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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Substantive: Legislative Politics, Interest Groups, Campaign Finance, Elections Methods: Text-As-Data, Machine Learning, Causal Inference	
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Purdue University , West Lafayette, IN Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Program on American Institutional Renewal (PAIR) Supervisors: Jesse Crosson and Logan Strother	2025-2027
EDUCATION	University of California, Los Angeles , Los Angeles, CA Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science Dissertation: The Primary Connection: How Early Money Influences Law- making in Congress Committee: Kathy Bawn (C), Jeff Lewis, Chris Tausanovitch, Dan Thompson Subfields: American Politics and Quantitative Methods Yonsei University , Seoul, Korea B.A., Political Science and Diplomacy B.A., Applied Statistics	Expected June 2025 August 2018
WORKING PAPERS	<i>Job Market Paper</i> “Whose Champion? Investigating Legislators’ Priorities in Committee Hearings” <i>Prepared for Submission</i> “First to Come, Last to Leave: MCs and their Seed Donors” “Bundled Power: Rethinking Committee Assignment Power in U.S. State Legislatures.” <i>Working Paper</i> “Tracing the Impact of Early Money on Committee Assignments”	
PEER - REVIEWED ARTICLES	Whang, Taehee, Seo, Jeongkun, and Chun, A Young. 2017. “Analyzing Economic Sanctions of the United States” (In Korean). <i>Korean Political Science Review</i> 57(4): 191-216. Chun, A Young and Whang, Taehee. 2017. “Counting Chickens: Examining the Reputation Effect in Economic Sanctions.” <i>Korean Political Science Review</i> 57(3): 53-79.	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>Women in Legislative Studies (WiLS): 2024, 2025 (Research Meeting, Scheduled)</p> <p>APSA: 2017, 2024 (Research Meeting), 2024, 2025 (Scheduled)</p> <p>MPSA: 2017, 2024, 2025</p> <p>PolMeth: 2017 (Asia), 2018 (Asia)</p>	
GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2025, \$8,000</p> <p>Hayek Fund, Institute for Humane Studies, 2025, \$1,670</p> <p>Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award, APSA Political Organizations and Parties (POP) Section, 2024</p> <p>Profession Travel Grant, APSA, 2024</p> <p>Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA, 2024-2025, \$20,000</p> <p>Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship, UCLA, 2018 & 2021, \$30,000</p> <p>Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, UCLA, 2020, \$6,000</p> <p>Graduate Dean's Scholar Award, UCLA, 2018 - 2020, \$14,500</p>	
INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS	<p>Consortium on the American Political Economy (CAPE) Annual Summer Academy, UC Berkeley, 2025 (scheduled)</p> <p>Learning from Senior TAs, UCLA, 2025 (scheduled)</p> <p>Institute for Humane Studies Workshop on Limited Governance and Constitutionalism, Purdue University, 2025</p>	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UCLA)	<p>Instructor</p> <p>Undergraduate Clusters Program <i>Data in Theory and Practice</i> (Spring 2024, Spring 2025)</p> <p>Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Social Science Interdepartmental Program, Masters</p> <p><i>Engaged Social Science</i> (Winter 2024), <i>Social Science Research and Perspectives</i> (Fall 2023)</p> <p>Political Science, Undergraduate</p> <p><i>Intro to American Politics</i> (Fall 2018, Spring 2021, Winter 2022, Fall 2022), <i>The Presidency</i> (Fall 2021), <i>American Political Development: Political Economy</i> (Winter 2021), <i>Intro to Data Analysis</i> (Spring 2020, Spring 2022), <i>World Politics</i> (Fall 2020, Winter 2020)</p> <p>Sociology, Undergraduate</p> <p><i>Intro to Sociology</i> (Fall 2024)</p>	
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	<p>Dr. Graeme Blair (UCLA)</p> <p>Dr. Daniel Posner (UCLA)</p> <p>Dr. Robert Trager (UCLA)</p> <p>Dr. Changrok Seo (Korea Univ)</p> <p>Dr. Taehee Whang (Yonsei Univ)</p> <p>Dr. Insong Kim (MIT)</p>	<p>Fall 2023 – Spring 2024</p> <p>Spring 2021 – Spring 2022</p> <p>Spring 2018 – Spring 2019</p> <p>Spring 2018</p> <p>Spring 2016 – Fall 2017</p> <p>Summer 2017</p>
SKILLS	R, Python, Stata, git/GitHub, L ^A T _E X, HTML	