

John Kuk

CONTACT

INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC

APPOINTMENTS

Washington University in St. Louis
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Sociology

9/2017-Present

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

Ph.D., Dec 2017

Department of Political Science

Dissertation: *An Unequal and Polarized Democracy: Why Has Unequal Growth Caused Party Polarization in the American Public*

Committee: James Fowler (Co-Chair), Gary Jacobson (Co-Chair), Seth Hill, Stephan Haggard, Lane Kenworthy, James Druckman (Northwestern University)

Seoul National University

M.A., 2011

Political Science

Seoul National University

B.A., 2009

Political Science, *magna cum laude*,

Agricultural Economics (minor) and Philosophy (minor)

RESEARCH

INTEREST

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

PUBLICATIONS

Zoltan Hajnal, **John Kuk**, and Nazita Lajevardi. "We All Agree: Strict Voter ID Laws Disproportionately Burden Minorities." *The Journal of Politics* 80.3 (2018): 1052–1059.

John Kuk, Deborah Seligsohn, and Jack Jiakun Zhang. "The Effect of Rising Import Competition on Congressional Voting Towards China." *Journal of Contemporary China* 27.109 (2018): 103–119

Geoff Boeing, Max Besbris, Ariela Schachter, and **John Kuk**. "Housing Search in the Age of Big Data: Smarter Cities or the Same Old Blind Spots?" **Forthcoming** at *Housing Policy Debate*.

WORKING PAPERS

John Kuk and Zoltan Hajnal. "Parties, State Legislatures, and Gender Inequality." Invited to **Revise and Resubmit** at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

John Kuk. "The Effect of Economic Distress on Racial Attitudes." *Under Review*

John Kuk. "Red American Dream, Blue American Dream: The Geography of Intergenerational Mobility and Voting Behavior." *Under Review*

John Kuk. "Inequality and Public Polarization: Have Voters Become Polarized as Income Inequality Rises?"

Zoltan Hajnal, **John Kuk**, and Nazita Lajevardi. "A Disproportionate Burden: Strict Voter Identification Laws and Turnout." *Under Review*

Max Besbris, Ariela Schachter, and **John Kuk**. “The Geography of Information: Inequalities in Online Advertisements for Rental Housing.” *Under Review*

John Kuk. Deborah Seligsohn, and Jack Jiakun Zhang. “The Partisan Divide in U.S. Congressional Communications after the China Shock.” *Under Review*

John Kuk and Inbok Rhee. “North Korean Elites and Their Propaganda Strategy: Analyzing Korean Central News Agency Text Data.”

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

John Kuk. *The Economic Origins of Identity Politics*. *Book manuscript in preparation*

Max Besbris, Jacob Faber, Ariela Schachter, and **John Kuk**. “The Impact of Homicide on Rental Market.”

Mitch Downey, **John Kuk**, and Nazita Lajevardi. “The Disparate Rejection Rate of Voter Registration Applications.”

Sergio Garcia-Rios and **John Kuk**. “The American Dream and Racial and Ethnic Minorities Political Behavior.”

GRANTS AND
AWARDS

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:

Growing Up Poor Across America Spring 2018, Fall 2018

Statistics for Sociology Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant with Discussion/Recitation Sections:

Causal Inference (Graduate) Spring 2017

Introduction to American Politics Fall 2014, Spring 2016

Political Inquiry (undergraduate research design, statistics) Fall 2013

Introduction to Comparative Politics Winter 2016

Guest Lectures:

Introduction to American Politics Summer 2016

Korean Politics Spring 2014, Summer 2014, Spring 2015

INVITED TALKS
& PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

University of Mannheim, Collaborative Research Center September 2018

Indiana University, American Politics Workshop April 2019

Presentations

APSA 2010, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019

MPSA 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019

SPSA 2018
 Polmeth 2014, 2015, 2018
 Cooperative Congressional Election Studies (CCES) Sundance 2019
 Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) 2018, 2019
 ASA 2018
 Population Association of America (PAA) 2019
 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

Panel Chair, MPSA 2018, 2019
 Panel Discussant, MPSA 2018, 2019
 Panel Discussant, SPSA 2018
 Panel Chair, Polmeth 2018
 APSA Class and Inequality Section Conference Committee 2017
 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

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
 James Fowler (folwer@ucsd.edu)
 Professor, Political Science and Medical Genetics
 Zoltan Hajnal (zhajnal@ucsd.edu)
 Professor, Political Science and School of Global Policy and Strategy
 Ariela Schachter (ariela@wustl.edu)
 Assistant Professor, Sociology