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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Urbana, IL
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science 2027 (expected)
Dissertation: Beyond Contact: How Interactions with Natives Shape Immigrant Political Integration
Committee: Cara Wong (Chair), Matt Winters, Jake Bowers, Rana Khoury

Korea University Seoul, Korea
MA, Political Science and International Relations 2019
BA, French Language and Literature; International Studies 2016

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) Mannheim, Germany
Visiting Doctoral Fellow May 2025

Immigration Research Initiative (IRI), Concordia University Montreal, QC
Visiting Doctoral Fellow (PI: Antoine Bilodeau) Fall 2024

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Immigrant Integration, Intergroup Relations, Identity Politics, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Party Politics, Europe, Comparative Politics

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. **Younghyun Lee** and Sanghoon Kim-Leffingwell. 2026. [Engaged but Targeted? How Immigrants Vote Against Anti-Immigrant Agendas in Europe](#). *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 52:13, 3323-3347.
2. Seyoung Jung, **Younghyun Lee**, and Cara Wong. 2025. [What Can Dual Citizens Teach Us about Political Engagement?](#) *Political Science Research and Methods*, 1–23.
3. **Younghyun Lee** and Nam-Kook Kim. 2019. [Divergent Paths of Integration in the Post-Multicultural Era: Interculturalism in Spain and Civic Integration in France](#). *Journal of European Union Studies* 53: 3–48.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Younghyun Lee**, Florencia Piñeyrúa, Christian Czymara, and Max Weber. 2026. [Linguistic Polarization in Minority Representation: Analyzing Parliamentary Speeches in Germany and the UK \(1980–2021\)](#). In Lorenz, J., Keijzer, M., Bojanowski, M. (Eds.), *Computational Social Science of Social Cohesion and Polarization*. Springer.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Not All Contact Is Equal: Interaction with Natives and Immigrant Political Integration in Hostile Contexts (*Job Market Paper*)
2. Cross-Ethnic Engagement and Political Integration in Quebec (*with Antoine Bilodeau*)
3. Is Six Degrees of Separation Five Too Many? The Limits of Indirect Contact (*with Cara Wong*)
4. Inter-Minority Attitudes Among Refugees in Germany (*with Christian Czymara and Irena Kogan*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Well-Integrated Immigrants Without a Sense of Belonging?
2. "Not the Same Kind of Immigrant!" Boundary-Making Among Co-National Immigrants
3. When Do Losers Defy Electoral Outcomes? (*with Jonghoon Lee*)
4. Who Counts as Patriotic? (*with Cara Wong*)

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$25,000)	2026-2027
APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,500)	2026
Marion Morse Wood Fellowship in Interpersonal Communication (\$12,000)	2025-2026
Conference Travel Grants, University of Illinois	2022-2026
PRIEC Travel Grant, UNT (2023) & UCSB (2026)	2023, 2026
Ferber & Sudman Dissertation Awards for Survey Research (\$2,500)	2025
Mannheim Centre for European Social Research Visiting Fellowship (€4,500)	2025
Graduate College Henderson Fellowship (\$6,000)	2024-2025
Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grant (\$5,000)	2024
Immigration Research Initiative Visiting Fellowship (CAD 8,000)	2024
Graduate College Kneier Fellowship (\$7,000)	2022-2024
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Travel Grant (€1,000)	2023
European Parliament Trainee Fellowship, Korea Foundation (€7,500)	2018

AWARDS

Rita and Leonard Ogren Prize for Academic Achievement, UIUC	2022
Best Graduate Thesis Proposal, Korea University	2018

TEACHING INTERESTS

Migration and Citizenship, Race and Ethnic Politics, Europe/EU Politics, Comparative Politics, Research Methods, Survey Research, Mixed Method

TEACHING & MENTORING

Instructor of Record | *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

- PS201 US Racial and Ethnic Politics (online) Fall 2023, Spring 2025
- PS385 Politics of the European Union (online) Summer 2024

Teaching Assistant | *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

- PS270 Introduction to Political Theory* Spring 2022
- PS282 Governing Globalization* Fall 2021

Research Mentor | *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

- Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP) 2025-2027

Teaching Assistant | *Korea University*

- POLI238 Law and Political Thought Fall 2017
- POLI361 Identity Politics in Europe and Asia Spring 2017

* Recognized on the UIUC List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent

INVITED TALKS

1. "Beyond Contact: How Intergroup Relations with Natives Shape Immigrant Political Integration."
– *Mittelbau Kolloquium*, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, Germany (May 2025)

2. “The Role of Contact with Natives in Political Integration of Immigrants.”

- *Political Behavior Workshop*, McGill University, Montreal (Oct 2024)
- *Initiative de Recherche sur l’Immigration Seminar*, Concordia University, Montreal (Oct 2024)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2024, 2025, 2026
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium	2023, 2026
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2022, 2023, 2025, 2026
Political Identities in Europe, University of Amsterdam	2025
APSA Dissertation Workshop (European Politics, Citizenship & Migration)	2025
European Social Survey Conference	2024
European Union Studies Association	2023
Washington-Illinois Student Exchange	2022
Illinois European Union Studies Conference	2022

FIELD RESEARCH

Germany: Survey Data Analysis at DIW Berlin	Winter 2025
Belgium and Germany: Interviews with Syrian and Turkish immigrants	Spring 2025
Germany: Pre-dissertation fieldwork	Summer 2023

SKILLS & ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Languages: Korean, English, French (advanced), Russian (intermediate), German (beginner)	
Programming: R, RMarkdown, L ^A T _E X, Python, Tableau, Qualtrics	
BIGSSS Summer Schools in Computational Social Science (Bremen, Germany)	Jul 2023

SERVICE

Reviewer: <i>Political Behavior</i>	
Conference Discussant: MPSA 2026, APSA 2025	
Coordinator: Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Illinois	2022-2023
Program Committee: PRIEC at University of Illinois	2022
Board Member: PSGSA, University of Illinois	2021-2022

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant , University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois (PI: Cara Wong)	2022–2026
Full-Time Researcher , East Asia Institute, Seoul, South Korea	2019–2020
Trainee , European Parliamentary Research Service, Brussels, Belgium	2018
Research Assistant , Korea University, Seoul, South Korea (PI: Nam-Kook Kim)	2017

REFERENCES

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