)** 2022
Graduate School at the University of Georgia
- **IA Graduate Student Research Grant Opportunity (\$700)** 2021
Department of International Affairs at the University of Georgia
- **The Earl F. Ziemke Graduate Fellowship Fund (\$3,500)** 2020
Graduate School at the University of Georgia
- **BK21+ (Brain Korea 21 plus) Scholarship (₩12,564,205 ≈ \$9,341)** 2017 - 2019
National Research Foundation of Korea from the Korean Government
- **Ewha Alumni Association Scholarship (₩1,000,000 ≈ \$743)** 2017
Ewha Womans University Alumni Association

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **GradTeach Certificate** 2024
University of Georgia
- **Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion: CDI** 2023-2024
University of Georgia

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- **Peer Reviewer** 2025 -
Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly
- **APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession** 2025 -
American Political Science Association
- **2025 SPIA Undergraduate Research Colloquium: URC (Panel Chair)** 2025
University of Georgia
- **Poster Session: Empirical Studies of Comparative Politics (Discussant)** 2025
- **Poster Session: Media, Information, and Gun Control (Discussant)**
82st Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference
- **2024 SPIA Undergraduate Research Colloquium: URC (Discussant)** 2024
University of Georgia
- **Korean Student Association (Committee & Director)** 2022-2024
University of Georgia

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Memberships: American Political Science Association
Institute for Humane Studies
Midwest Political Science Association
Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science

Languages: Korean (Native), English (Proficient), Chinese (Elementary), French (Elementary)

Technical Skills: R, Stata, Python, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request