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Appointment

The University of Virginia

July 2025 -

Postdoctoral Research Associate, The Center for Effective Lawmaking

Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy

Education

The University of Chicago, Ph.D. in Public Policy

2025

The University of Chicago, M.A. in Public Policy

2022

California Institute of Technology, M.Sc. in Social Science

2018

Rice University, B.A. in Economics, B.A. in Mathematics

2015

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, enrolled, no degree

Research Interest

American politics, political economy, legislative politics, electoral competition, democratic accountability, democratic institutions, media politics

Publication

An Information-Based Explanation for Partisan Media Sorting (with Anthony Fowler), *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 2022

Winner of Ostrom Award given to the best article published in the journal within the previous two calendar years (2021, 2022) from the Formal Theory Section of the American Political Science Association

Working Paper

Lame Duck by Primary: Effects of Electoral Incentives on U.S. House Representatives (Job Market Paper) *Under Review*

Winner of Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award from the Political Organizations and Parties Section of the American Political Science Association

Strategic Media Bias *Under Review*

Research in Progress

Legislators' Responses to Challengers with Different Ideologies

Impact of Mass Gun Shootings on Political Donation

Accountability in Darkness: The Impact of Local Newspaper Closures on Legislators (with **Craig Volden**)

Anticipation of Electoral Competition and Legislative Behavior (with **Rohen Shah**)

Teaching Experience

Instructor at the University of Virginia

Politics of Public Policy 2026 (Scheduled)

Seeing Politics through Theory and Data 2026 (Scheduled)

Instructor at the University of Chicago

Mathematical Methods in Social Science 2022, 2021

Teaching Assistant at the University of Chicago Harris School

Statistics for Data Analysis II: Regressions, Winter, 2025

Professors Dmitri Koustas, Yukiko Asai, Austin Wright

Principles of Microeconomics and Public Policy II, Winter, 2025

Professors Konstantin Sonin, Navin Kumar, Hyuk-soo Kwon

Data and Programming for Public Policy, Spring, 2024

Professor Nathan Barker

Analytical Politics 2, Winter, 2024

Professors Luis Martinez, Zhaosong Ruan, Arduino Tomasi

Game Theory (Ph.D.), Professor Konstantin Sonin Fall, 2023, 2022

Strategic Decision Making in Public Policy, Fall, 2023

Professor Konstantin Sonin

Applied Econometrics Fall, 2023

Professor Christopher Clapp

Microeconomics 2 (Ph.D.), Professor Scott Ashworth Winter, 2022

Game Theory (Ph.D.), Professor Roger Myerson Fall, 2021

Formal Models of Domestic Politics, Professor Scott Gehlbach Winter, 2021

Analytical Politics 1, Fall, 2020

Professors Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, Wioletta Dziuda, Alexander Fourinaies

Analytical Politics for International Development, Professors Ethan Bueno de Mesquita	Fall, 2020
Mathematical Methods in Social Science	Summer, 2020
Political Economy 2 (Ph.D.), Professor Peter Buisseret	Winter, 2019
Political Economy 1 (Ph.D.), Professor Konstantin Sonin	Fall, 2019
Programming in R (Data and Policy Summer Scholar Program), Professor Austin Wright	Summer, 2019
Math Camp for Incoming Master of Public Policy Students	Summer, 2019
Microeconomics for Public Policy (Undergraduate), Professor Sabina Shaikh	Spring, 2019

Conferences and Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025, 2024, 2023

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022

American Politics Workshop, University of Chicago Department of Political Science, 2024, 2023, 2021

Political Economy Lunch, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, October 2024, April 2024

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, July 2024

American Politics Conference, University of Chicago Center for Effective Government, June 2024

Junior Americanist Workshop Series (JAWS), April 2024

Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Annual Conference, March 2024

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2024

Science Talk, Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association Chicago, November 2023

Stigler Lunch Workshop, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, January 2023

Junior Scholar Symposium, Formal Theory Section of American Political Science Association, October 2021

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award, Political Organizations and Parties Section of American Political Science Association	2024
Korean Honor Scholarship, The Embassy of The Republic of Korea	2024
The Woowahan Vendors' Children Scholarship, Funded by the founder of Woowa Brothers in South Korea	2024

Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association Graduate Scholarship	2024
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association	2024
Travel Funding, University of Chicago Center for Effective Government	2024
Funding for Social Science Research Using Data, Underscore	2023
Grad Council Individual Stipend, University of Chicago Graduate Council	2023
Professional Development Fund, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy	2023
Ostrom Award, Formal Theory Section of American Political Science Association	2023
Stigler Center Dissertation Award, University of Chicago Booth School of Business	2022
Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy	2019 - 2025
Merit Scholarship, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy	2018 - 2019
Graduate Fellowship, California Institute of Technology	2016 - 2017
Ando Momofuku Award, Nissin Food Products Co., Ltd.	2011
Honorable Mention, Nomura Research Institute Policy Essay Contest	2011
Japanese Ministry of Education and Technology Scholarship	2011
Suzaki Foundation Scholarship	2009

Service

Referee: *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*

Discussant: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2024

Skills and Information

R, Stata, Python, SQL, PHP, JavaScript, HTML, Latex

Served 2 years of military service in the Republic of Korea Army

Last updated: September 2025