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- Research Interests Democratic Representation, Political Parties and Elections, Identity Politics, Elite and Voter Behavior, Experimental Methods, Causal Inference, Computational Text Analysis
- Appointments *University of Pittsburgh*, Pittsburgh, PA  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, July 2019–.
- University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Identity and Conflict Lab, 2018–2019.  
Predoctoral Fellow, Identity and Conflict Lab, 2017–2018.
- Education *University of California, Berkeley*, Berkeley, CA  
Ph.D. in Political Science, 2018.  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Behavior, Methodology & Formal Theory  
Committee: Leo Arriola, Ruth Collier, Thad Dunning, Noam Yuchtman
- M.A. in Political Science, 2012.
- Korea University*, Seoul, Korea  
B.A. in Economics (Highest Honors), 2007.
- Book Project *Severed Connections: Intraparty Politics and Representation in Democratic Africa*
- Peer-reviewed Publications [2] Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis. *Forthcoming*. “Parochialism, Social Norms, and Discrimination Against Immigrants”, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
- [1] Chris Krogslund, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Mathias Poertner. 2015. “[Fuzzy Sets on Shaky Ground? Parametric and Specification Sensitivity in fsQCA](#)”, *Political Analysis* 23(1), 21–41.
- Working Papers [9] Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Staffan Lindberg. “The Rejection of Election Results in Africa” (Revise and resubmit at *African Affairs*)
- [8] Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, Justine Davis, Melanie Phillips, Lise Rakner, and Ingvild Skage. “The Business of Politics: Candidate Defection and Party Institutionalization in Africa”

[7] Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Opalo. "Cross-Ethnic Campaign Outreach Triggers Group Threat in Ethnically Divided Societies" (Under review)

[6] Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Matthew Gichohi. "Political Endorsements and Cross-Ethnic Voting in Multi-ethnic Societies" (Under review)

[5] Donghyun Danny Choi. "Party Control of Primary Elections in New Democracies"

[4] Donghyun Danny Choi, Benjamin Laughlin, and Anna Schultz. "Communication Technology and National Identity: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa"

[3] Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Opalo. "Accountability Under Devolved Government: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Kenya"

[2] Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, David Dow, and Matthew Gichohi. "Competitive Elections and Public Goods Distribution in Africa"

[1] Donghyun Danny Choi. "Congruence or Disconnect? Local Issue Priorities and Public Spending in Kenya"

#### In Progress

[4] "Ethnic Bias in Criminal Sentencing: Evidence from Kenya" (with J. Andrew Harris and Fiona Shen-Bayh)

[3] "The Political Logic of Judicial Appointments in Africa" (with Fiona Shen-Bayh)

[2] "Temperature and Ingroup Bias" (with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)

[1] "Feminist Backlash to Political Islam: Evidence from Social Encounters in the Field" (with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)

#### Fellowships and Awards

Dean's Completion Fellowship (\$21,000), Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley, 2016–17.

African Studies Fellowship (\$1,500), Center for African Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2016–17.

Rocca Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000), Center for African Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2015–2016.

John L. Simpson Memorial Fellowship (\$12,000), Institute for International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2015–2016.

Graduate Division Fellowship (\$15,000), Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley, 2011–2016.

Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$217,350), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies, 2011–2016.

Conferences & Presentations      \*=Invited talks

[2019] SPSA, MPSA, APSA (scheduled)

[2018] MIT (CTSN 3 Workshop),\* ERF Workshop (Casablanca, Morocco),\* University of Pittsburgh (Department of Political Science),\* Yale University (Department of Political Science),\* University of Florida (Department of Political Science),\*, New York University Abu Dhabi (Social Science Division),\* APSA, MPSA

[2017] APSA, EPSA, ASA (African Studies Association)

[2016] Stanford University (WGAPPE), New York University Abu Dhabi (WESSI), NYU Florence (WESSI Workshop),\* APSA, MPSA

Teaching

PS1381 Comparative Politics Capstone, University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2019.

PS1352 Introduction to African Politics, University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2019.

Graduate Student Instructor, PS2 Introduction to Comparative Politics, UC Berkeley.

Graduate Student Instructor, PS149A African Politics, UC Berkeley.

Professional Service

*Reviewer:* American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Public Choice.

Fieldwork

Kenya: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (24 months)

Zambia: 2015, 2016 (4 months)

Germany: 2018 (1 month)

References

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