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Academic Appointments

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Fall 2019-

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Postdoctoral Fellow, Identity and Conflict Lab, 2018-2019

Predocctoral Fellow, Identity and Conflict Lab, 2017-2018

Education

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2018

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Behavior, and Methods and Formal Theory

Committee: Leonardo Arriola, Ruth Collier, Thad Dunning, and Noam Yuchtman

M.A. in Political Science, 2012

Korea University, Seoul, South Korea

B.A. in Economics (with highest honors), 2007

Minor: Public Administration and Policy

Book Project

Severed Connections: Political Parties and Democratic Representation in Sub-Saharan Africa

Journal Articles

2015

“Fuzzy Sets on Shaky Ground? Parametric and Specification Sensitivity in fsQCA”, *Political Analysis*, 23(1), 21–41 (with Chris Kroglund and Mathias Poertner).

Working Papers

Donghyun Danny Choi. “Party Control of Primary Elections in New Democracies”

Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis. “Parochialism, Social Norms, and Discrimination Against Immigrants” (Under Review)

Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Matthew Gichohi. “Political Endorsements and Cross-Ethnic Voting” (Under Review)

Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, Justine Davis, Melanie Phillips, Lise Rakner, and Ingvild Skage. “The Business of Politics: Candidate Defection and Party Institutionalization in Africa” (Under Review)

Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Staffan Lindberg. “The Rejection of Election Results in Africa” (Revise and Resubmit)

Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, David Dow, and Matthew Gichohi. “Competitive Elections and Public Goods Distribution in Africa”

Manuscripts in Progress

Donghyun Danny Choi. “Congruence or Disconnect? Local Issue Priorities and Public Spending in Kenya”

Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, Matthew Gichohi, and Kennedy Opalo. “The Effect of Campaign Rallies in Multi-ethnic Societies: Evidence from a Natural Experiment”

Donghyun Danny Choi, Benjamin Laughlin, and Anna Schultz. “Communication Technology and National Identity: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”

Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, Matthew Gichohi, and Kennedy Opalo. “Accountability Under Devolved Government: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Kenya”

Selected Works in Progress

“Ethnic Bias in Criminal Sentencing: Evidence from Kenya” (with J. Andrew Harris and Fiona Shen-Bayh)

“The Political Logic of Judicial Appointments in Africa” (with Fiona Shen-Bayh)

“Zambian Candidate Network Survey” (with Leo Arriola, Justine Davis, Lise Rakner, Ingvild Skage, and Melanie Thompson)

“Temperature and Ingroup Bias: Evidence from a Field Experiment” (with Mathias Pörtner and Nicholas Sambanis)”

“Using Machine-Learning and Natural Language Processing to Extract Relational Data from Text”

Fellowships and Awards

- 2016-17 Dean’s Completion Fellowship (\$21,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
- 2016-17 African Studies Fellowship (\$1,500), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley
- 2015-16 Rocca Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley
- 2015-16 Simpson Memorial Fellowship (\$12,000), Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley
- 2013-14 Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
- 2011-16 Division Fellowship (\$15,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
- 2011-16 Department Fellowship (\$15,000), Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley
- 2011-16 Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$217,350), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies
- 2010 Predoctoral Research Fellowship (\$4,800), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies

Selected Conferences and Presentations

- 2018 Cultural Transmission and Social Norms Workshop (CTSN 3), MIT
Conflicts, Governance, and Post-Conflict Economic Agenda in War Afflicted Arab Countries Workshop, Casablanca, Morocco
Norms and Behavioral Change Workshop (NoBeC), University of Pennsylvania
Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
Department of Political Science, Yale University
American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, USA
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, USA
Social Science Division, New York University-Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Department of Political Science, University of Florida
- 2017 African Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, USA
American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, USA
European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Milan, Italy
- 2016 Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE), Stanford University
WESSI Florence Workshop, Florence, Italy
American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, USA
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, USA
- 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 2013 American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, USA
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, USA

Teaching Experience

- 2014

- 2013 Graduate Student Instructor, PS2 Introduction to Comparative Politics, University of California, Berkeley (Instructor: M. Steven Fish)
- 2013 Graduate Student Instructor, PS149A African Politics, University of California, Berkeley (Instructor: Leonardo Arriola)

Additional Training

- 2016 Winter Experimental Social Science Institute (WESSI), NYU-Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2014 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University
- 2012 Inter-University Consortium on Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan

Fieldwork

- 2015-17 Kenya (18 months): Nairobi, Kisumu, Embu, Nakuru, Kiambu, Mombasa county
- 2016-17 Zambia (3 months): Lusaka

Professional Service

Referee: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis

Skills

Programming: R, Python, STATA, ARCGIS

Languages: Korean (native), English (native), German (intermediate), Swahili (basic)

References

- 1 Leonardo Arriola, Associate Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley
- 2 Ruth Collier, Heller Professor of the Graduate School, UC Berkeley
- 3 Thad Dunning, Robson Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley
- 4 Nicholas Sambanis, Presidential Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania