

# Donghyun Danny Choi

✉ dannychoi [at] brown.edu · 🌐 www.dhdannychoi.com · 🐦 dhdannychoi  
Watson Institute Rm 341, 111 Thayer Street, Providence, RI 02912

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Brown University**, Providence, RI

- 2022– Assistant Professor of Political Science  
— Faculty Affiliate, Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (2023–)  
— Faculty Associate, Population Studies and Training Center (2023–)

**University of Pittsburgh**, Pittsburgh, PA

- 2019–22 Assistant Professor of Political Science  
**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA

- 2017–19 Pre/Postdoctoral Fellow, Identity and Conflict Lab

## EDUCATION

**University of California, Berkeley**, Berkeley, CA

- 2018 Ph.D. in Political Science  
Dissertation: *Severed Connections: Political Parties and Democratic Responsiveness in Africa*  
+ *Juan Linz Prize for Best Dissertation, Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA, 2020*
- 2012 M.A. in Political Science  
**Korea University**, Seoul, South Korea
- 2007 B.A. in Economics (with Highest Honors)

## BOOK PROJECTS

1. *Severed Connections: Intraparty Politics and Representation in Kenya*  
**Donghyun Danny Choi**  
+ *Preparing for submission*
2. *Native Bias: Overcoming Discrimination Against Immigrants*  
**Donghyun Danny Choi**, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis  
*Princeton University Press, Princeton Studies in Political Behavior*. 2022.  
+ *Best Book Award, Experimental Research Section, APSA, 2023*  
+ *Featured in Scope Conditions Podcast, Season 3 Episode 1*  
+ *Reviewed in Perspectives on Politics, H-Migration, LSE Review of Books, Ethnic and Racial Studies, European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology*

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. *The Hijab Penalty: Feminist Backlash Against Muslim Immigrants*  
**Donghyun Danny Choi**, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis  
*American Journal of Political Science*. 2023. 67(2), 291–306.  
+ *Gregory Luebbert Prize for best article, Comparative Politics Section, APSA, 2022*  
+ *Best Paper Award, European Politics & Society Section, APSA, 2021*

2. [Temperature and Outgroup Discrimination](#)  
Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis  
*Political Science Research and Methods*. 2023. 11, 198–206.
3. [Increasing Intergroup Trust: Endorsements and Voting in Multiethnic Societies](#)  
Leonardo R. Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Matthew K. Gichohi  
*Journal of Politics*. 2022. 84(4), 2107–2122.
4. [Ethnic Bias in Judicial Decision-making: Evidence from Criminal Appeals in Kenya](#)  
Donghyun Danny Choi, J. Andrew Harris, and Fiona Shen-Bayh  
*American Political Science Review*. 2022. 116(3), 1067–1080.  
+ *McGillivray Award for Best Paper, Political Economy Section, APSA, 2020*
5. [Navigating Insider and Outsider Status as Researchers Conducting Field Experiments](#)  
Eunji Kim, Sumitra Badrinathan, Donghyun Danny Choi, Sabrina Karim, and Yang-Yang Zhou  
*PS: Political Science & Politics*, 2022. 55(4), 754–758.
6. [Paying to Party: Candidate Resources and Party Switching in New Democracies](#)  
Leonardo R. Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, Justine M. Davis, Melanie Phillips, and Lise Rakner  
*Party Politics*. 2022. 28(3), 507–520.
7. [Linguistic Assimilation Does Not Reduce Discrimination Against Immigrants](#)  
Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis  
*Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 2021. 8(3), 235–246.  
+ *Rebecca Morton Award for best article in JEPS, Experimental Research Section, APSA, 2022*
8. [Parochialism, Social Norms, and Discrimination Against Immigrants](#)  
Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis  
*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 2019. 116(33), 16274–16279.
9. [Fuzzy Sets on Shaky Ground? Parametric and Specification Sensitivity in fsQCA](#)  
Chris Krogslund, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Mathias Poertner  
*Political Analysis*. 2015. 23(1), 21–41.

## WORK IN-PROGRESS

1. Policymakers' Abortion Preferences: Understanding the Intersection of Gender and Wealth (with Leo Arriola, Justine Davis, Melanie Phillips, and Lise Rakner), *Resubmitted to Comparative Political Studies*.
2. Couples Therapy for a Divided America: Assessing the Effects of Reciprocal Group Reflection on Polarization (with Hannah Baron, Robert Blair, Laura Gamboa, Jessica Gottlieb, Amanda Robinson, Steven Rosenzweig, Megan Turnbull, and Emily West), *Revise and Resubmit at Political Behavior*.
3. Illusion of Democracy? Party Control of Primary Elections in New Democracies, Under Review.
4. Do Voters Respond to Cross-Cleavage Campaigning in Polarized Societies? (with Leo Arriola, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Ochieng' Opalo)
5. Mobile Internet Technology and National Identity in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Benjamin Laughlin and Anna Schultz)
6. Democratic Backsliding on the Legislative Floor: Evidence from Zambia (with Fiona Shen-Bayh)
7. Lasting Effects of Transient Exposure to the Greek Refugee Crisis: Affective versus Cognitive Responses to Tragedy and Realistic Threat (with Nicholas Sambanis)
8. Accountability Under Devolved Government: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Kenya (with Leo Arriola, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Ochieng' Opalo)

9. Colonial Origins of National Identity: Evidence from Railroads in Africa (with Benjamin Laughlin)
10. Policing National Identity: Evidence from South Africa (with David Dow)
11. LGBT+ Tolerance: Assessing the Impact of Judicial Decisions and Social Campaigns in Africa (with Leo Arriola, Matthew Gichohi, Siri Gloppen, and Malcolm Langford)
12. Legacies of Systemic Exclusion: Evidence from the Chinese Exclusion Act (with Jonathan Chu)

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2023 Global Fellowship, Salzburg Global Seminar.
- 2023 Best Book Award, Experimental Research Section, APSA.
- 2022 Gregory Luebbert Prize for Best Article in Comparative Politics, Comparative Politics Section, APSA.
- 2022 Rebecca Morton Best JEPS Article Award, Experimental Research Section, APSA.
- 2021 Best Paper Award, European Politics & Society Section, APSA.
- 2020 Juan Linz Prize for Best Dissertation, Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA.
- 2020 Fiona McGillivray Award for Best Paper, Political Economy Section, APSA.
- 2016 Dean's Completion Fellowship (\$21,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley.
- 2016 African Studies Fellowship (\$1,500), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2015 Rocca Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2015 Simpson Memorial Fellowship (\$12,000), Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2015 Graduate Division Fellowship (\$15,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley.
- 2014 Graduate Division Fellowship (\$15,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley.
- 2011-16 Doctoral Scholarship (full tuition & stipend), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies.

## LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

\* = Invited Presentations / † = Invited Lectures

- 2024 University of Rochester (Riker Seminar, scheduled),\* Boston University (Research in Comparative Politics Workshop, scheduled)\*
- 2023 Georgetown University (gui2de Development Seminar, Econ and Public Policy, scheduled),\* University of Michigan (Center for Political Studies Seminar),\* Stanford University (Sustainable Democracy Roundtable, Freeman Spogli Institute),\* The Cooperation Colloquia (Jointly hosted by U Amsterdam, Vienna, and Copenhagen),\* National University of Singapore (LKY School of Public Policy),\* MIT (Comparative Politics Seminar),\* LSE (PoliSci/ PoliEcon/ African Politics Joint Seminar),\* Seoul National University (Experimental Research Working Group),\*
- 2022 Seoul National University (Methods Workshop),† University of Pennsylvania (Identity and Conflict Lab Workshop),\* Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy\* UC San Diego (Replication Workshop),† UC Davis (Political Behavior Seminar),† European Politics Online Workshop,\* Korea University (20th Anniversary Lecture),† Sungkyunkwan University (Global Scholar Seminar)\*
- 2021 Korea University (Institute for Governmental Studies Seminar),\* Intergroup Relations Workshop
- 2020 Korea University (Political Science Workshop),\* Pennsylvania State University (cancelled due to COVID),\* European University Institute (cancelled due to COVID)\* Vanderbilt University (Comparative Politics Seminar)\*

- 2019 Carnegie Mellon University (Organizational Behavior Seminar, Tepper Business School),\* College of William and Mary (Government Department Seminar),\* Seoul National University (Institute for Politics Seminar),\* KDI School of Public Policy and Management (Economic History Conference)\*
- 2018 MIT (CTSN 3 Workshop),\* ERF Workshop (Casablanca, Morocco)\*

## TEACHING

(G)=Graduate, (UG)=Undergraduate

- Brown POLS2590 Quantitative Methods II (G), S2024.  
 POLS0200 Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG), S2023.  
 POLS1445 Contemporary African Politics (UG), S2023.  
 POLS1822Q Identity Politics in Global Perspective (UG), F2022, S2024.
- Pitt Experiments in Social Science Research (G), S2022. Dissertation Overview (G), F2020, S2021, F2021, S2022. Identity Politics (G), F2020. Computational Social Science (UG), S2020. Comparative Politics Capstone (UG), F2019. Introduction to African Politics (UG), F2019, S2021, F2021.
- Penn African Political Economy (G/MBA), Wharton School of Business, Lauder Institute, S2018, S2019

## ADVISING

- Brown Lee-Or Ankori-Karlinsky (PhD, Member), Joshua Weitz (PhD, Member)
- Pitt Matthias Avina (PhD, Member), Nicole Loncaric (PhD, Member), Hyunjung Park (PhD, Member).

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2024 Best Book Award Committee, Experimental Research Section, APSA
- 2024 Program Co-Chair, Democracy and Autocracy Section, APSA Annual Meeting
- 2023– Co-convener, Northeast Workshop on Empirical Political Science
- 2023 Program Co-Chair, Political Economy Section, APSA Annual Meeting
- 2023 Sage Best Paper Prize Committee, Comparative Politics Section, APSA
- 2019–22 Co-convener, Midwest Workshop on Empirical Political Science
- 2022 Best Paper Award Committee, European Politics & Society Section, APSA
- 2020 Best Book Award Committee, Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA
- 2020 Program Co-Chair, African Politics Section, MPSA Annual Meeting, MPSA
- 2019 Chair, Best Fieldwork Award Committee, Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA
- Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, International Interactions, International Migration Review, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Modern African Studies, Journal of Politics, Nature Human Behavior, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Science Research and Methods, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Choice, Sociological Research and Methods, World Politics.*

*Grant Reviewer: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation.*

## DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### **Brown University**

2023 University Fulbright Scholarship Committee

2022 International Political Economy Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science

### **University of Pittsburgh**

2021–22 Graduate Education Committee, Political Science.

2021 Chair Selection Committee, Political Science.

2021 Comparative Politics Field Exam Committee, Political Science.

2021–22 Structural Racism Junior Faculty Search Committee, Political Science.

2020 Structural Racism Target of Opportunity Search Committee, Political Science.

2020–21 Co-convener, Historical Political Economy Seminar, Political Science.

2019–20 Co-convener, Human Rights and Migration Seminar, Political Science.

2019–21 Undergraduate Committee, Political Science.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Current Faculty Affiliate, Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Brown University.

Current Faculty Associate, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University.

Current Non-resident Research Associate, Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley.

2019–23 Faculty Affiliate, Identity and Conflict Lab, University of Pennsylvania.

2014–17 Resident Research Associate, Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley.