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## Education

### **Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2016–Present (expected Spring 2022)

### **M.A. Global Affairs and Policy**

Yonsei University, 2016.

### **B.A. in International Studies**

UC San Diego, 2010.

## Research

### *Interests*

International Institutions, Multilateral Agreements, New Democracies, Legitimacy, Ethnic Diversity, Economic Voting, REEE (Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia)

### *Dissertation*

"New Democracies' Participation in Multilateral Agreements: Exploring the effects of democratic legitimacy on international behavior"

**Committee:** Xinyuan Dai (chair), Robert Pahre, Matthew Winters, Nora Webb-Williams

### *In Progress*

"The Mitigating Effect of Ethnic Diversity on Economic Voting: A Cross-National Multilevel Analysis" with Kristin Bail (**under review**).

## Teaching

**Instructor-of-Record**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

PS 100: Introduction to Political Science, Summer 2018 (Online).

PS 241: Comparative Politics in Developing Nations, Summer 2020 (Online).

PS 100: Introduction to Political Science, Fall 2020 (Online).

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

PS 101: Introduction to American Politics and Government, Fall 2016\*.

PS 280: Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2017\*, Fall 2019\*, Spring 2020\*.

PS 495: Senior Honors Seminar, Fall 2017

PS 220: Introduction to Public Policy, Spring 2019.

\* Listed on "Teachers Ranked as Excellent", top 10 percent university-wide

### Other

Political Science Math Camp, "Introduction to R", Summer 2018, Summer 2019.

Academic Coach, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Fall 2017-Spring 2020.

## Fellowships and Awards

**Schroeder Graduate Fellow**, Cline Center for Advanced Social Research, Summer 2019.

**Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow**, Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Center, Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

**Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence**, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2017.

## Other Employment and Experience

**Graduate Student Advisor**, *Illinois in Washington* internship program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2021-present.

**Research Assistant**, Professor Robert Pahre, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2020-present.

**East Asia Foundation Policy Debates Fellow**, 2014-present.

**Research Assistant**, Richard G. and Carole J. Cline Symposium, Topic: "Boots, Bombs, or Bargains: Weighing the Costs and Benefits of US Interventions", Fall 2019.

**Research Assistant**, Professor Tracy Sulkin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2018-Spring 2019.

## Skills

Software and programming: R, RMarkdown, STATA, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, web scraping (with R, HTML, and Java)

Languages: English (native), Russian (proficient), Korean (proficient)

## Service

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Fall 2019-Spring 2020.

Visits Committee Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Spring 2019.

Social Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Fall 2017-Spring 2018.