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Contact Information

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Research Interest

U.S. Congress, Representational style, Legislative processes, Elections, Inter-branch relationship, Text analysis, Machine learning, Formal modeling

Academic Appointment

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science, 2025 -
Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science, 2023 - 2025
Faculty Affiliate, East Asian Studies Center, 2024-

Center for Effective Lawmaking
Faculty Affiliate, 2023 -

University of Essex, Colchester, UK
Assistant Professor (Lecturer) at the Department of Government, 2020-2023

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the School of Computing and Information, 2019-2020

Washington University, St. Louis, MO
Postdoctoral Research Associate in Methods, Political Science, 2017-2019

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Full-time Lecturer at the Department of Political Science, 2016-2017

Columbia University, New York, NY
Adjunct Professor at Quantitative Methods in Social Science, ISERP, 2015-2016

Education

New York University, New York, NY
Ph.D. in Politics, May 2015

Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
B.A. in Political Science and International Relations (Honors), 2008

Exchange Student (Honors) at UC Los Angeles, CA, 2006-2007
Summer Session at UC Berkeley, CA, 2004

Books

"Hearings on the Hill: The Politics of Informing Congress" with Pamela Ban and Hye Young You. Cambridge University Press. Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series. 2024.
- Winner of the Alan Rosenthal Award 2025

"Political Grandstanding: An Electoral Strategy" (In Progress)

Peer Reviewed Articles

"Bureaucrats in Congress: The Politics of Interbranch Information Sharing"
with Pamela Ban and Hye Young You. Forthcoming in *Journal of Politics*. [Paper]
- Presented at MPSA 2023, APSA 2022, Women in Legislative Studies Conference 2022, and UC Berkeley 2024

"Toward a Framework for Creating Trustworthy Measures with Supervised Machine Learning for Text" with Jacob Montgomery. Forthcoming in *Political Science Research and Methods.* 2025. [Paper]
- Presented at PolMeth 2022, MPSA 2023, EPSA 2023, TADA 2023

"DALiSM: A Discourse Analysis framework for LegIslative and Social Media texts" with Arman Irani, Kevin Esterling, and Michalis Faloutsos. *The 17th ACM Web Science Conference 2025.* [Paper]
- Presented at PolMeth 2024

"WIBA: What Is Being Argued? A Comprehensive Approach to Argument Mining" with Arman Irani, Kevin Esterling, and Michalis Faloutsos. *The 16th International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining (ASONAM) 2024.* [Paper]

"Flexible Estimation of Policy Preferences for Witnesses in Committee Hearings"
with Kevin Esterling. *Political Analysis.* 2024. 32(4):476-492. [Paper]

"The Politics of Problems versus Solutions: Policymaking and Grandstanding in Congressional Hearings" with Jonathan Lewallen and Sean Theriault. *Policy Studies Journal.* 2024. 52:515–531. [Paper]
- Policy Studies Journal Blog Post. October 2, 2024.
- "Grandstanding in Congressional Hearings Is Not Just about Winning Elections", LSE United States Center Blog Post, February 22, 2024.

"Electoral Rewards for Political Grandstanding" *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).* 2023. 120(17). [Paper] [Data]. (The lead paper)
- Presented at APSA 2021, MPSA 2021, Congress and History 2021, TADA 2021, PolMeth 2022
- Media mentions in *Rollcall.com*, October 7, 2021; *FiveThirtyEight.com*, June 9, 2022; Bloomberg Business, April 6, 2023; Washington Post, May 7, 2023.
- "During Mueller's testimony, some members of Congress will grandstand. Here's the logic behind which ones will." *Washington Post, Monkey Cage.* July 24, 2019.

"How Are Politicians Informed? Witnesses and Information Provision in Congress" with Pamela Ban and Hye Young You. *American Political Science Review.* 2023. 117(1):122 - 139. [Paper] [Data].
- Best Paper Award in the Legislative Studies Section of the APSA (CQ Press Award 2022)
- Award for the Best Publication on Effective Lawmaking of the Center for Effective Lawmaking (2024) [Blog Post]

"When Do Politicians Grandstand? Measuring Message Politics in Committee Hearings"
Journal of Politics. 2021. 83(1):214-228. [Paper] [Data]
- Media mentions in *Rollcall.com*, October 7, 2021. *FiveThirtyEight.com*, June 9, 2022.

"Committee Chair's Majority Partisan Status and Its Effect on Information Transmission via Hearings" *Journal of Legislative Studies. 2019. 25(4):614-624.* [Paper]

"Punishing without Rewards? A Comprehensive Examination of the Asymmetry in Economic Voting" *Electoral Studies. 2019. 57:1-18.* [Paper]

"A Lab Experiment on Committee Hearings: Preferences, Power and a Quest for Information"
Legislative Studies Quarterly. 2017. 42(1):3-31. [Paper]

Working Papers

"Moralizing Politics on the Rise: Electoral Incentives in a Shifting Political Landscape" with Taegyoon Kim (Under Revision) [Paper]

- Presented at PolMeth 2023, MPSA 2024, and APSA 2024

"Diversity and Representation in Information Provision to Legislatures" with Pamela Ban and Hye Young You (Under Revision) [Paper]
- Funded by the American University and Hewlett Foundation
- Presented at MPSA 2024, University of Chicago, and Women in Legislative Studies Conference 2024, Columbia University 2005, Yonsei University 2025, Korea Development Institute 2025

"Shifting Tides: The Evolution of Congressional Discourse on China" with Wha Sun Jho and Joonseok Yang (Under Revision) [Paper]

"ArguBias: Quantifying the Impact of Semantic-Positional Misalignment on Argument Similarity" with Arman Irani, Kevin Esterling, and Michalis Faloutsos (Under Revision) [Paper]

"Who Wants to Rock the Boat? Partisan Competition and Manipulation of Information" with Myunghoon Kang (Under Revision)

"From Reddit to Congressional Hearings: Measuring Representation at the Argument-level" with Arman Irani, Kevin Esterling, and Michalis Faloutsos
- Presented at PolMeth 2025, LMiSS APSA pre-conference 2024, SPSA 2025, and DSC-TDAI CSS Symposium at OSU 2025

"Grandstanding in the Senate" with Sean Theriault
- Presented at APSA 2024, SPSA 2026

"From Debate to Statute: Tracing Legislative Influence Using Generative AI" with Mitchell Bosley and Kevin Esterling
- Presented at APSA 2025, MPSA 2026 (Scheduled)

"Scientists in Congress: Congressional Treatment of Expertise" with Pamela Ban and Hye Young You
- Presented at APSA 2025, Northwestern University, and MPSA 2026 (Scheduled)

"Congress Going Public" with Melinda Ritchie and Annelise Russell
- Presentation at MPSA 2026 (Scheduled)

Works in Progress

"The Changing Role of Committees in the Era of Polarization and Party Government"
- Funded by the British Academy Leverhulme Grant & Center for Effective Lawmaking Grant

"Inversed Representation: Top-down Issue Framing through Twitter" with Gechun Lin

"Do Hearings Matter for Federal Nominations?" with Jacob Montgomery and Audrey Sachleben

Invited Talks

2026 (scheduled): UC Riverside, UNC-Chapel Hill
2025: Columbia University, Northwestern University (Kellogg School of Business), Yonsei University, Korea Development Institute, TaDa Reading Group
2024: UC Berkeley, University of Chicago, Purdue University, Yonsei University, Korea Advanced Institute of Science& Technology (KAIST)
2022: The Ohio State University, University of Rochester, Florida State University, Purdue University, UC Davis
2021: University of Southern California
2019: University of Essex, University of Pittsburgh, Smith College
2017: University College of London

Grants and Awards

APSA Legislative Studies Section's Alan Rosenthal Award, 2025.
Award for the Best Publication on Effective Lawmaking of the Center for Effective Lawmaking. 2024.
Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program, 2023. $200,000 (Won the university-wide competition for the junior scholar applicant)
NSF Grant for "Diversity and Representation in Information Provision to Congress" with Pamela Ban and Hye Young You. 2023. (Unsuccessful)
Good-to-Great Fellowship, the Ohio State University, 2023. $12,500
Travel Grant, Text as Data Conference at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2023.
CQ Press Award 2022 (The Best Paper in the Legislative Studies section at APSA) with Pamela Ban and Hye Young You.
The New Perspectives in Studies of American Governance Program by Hewlett Foundation and American University, 2022, with Pamela Ban and Hye Young You. $13,000.
Center for Effective Lawmaking Small Grant, 2021. $2,500.
British Academy Leverhulme Small Grant, 2021. £9,937.27.
NSF Grant for "Information Provision and Witness Testimony in Congress" with Pamela Ban and Hye Young You. 2020, 2021. (Unsuccessful)
Travel Grant, Text as Data Conference at University of Washington, WA, 2018.
Postdoctoral Research and Travel Grant, Washington University in St. Louis, 2017-2019. $8000.
Research Grant for an Experiment on Public Hearings, NYU Center for Experimental Social Science, 2016. $1,200.
Professional development fund, Rutgers University, 2016. $1,000.
Graduate Student Travel Grant Award from Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Section at the APSA Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, 2015.
Travel Grant, Behavioral Models of Politics Conference 2014 at Duke University.
Travel Grant, Pittsburgh Behavioral Models of Politics Conference 2013.
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer School at UC Berkeley, CA, 2013.
Research Grant for "When to Stack the Deck in Public Hearings," NYU Center for Experimental Social Science, 2013.
Research Grant for "Testing Conditional Effects of a Moderator in Deliberation: A Lab Experiment," NYU Center for Experimental Social Science, 2011.
MacCracken Award, New York University, 2008 - 2014.
Departmental Summer Research Grant, 2009-2013.
Honors Student Award in Social Science Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul, 2008.
Honors Student at University California Los Angeles, Fall 2006, Winter 2006, Spring 2007.
Full Scholarship from Dooeul Scholarship Foundation, 2005-2008.
Full Scholarship and Travel Grant for the Study Abroad Program for Summer Session at UC Berkeley from Yonsei Leadership Center, Yonsei University, 2004.

Service Roles

MPSA American Politics Section Chair, 2026.
PolMeth Program Organizing Committee, 2025.
Subfield Head in Political Methodology, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University 2025-present.
Good-to-Great Program Oversight Committee, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University 2024-present.
Good-to-Great Faculty/postdoc in Politics & AI Search Committee, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University 2024-2025.
Award Committee, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University 2023-2025.
Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University 2023-2024.
CQ Press Award Committee 2023.
Faculty Organizer for Graduate Research Method Seminar Series: HEROES (Helping Each-other's Research On Empirical Subjects), Department of Government, University of Essex, 2020-2023.

Dissertation Committee Activities	Kristen Adams (The Ohio State University, Year started: 2023) Jungbae An (The Ohio State University, Year started: 2020) Gechun Lin (Washington University in St. Louis, Graduated in 2025) Arman Irani (UC Riverside, Graduated in 2025) Alexander Kemp (University of Essex, served from 2021 to 2023)
Teaching Experience	At the Ohio State University U.S. Congress (Undergraduate), Autumn 2023 Political Analysis 1 (Undergraduate), Spring 2024, 2025, 2026 Quant 2 (Doctoral), Spring 2024 At University of Essex American Political Institutions (Undergraduate), Spring 2022 & 2023 American Politics (Masters; a year-long course), 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 At Washington University in St. Louis Causal Inference (Doctoral), Fall 2017 & 2018 Maximum Likelihood Estimation (Doctoral), Spring 2019 At Rutgers University Congressional Politics (Undergraduate), Spring 2017 Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Generalized Linear Models (Doctoral), Fall 2016 Introduction to Political Science Methods (Undergraduate), Fall 2016 & Spring 2017 Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate), Fall 2016 & Spring 2017 At Columbia University Theories and Methodologies of the Social Sciences (Masters), Fall 2015 Data Analysis (Masters), Spring 2016
Journal Reviews	*American Journal of Political Science, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Political Science, Computational Communication Research, Electoral Studies, Interest Groups & Advocacy, Journal of Legislative Studies, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Nature Human Behaviour, Party Politics, PLOS One, Political Analysis, Policy Studies Journal, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Science Research and Methods, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Research & Politics, Social Science Quarterly*
Membership and Services	American Political Science Association since 2014 Midwest Political Science Association since 2009 PolMeth since 2019 Southern Political Science Association since 2024 Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA) since 2023
Language Skills	English (fluent), Korean (native)
Citizenship	USA