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Education

Ph.D. (Political Science), Michigan State University, December 2006
M.A. (Political Science), Seoul National University, February 1998
B.A. (Political Science), Sungkyunkwan University, February 1996

Academic Positions

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science & Diplomacy, Sungkyunkwan University, Fall 2011-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, Fall 2007- Summer 2011
Research Associate, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, Spring 2006-Summer 2007

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics:

Political Institutions, Political Attitudes and Behavior, African Politics, Asian Politics

Methodology:

Ordinary Least Squares, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Multi-level Analysis, Bayesian Analysis

Publications

“Chinese Foreign Direct Investment in Africa: The Impact of Standard Gauge Railway on Kenya Economy and Politics” with Ai-hua Chen, *Journal of Peace Studies* 21(2020): 175~202 [Korean].

“Health and Democracy in Africa” with Yunmin Nam, *Korean Political Science Review* 53(2019): 155~175 [Korean].

“District Magnitude and Seat Shares in Single Non-transferable Vote System: The 6th and 7th Local Elections in South Korea” with Jong Hak Choi, *Discourse* 201 (2019): 181~212 [Korean].

“Political Laws and Party System Institutionalization in South Korea,” *Journal of Northeast Asian Studies* 24(2019): 27~46 [Korean].

“Official Development Assistance and Democracy in Africa” with Byeol-Na-Ra Choe, *Journal of Peace Studies* 20(2019): 181~206 [Korean].

“An Assessment of Key Trends in Democratization in Africa, 1989~2016” *Comparative Democratic Studies* 14(2019): 73~95 [Korean].

“Do Korean-Japanese Historical Disputes Generate Rally Effects?” with Wonjae Hwang and Krista Wiegand, *Journal of Asian Studies* 77(2018): 639-711.

“Does Official Development Assistance Promote Foreign Policy Cooperation from its Recipients?: The Case of South Korea” with Changkuk Jung and Wonjae Hwang, *Pacific Focus* XXXIII(2018): 83-110

“Electoral Systems and Democratic Consolidation: 3 African Countries” with Jae-Ick Oh, *Korean Journal of African Studies* 43(2018): 161-200 [Korean]

“Party System Institutionalization and Democracy in Africa” *Korean Journal of International Relations* 56(2016): 327-357 [Korean]

“Colonialism and State Building in East Asia” in Wonbin Cho (Ed.) *State Building and Development in Contemporary East Asia* (2016) National Museum of Korean Contemporary History: 9-49 [Korean]

“Analyzing Changing U.S. Policy Frames on Combating AIDS with Kuyoun Chung. *Political Science & Communication* 19(2016): 71-106 [Korean]

“Public Trust in Judiciary: Africans’ Perspectives” *Journal of Legislative Studies* 48(2016): 158-188 [Korean]

“Chinese SEZs in Africa” with Youngseung Kwon. *Discourse 201* 19(2016): 93-121 [Korean]

“Changes in China’s Foreign Policy towards Africa: 1993-2015” with Joohyun Baik. *Journal of International Area Studies* 20(2016): 113-144 [Korean]

“Trust in Institutions and Social Conflicts” *Political Science & Communication Studies* 19(2016): 209-242 [Korean]

“State and Political Violence: Ordinary Africans’ Perspectives” *Korean Journal of African Studies* 48(2016): 33-66

“Theory and Reality on ODA Allocation of South Korea: Priority Countries in Africa” with Kuyoun Chung. *Journal of International Relations* 20(2015): 97-134 [Korean]

“Politics, Economy and Democratic Regime Performance in Africa: Ordinary Africans’ Perspectives” *Korean Journal of African Studies* 42(2014): 3-30

“ ‘Good Democracy’ Index: A Measurement of Democratic Quality” *Comparative Democratic Studies* 10(2014): 65-92 [Korean]

“Looking Toward the Future: Alternations in Power and Popular Perspectives on Democratic Durability in Africa,” with Carolyn Logan. *Comparative Political Studies* 47(2014): 30-54

“Accountability or Representation? How Electoral Systems Promote Public Trust” in Michael Bratton (Ed.) *Voting and Democratic Citizenship in Africa* (2013) Lynne Rienner Publishers: 179-196

“Political Institution and Political Stability in Multi-ethnic Society: Kenyan Presidential Election in 2013” *Journal of Legislative Studies* 19(2013): 138-165 [Korean]

“Critical Evaluation of Korea’s Aid Policy toward Africa” with Dongsuk Kim, Young Hoon Song, and Kuyoun Chung. *International Area Studies Review* 17(2013): 283-312 [Korean]

“Change and Consistency in Korean Non-partisans’ Choice” in Chan-Wook Park et al.(Ed.) *Korean Voters’ Choice 2* (2013) The Asian Institute for Policy Studies: 172-200 [Korean]

“Voting Behavior in Africa: Ethnic Voting vs. Economic Voting” *Journal of International and Area Studies* 21(2012): 139-163 [Korean]

“Accountability or Representation?: How Electoral Systems Promote Public Trust in African Legislatures” *Governance* 25 (2012): 617-637

“Non-partisan’s Choice?” ” in Chan-Wook Park et al.(Ed.) *Korean Voters’ Choice 1* (2012) The Asian Institute for Policy Studies: 151-184 [Korean]

“The Relationship between NGOs and Government: Africans’ Perspectives” *The Journal of Multicultural Society* 5 (2012): 43-70 [Korean]

“Ethnic Fractionalization, Electoral Systems and Political Attitudes in Africa” *Korean Journal of African Studies* 36 (2012): 173-197

“Citizens’ Perceptions of Government Responsiveness in Africa: Do Electoral Systems and Ethnic Diversity Matter?” *Comparative Political Studies* 43 (2010): 1650-1674

“Electoral Institutions, Partisan Status, and Political Support in Lesotho,” with Michael Bratton. *Electoral Studies* 25 (2006): 731-750

“The General Election in South Korea, April 2004,” *Electoral Studies* 24 (2005): 525-530

Other Publications

“Looking Toward the Future: Alternations in Power and Popular Perspectives on Democratic Durability in Africa,” with Carolyn Logan. *Afrobarometer Working Paper* No. 110 (2009)

“Weak States and Political Violence in sub-Saharan Africa,” with Matthew F. Kirwin. *Afrobarometer Working Paper* No. 111 (2009). Invited to revise and resubmit to *Studies in Comparative and International Development*

“A Vicious Circle of Corruption and Mistrust in State in sub-Saharan Africa: A Micro-Level Analysis,” with Matthew F. Kirwin. *Afrobarometer Working Paper* No. 71 (2007)

“Ethnic Fractionalization, Electoral Institutions, and African’s Political Attitudes.” *Afrobarometer Working Paper* No. 66 (2007)

“Where is Africa Going? Views from Below,” with Michael Bratton. *Afrobarometer Working Paper* No. 60 (2006)

“Electoral institutions, Partisan Status, and Political Support: A Natural Experiment from Lesotho,” with Michael Bratton. *Afrobarometer Working Paper* No. 49 (2005)

“Political Institutions and Satisfaction with Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Afrobarometer Working Paper* No. 39 (2004)

“Afrobarometer Round 2: Compendium of Comparative Results from A 15-country Survey.” With Michael Bratton, Carolyn Logan, and Paloma Bauer. *Afrobarometer Working Paper* No. 34 (2004)

Working Papers and Presentations

“Political Effectiveness and Democratic Performance in Africa” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, March 2011

“Decentralization Reform in Africa: Engaging Citizens and Enabling the State, or Devolving Governance Failure to the Grassroots.” With Devral C. Moehler and Carolyn Logan, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010

“Elections in Africa: Are They Instruments of Democracy?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON Canada, September 2009

“Elections in Africa: Are They Instruments of Democracy?” Presented at the Consequences of Political Inclusion in Africa, American University, Washington, DC, April 2009

“What Are The Origins of Corruption in Africa? Culture or Institution.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 2009

“Public Confidence of the Judiciary in Africa.” With Kirk A. Randazzo. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2009

“Political Violence in sub-Saharan Africa: A Micro-Level Analysis.” With Matthew F. Kirwin, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2008

“Learning Democracy in Africa: The Alternation Effect.” With Carolyn Logan, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2008

“A Vicious Circle of Corruption and Mistrust in State in sub-Saharan Africa: A Micro-Level Analysis.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 2007

“Ethnic Fractionalization, Electoral Institutions, and African’s Political Attitudes.” Presented at the Micro-Foundation of Mass Politics in Africa, East Lansing, MI, May 2007

“A Vicious Circle of Corruption and Mistrust in State in sub-Saharan Africa: A Micro-Level Analysis.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2007

“Ethnic Fractionalization, Electoral Institutions, and African’s Political Attitudes.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, November 2006

“Ethnic Fractionalization, Electoral Institutions, and African’s Political Attitudes.”
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association,
Chicago, IL, April 2006

“Democratic Satisfaction and the Electoral System in Lesotho.” Presented at the
Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington, DC, November
2005

“Electoral Systems, Partisan Status, and Political Support in Lesotho.” Presented at
the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC,
September 2005

“Institutions, Partisan Status and Citizens’ Satisfaction with Democracy in Emerging
Democracies.” Presented at the Annual Summer Political Methodology Meeting,
Tallahassee, FL, July 2005

“Political Support across the World – Do Institutions Matter for Political Support?”
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association,
Chicago, IL, April 2005

“Political Support and the Electoral System in Lesotho.” Presented at the Annual
Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2005

“Political Institutions and Satisfaction with Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa.”
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association,
Chicago, IL, April 2004

“Political Institutions and Satisfaction with Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa.”
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New
Orleans, LA, January 2004

“Social Capital, Ethnicity and Support for Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa.”
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association,
Philadelphia, PA, August 2003

Other Research Experience

Michigan State University

Graduate Fellow, Professor Michael Bratton, AFROBAROMETER, Data Manager,
Fall 2002 – Summer 2005

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, Fall 2000 – Spring 2002

Seoul National University

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, 1996-1997

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor, Sungkyunkwan University

- PSD3032 Comparative Political Institutions, Fall 2011 – Spring 2017
- PSD2017 Politics and Statistics, Spring 2012 – Fall 2016
- PSD3031 International Development Cooperation, Fall 2012 – Spring 2016
- PSD5012 New Institutionalism, Spring 2012 – Spring 2017
- PSD5080 Regional Politics: African Politics, Fall 2013 – Fall 2016
- PSD5077 Emerging Democracies, Spring 2014 – Spring 2016

Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky

- PS 210 Intro Comparative Politics, Fall 2007- Spring 2009
- PS 212 Culture and Politics in the Third World, Summer 2010 On-line Course
- PS 391 Government and Politics in Developing Nations, Spring 2008
- PS 419G The Government and Politics of Eastern Asia, Fall 2008
- PS 420G The Government and Politics of South Asia, Spring 2009
- PS 620 Proseminar in Comparative Politics, Spring 2010
- PS 756 Regional Politics: African Politics, Fall 2009

Instructor, Michigan State University

- Government and Politics of the World, Summer 2006
- Data Management for Survey Research, Fall 2004 (Cape Town, South Africa)

Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University

- War and Revolution, Spring 2002
- Society and the Individual, Fall 2001

Grants and Fellowships

- Research Grant, the Ministry of Education and the National Research Foundation of Korea, 2012-2014 & 2016-2017
- Research Grant, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2015, 2016, & 2017
- Research Grant, Sungkyunkwan University, 2013 & 2015
- An Initial Funding for Developing On-line Course, University of Kentucky, 2010
- Research Grant, University of Kentucky, 2008
- Political Methodology Summer Meeting Grant, National Science Foundation, 2005
- Field Research Grant, Afrobarometer, 2004 (Lesotho)
- EITM Summer Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 2004
- Council of Graduate Students Travel Grant, 2003
- Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Traveling Scholar, 2001 & 2003
- Graduate Office Fellowship, 2001, 2003, & 2004
- College of Social Sciences Conference Travel Grant, 2001

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Graduate School Travel Grant, 2001

Professional Associations

African Studies Association
American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Society for Political Methodology
Korean Political Science Association