

John Kuk

CONTACT

INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC

APPOINTMENTS

Michigan State University	8/2023-Present
Assistant Professor of 1855, Department of Political Science	
University of Oklahoma	8/2020-8/2023
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	
Washington University in St. Louis	9/2017-8/2020
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Sociology and Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy	

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego	Ph.D., Dec 2017
Political Science	
Seoul National University	M.A., 2011
Political Science	
Seoul National University	B.A., 2009
Political Science, <i>cum laude</i> , Agricultural Economics (minor) and Philosophy (minor)	

RESEARCH

INTEREST

American politics, political behavior, public policy, urban politics, race and ethnicity, politics of inequality, machine learning, text analysis, and political methodology.

PUBLICATIONS

19. **John Kuk**, Nazita Lajevardi, and Kelsey Osborne-Garth. Forthcoming. “Does Perspective-Taking Increase Support for Student Loan Forgiveness?.” *Journal of Public Policy*.
18. Max Besbris, **John Kuk**, and Ariela Schachter. 2026. “Neighborhood Desirability and Decision-Making in Online, Multiracial, Metropolitan America.” *American Sociological Review*.
17. **John Kuk**, Nazita Lajevardi, and Kelsey Osborne-Garth. 2025. “Does Racial Civic Pride Differentially Shape White and Non-White Views on Voter Fraud? Evidence from the 2020 Election” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*.
16. Nate Breznau, Eike Mark Rinke, ... , **John Kuk**, ... , and Tomasz Żóltak. 2025. “The Reliability of Replications: A Study in Computational Reproductions” *Royal Society Open Science*.
15. C. Aujean Lee, and **John Kuk**. 2025. “The Role of Police Perception in Shaping Public Meeting Attendance and Implications for Planners” *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.
14. **John Kuk**, Don S. Lee, and Inbok Rhee. 2024. “Does Exposure to Election Fraud Research Undermine Confidence in Elections?” *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 88.SI: 656-680.

13. Jeong Hyun Kim, **John Kuk**, and Yesola Kweon. 2024. “Did Low-income Essential Workers during Covid-19 Increase Public Support for Redistribution?” *Policy & Politics*
12. Ariela Schachter, **John Kuk**, Max Besbris, and Lydia Ho. 2023. “What’s in a name? Place misrepresentation and neighbourhood stigma in the online rental market” *Urban Studies*
11. Ariela Schachter, **John Kuk**, Max Besbris, and Garrett Pekarek. 2023. “Inclusive but Not Integrative: Ethnoracial Boundaries and the Use of Spanish in the Market for Rental Housing” *Sociological Science* 10: 585-612.
10. Nate Breznau, Eike Mark Rinke, ... , **John Kuk**, ... , and Tomasz Żółtak, 2022. ‘Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty’ *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
9. Max Besbris, **John Kuk**, Ann Owens, Ariela Schachter, 2022. ‘Predatory Inclusion in the Market for Rental Housing: A Multi-City Empirical Test’ *Socius*. 8: 1–16.
8. **John Kuk**. Deborah Seligsohn, and Jack Jiakun Zhang. 2022. “The Partisan Divide in U.S. Congressional Communications after the China Shock.” *Economics & Politics*
7. Zoltan Hajnal, **John Kuk**, and Nazita Lajevardi. 2022. “A Disproportionate Burden: Strict Voter Identification Laws and Turnout.” *Politics, Groups and Identities*. 10.1: 126-134.
6. **John Kuk**, Max Besbris, Jacob Faber, and Ariela Schachter. 2021. “The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Rental Market: Evidence from Craigslist.” *American Behavioral Scientist*. 65.12: 1623–1648.
5. Max Besbris, Ariela Schachter, and **John Kuk**. 2021. “The Geography of Information: Inequalities in Online Advertisements for Rental Housing.” *Demography*. 58.4: 1197–1221.
4. **John Kuk** and Zoltan Hajnal. 2021. “Democratic Party Control Reduces Gender Inequality.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 46 (1): 155–188.
3. Geoff Boeing, Max Besbris, Ariela Schachter, and **John Kuk**. 2021. “Housing Search in the Age of Big Data: Smarter Cities or the Same Old Blind Spots?” *Housing Policy Debate* 31: 112–126.
2. **John Kuk**, Deborah Seligsohn, and Jack Jiakun Zhang. 2018. “The Effect of Rising Import Competition on Congressional Voting Towards China.” *Journal of Contemporary China* 27.109: 103–119
1. Zoltan Hajnal, **John Kuk**, and Nazita Lajevardi. 2018. “We All Agree: Strict Voter ID Laws Disproportionately Burden Minorities.” *The Journal of Politics* 80.3: 1052–1059.

WORKING PAPERS

- Max Besbris, Jacob Faber, **John Kuk**, Ariela Schachter, and Karl Vachuska. “The Effect of Homicide on Local Rents.”
- Mitch Downey, **John Kuk**, and Matthew Nanes. Policing Misperceptions: Experimental Evidence on Reform Openness. *Under review*
- Mitch Downey, **John Kuk**, and Matthew Nanes. (Not) Feelin’ the (Cross) Pressure: Experimental Evidence on Issue Misalignment and Polarization.

John Kuk and Ariela Schachter. ‘Do Housing Policy Positions Matter in Local Elections?’

John Kuk. “Economic Voting and Vote Switching among Minority Voters in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election.”

John Kuk. “The Effect of Economic Distress on Racial Attitudes.”

Nara Kang, Yeaji Kim and **John Kuk.** “Why Do the South Korean Public Misperceive Income Inequality?”

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

MSU Institute for Public Policy and Social Research 2024-25 Public Policy Grants 2024-2025

Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Population Distinguished Paper Award 2023

Korean Studies Grant, Academy of Korean Studies 2023-2024

U.S.-Korea NextGen Scholars, CSIS Korea Chair and USC Korean Studies Institute 2022-2023

Junior Faculty Fellowship, University of Oklahoma 2020

Kavli Fellow, National Academy of Sciences 2020

National Science Foundation, Collaborative Research: The Geography of Information: Testing the Effects of Unequal Information in the Market for Rental Housing (co-author of the grant proposal and projects) 2019

Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy Small Grant (with Ariela Schachter) 2018

UCSD Political Science TA Excellence Award 2017

Sanford Lakoff Fellowship 2017

UCSD Graduate Student Association Travel Grant 2015, 2016

TEACHING

Instructor of Record:

Public Opinion and Political Behavior Spring 2025

Minority Politics Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025

Research Seminar in Public Policy and Public Administration Spring 2024

Urban Public Policy Lab Fall 2024

Problems in Political Behavior Spring 2022

Introduction to Political Analysis Spring, Fall 2021

Capstone in Political Science Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2023

Oklahoma City Exit Poll Fall 2020, Fall 2022

Growing Up Poor Across America Spring 2018, Fall 2018

Statistics for Sociology Fall 2019

Guest Lectures:

Introduction to American Politics Summer 2016

Korean Politics Spring 2014, Summer 2014, Spring 2015

INVITED TALKS
& PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

Korea National Assembly Research Service	April 2022
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	October 2021
Kavli Frontiers of Science, National Academy of Sciences	July 2020
University of Mannheim, Collaborative Research Center	September 2018
Indiana University, American Politics Workshop	April 2019

Presentations

APSA 2010, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
MPSA 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
SPSA 2018, 2021
Polmeth 2014, 2015, 2018
International Society of Political Psychology 2022
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) 2020
Population Association of America (PAA) 2019
Cooperative Congressional Election Studies (CCES) Sundance 2019, 2023
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) 2018, 2019
ASA 2018
Election Science, Reform, and Administration 2018
The Political Economic Implications of Legislative Institutions Texas A&M 2019
Political Economy Workshop at Michigan State University 2018
International Political Economy Society (IPES) 2017
UCSD North Korea Workshop 2017
Political Networks 2011

PROFESSIONAL &
DEPARTMENT
SERVICE

APSA Class and Inequality Programming Co-Chair 2026
MSU PolMeth Host Committee 2025–2026
MPSA Class and Inequality Section Chair 2024
APSA Class and Inequality Section Class and Race Online Seminar Series (CROSS)
Co-organizer 2022
APSA Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section Best Paper Award Selection Committee
2021
APSA Class and Inequality Section Reception Committee 2021
APSA Class and Inequality Section Conference Committee 2017
Panel Chair, MPSA 2018, 2019
Panel Discussant, MPSA 2018, 2019, 2022
Panel Discussant, SPSA 2018, 2022
Panel Chair, Polmeth 2018
Panel Discussant, Iowa Caucuses Conference 2020
Michigan State University

University Committee on Faculty Affairs 2025–
Department Faculty Advisory Committee 2024–2025

University of Oklahoma

Subnational Public Policy Search Committee 2021

Center for Faculty Excellence Peer Mentor 2021–2022

University of California, San Diego

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2014–2015

Co-organizer, Human Nature Group, 2015–2017

System Administrator of HNG Supercomputer, 2015–2016

Seoul National University

Organizer, Comparative Politics Workshop 2010–2011

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2010–2011

ADVISING

Dissertation committee member

Kelsey Osborne-Garth

Olatayo Bakare

Drayton Willey

Paige Haight

Nara Kang

Soonhwan Kwon

Undergraduate honors thesis advisor

Brian Tung (Washington University in St. Louis, Sociology)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Fire fighter (alternative service for military duty)

Fall 2005 – Fall 2007

CITIZENSHIP

United States of America and Republic of Korea (dual citizenship)

REFERENCES

Gary Jacobson (gjacobson@ucsd.edu)

Distinguished Emeritus Professor, Political Science

Zoltan Hajnal (zhajnal@ucsd.edu)

Professor, Political Science and School of Global Policy and Strategy

Ariela Schachter (ariela@wustl.edu)

Associate Professor, Sociology