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Academic Appointments

2019–Present	Assistant Professor, Adelphi University
2022–2023	Howard J. Samuels State and City Policy Center Fellow, Austin W. Marx School of Public and International Affairs, Baruch College, The City University of New York
2022	Director of International Relations, Adelphi University
2019	Research Coordinator, Inequality and Policy Research Center
2018	Adjunct, Claremont Graduate University
2016–2018	Adjunct, Azusa Pacific University, California State University, Long Beach & Dominguez Hills
2017	Post-doctoral Research Associate, Claremont Institute for Economic Policy Studies

Education

2016	Ph.D. in Political Science, Claremont Graduate University, CA
2008	M.A. in Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, PA
2004	M.A. in International Relations, University of Chicago, IL
2003	M.A. in Religion (with Ethics Concentration), Yale University, CT
2000	B.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Summer Institutes

2024	Bayesian Thinking in STEM - Instructor Training Bootcamp, Vassar College, NY
2021	IBM Data Science Practitioner - Instructor Certificate, Adelphi University, NY
2014	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Institute - Classes, University of Houston, TX
2006	Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research - Classes, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Peer Review Journal Articles

- Lee, Dong Wook and Melissa Rogers. (2025). “Vote Your Region or Your Income? Decomposing Variance in Redistributive Voting.” *Territory, Politics, Governance*. [Latest Articles]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21622671.2025.2474527>.
- Lee, Dong Wook, Melissa Rogers, and Hillel Soifer. (2025). “The Modifiable Areal Unit Problem in Political Science.” *Political Analysis*, 33(4): 412-424.
- Ha, Eunyong and Dong Wook Lee. (2022). “Partisanship, Fiscal Transfers, and Social Spending in Korea: The Politics of Partial Decentralization.” *Journal of East Asian Studies*, 22(2): 171-200.
- Lee, Dong Wook and Melissa Rogers. (2019). “Measuring Geographic Distribution for Political Research.” *Political Analysis*, 27(3): 263-280.
- Lee, Dong Wook and Melisa Rogers. (2019). “Inter-regional Inequality and the Dynamics of Government Spending.” *Journal of Politics*, 81(2): 487-504.
- Ha, Eunyong, Dong Wook Lee, and Puspa Amri. (2014). “Trade and Welfare Compensation: The Missing Links.” *International Interactions*, 40(5): 631-656.
- Dar, Luciana and Dong Wook Lee. (2014). “Partisanship, Political Polarization, and State Higher Education Budget Outcomes.” *Journal of Higher Education*, 85(4): 469-498.

Book Chapter

Alemán, José, **Dong Wook Lee**, and Dwayne Woods. (2023). “[States of Emergency: In Whose Interest Are They Invoked?](#)” In Segell, Glen. (Ed.), *Globalization, Security, Development and Global Values: Essays in Honor of Arno Tausch*. Switzerland: Springer, 157-185.

Papers Under Review

Alemán, José and **Dong Wook Lee**. “Regime Features, Regime Types, and Repertoires of Authoritarian Repression.” First-time submission (in July 2025) to *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

Alemán, José and **Dong Wook Lee**. “It is Time to Revisit the External Determinants of State Terror.” First-time submission (in August 2025) to the *Journal of Human Rights*.

Rodriguez, Javier, **Dong Wook Lee**, Soha Hammam, Melissa Rogers, and Sandra Garcia. “Geographic Thresholds for Reliable Inference in Policy-Relevant Spatial Units: A Case Study on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia.” First-time submission (in September 2025) to the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

Selected Working Papers

“Class, Place, and Interregional Economic Inequality in Chinese Fairness Perceptions.” (with Xian Huang and Cai Zuo).

“Economic Inequality, Mass-Elite Communication, and Political Polarization in South Korea” (with Eunyoung Ha).

“Political Parties and the Geography of Economic Preference” (with Melissa Rodgers and Giacomo Di Pasquale).

“Equality or Equity? Evidence from the Geographic Dispersion of COVID-19 Vaccination in Long Island” (with Susan Kilgore and Sekwen Kim).

“Fair Inequality or Unfair Equality: Distributive Fairness and Redistribution Preference in China” (with Xian Huang).

External Research Awards

Total External Research Grants = \$74,127

2022-2023	Research Grant (\$8,670) on State and Local Policies in New York. Funded by the Samuels Center at Baruch College’s Austin W. Marx School of Public and International Affairs. • Title: “Equality or Equity? Evidence from the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in Long Island.” • Lead PI: Dong Wook Lee; Co-PIs: Susan Kilgore and Se Kwen Kim.
2021-2022	The National Institute of Aging pilot award (GR20038, \$65,457). • Title: “Fitting the Geographic Distribution of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia to Political Divisions for Health Policy Effectiveness: A Modifiable Areal Unit Problem Approach” – Administrative Supplement Report to Parent “Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21st Century America (#2424AG045061).” • Lead PI: Javier M. Rodriguez, Co-PIs: Dong Wook Lee, Sandra P. Garcia, and Melissa Rodgers.

Internal Research Awards at Adelphi University

Total Internal Research Grants = \$4,200

2021-2022	Adelphi Faculty Development Grant (\$2,700) • Proposal Title: “Equality or Equity? Evidence from the Geographic Dispersion
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	of COVID-19 Testing Sites in Long Island”
	• Lead PI: Dong Wook Lee; Co-PI: Susan Kilgore.
2020-2021	Adelphi Faculty Development Grant (\$1,500) • Proposal Title: “Linking Wage Inequality and Media Environment to Local Attitudes Toward Latinos” • PI: Dong Wook Lee.
2019-2024	Faculty Research/Creative Activity Releases Fall of 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019.

Other Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2024	Outstanding Mentor Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Adelphi University, NY.
2023	Training stipend for the first-tier program of Bayesian Thinking in STEM funded by NSF, Vassar College, NY (\$2,000).
2022	American Political Science Association Conference Travel Grant (\$200).
2014-2015	Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, Claremont Graduate University, CA (\$10,000).
2014	Training Stipend for Empirical Implication of Theoretical Model funded by NSF, University of Houston, TX (\$2,000).
2014	Research Conference Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, VA (\$350).
2012-2013	Graduate Student Council Travel Award, Claremont Graduate University, CA (2x\$350).
2009-2016	Teaching and Research Assistant Fellowship, Department of Politics and Policy, Claremont Graduate University, CA.
2009-2011	Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University, CA.
2005-2008	College of Liberal Arts Scholar Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University, PA.
2002	Two Brothers Fellowship for Language Training in German, Yale Divinity School, CT.
2001-2002	Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Department of East Asian Language and Literature, Yale University, CT.

Invited Research Talk (with Adelphi Affiliation)

June 2025	<u>Webinar Talk</u> • China Studies Centre, University of Sydney, Australia • Title: “Class, Place, and Interregional Economic Inequality in Chinese Fairness Perceptions” (with Xian Huang and Cai Zuo).
Dec. 2023	<u>The Forum on American Politics and the Brown Bag Lunch Series</u> • Department of Political Science, Fordham University, NY. • Title: “Autocracy and Repression: Regime Features, Regime Types, and Repertoires of Repression” (with José Alemán).
Dec. 2022	Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston, TX. • Title: “Vote Your Region or Your Income? Decomposing Variance in Redistributive Voting” (with Melissa Rogers).
Sept. 2022	<u>IR & CP Workshop Series</u> • Center for International Studies, University of Southern California, CA. • Title: “Vote Your Region or Your Income? Decomposing Variance in Redistributive Voting” (with Melissa Rogers).
May. 2022	Book Workshop, Princeton University, NJ.

Feb. 2022	<u>Webinar Talk</u> • Department of Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA. • Title: “Vote Your Region or Your Income? Decomposing Variance in Redistributive Voting” (with Melissa Rogers).
Sept. 2020	<u>Tuesday Talk Series</u> • Division of Politics and Economics, Claremont Graduate University, CA. • Title: “The Modified Areal Unit Problem in Political Science” (with Melissa Rogers and Hillel Soifer).
Feb. 2020	<u>Comparative Politics Workshop</u> • London School of Economics, London, UK. • Title: “Vote Your Region or Your Income? Decomposing Variance in Redistributive Voting” (with Melissa Rogers).
Nov. 2019	<u>International Relations: Spotlight on Asia (Panelist)</u> • College of Arts and Sciences, Adelphi University, NY. • Title: “Partisan Politics and Redistributive Policies in South Korea.”

Conference Paper Presentations (with Adelphi Affiliation)

APSA: American Political Science Association

MPSA: Midwest Political Science Association

IPSA: International Political Science Association

2025	Annual APSA Conference, Sept. 11-14, Virtual. • “Class, Place and Interregional Economic Inequality in Chinese Fairness Perceptions” (with Xian Huang and Cai Zuo) The 28th IPSA World Congress of Political Science Conference, July 12-16, Seoul, South Korea. • “Mass-Elite Communication and Political Polarization in South Korea” (with Eunyoung Ha). Annual MPSA Conference, April 3-6, Chicago, IL. • “Class, Place, and Interregional Economic Inequality in Chinese Fairness Perceptions” (with Xian Huang and Cai Zuo). • “It’s Time to Revisit the External Determinants of State Terror” (with José Alemán).
2024	Annual APSA Conference, Sept. 5-8, Philadelphia, PA. • “Interregional Inequality, (Un)Fairness Perception and Attribution in China” (with Xian Huang). • “Autocratic Regime Features, Regime Types, and Repertoires of Repression” (with José Alemán). Korea Inequality Research Lab International Conference, Aug. 19-20, Seoul, South Korea. • “Interregional Inequality, (Un)Fairness Perception and Attribution in China” (with Xian Huang). Annual MPSA Conference, April 4-7, Chicago, IL. • “Political Parties and the Geography of Economic Preferences” (with Melissa Rogers). • “Autocracy and Repression: Regime Features, Regime Types, and Repertoires of Repression” (with José Alemán). • “Equality or Equity? Evidence from the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in Long Island” (with Susan Kilgore and Sekwen Kim).

2023	Annual APSA Conference, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, Los Angeles, CA. • “Demonstration or Learning? The External Determinants of State Terrorism” (with José Alemán). • “Political Parties and the Geography of Economic Preferences” (with Melissa Rogers). Annual MPSA Conference, April 13-16, Chicago, IL. • “Similarity or Proximity? The International Diffusion of Extrajudicial Repression” (with José Alemán). • “Equality or Equity? Evidence from the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in Long Island” (with Susan Kilgore and Sekwen Kim).
2022	The 11th World Congress of Korean Studies, Oct. 19-21, Seongnam, South Korea • “Economic Inequality, Mass-Elite Communication, and Political Polarization in South Korea” (with Eunyoung Ha). Annual APSA Conference, Sept. 15-18, Montréal, Canada. • “Political Parties and Regional Economic Polarization” (with Melissa Rogers). Annual MPSA Conference, April 7-10, Chicago, IL. • “Leftist Government and Currency Crisis in Emerging Market” (with Eunyoung Ha). • “Authoritarian Politics: Modeling Continuity and Change in the Extent that Autocracies Tolerate Opposition” (with José Alemán). • “Voting Your Pocketbook or Voting Your Place? Decomposing Variance in Voting” (with Melissa Rogers). In_equality Conference, April 6-8, Konstanz, Germany. • “Voting Your Region or Voting Your Income? Decomposing Variance in Redistributive Voting” (with Melissa Rogers).
2021	Annual APSA Conference, Sept. 30-Oct. 3, Seattle, WA. • “Voting Your Pocketbook or Voting Your Place? Decomposing Variance in Economic Voting” (with Melissa Rogers).
2020	Annual APSA Conference, Sept. 10-13, Virtual. • “Voting Your Pocketbook or Voting Your Place? Decomposing Variance in Voting” (with Melissa Rogers). • “The Modifiable Areal Unit Problem in Political Science” (with Melissa Rogers and Hillel Soifer).

Other Conference Participation (with Adelphi Affiliation)

APSA: American Political Science Association

2022	Annual APSA Conference, Sept. 15-18, Montréal, Canada. • Session Discussant: Political Economy of Asia (Division 11: Comparative Politics).
2020	Annual APSA Conference, Sept. 10-13, Virtual. • Session Chair & Discussant: Elections in the Land of Rising Inequality (Division 36: Elections and Voting Behavior).

Community Exhibition and Media Participation

2020	Inequality and Policy Research Center, How-To Series “Measure Inequality” Webinar (https://www.youtube.com/embed/rqrar28CBq4).
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2019	Exhibition of Scholarly and Artistic Works, Adelphi University. • Showcase (Journal Article): Measuring Geographic Distribution for Political Research.
2019	Inequality and Policy Research Center Webinar (https://youtu.be/PFpq9bqQn5Q).

Memberships in Professional Societies

2019-Present	Inequality and Policy Research Center, Institute for Democratic Renewal (Research Associate).
2014-Present	Association of Korean Political Studies (General Member).
2013-Present	American Political Science Association (General Member, Class and Inequality Section).
2010-Present	Midwest Political Science Association (General Member).
2013-2019	Southern California Comparative Political Institutions (General Member).
2010-2014	International Studies Association (General Member).

Service to the Profession

Department Level (Political Science and International Relations):

Committee	The Hugh A. Wilson Award Committee for Social and Economic Justice. • Spring 2025 (Chair: Dong Wook Lee) • Responsibility: Selecting student applicants who demonstrate excellence in serving the public interest, supporting traditionally vulnerable groups, and promoting social and economic equality. The application review process includes evaluating resumes, cover letters, and letters of recommendation. Student Opportunity Committee. • Fall 2023 – Present (Chair: Maggie Gray). • Responsibility: Developing Internship Programs / Global Immersion Experiences (for Political Science and International Relations Majors). Search Committee for a Tenure-track Position in Public Policy. • Spring 2022 (Chair: Traci Levy). • Responsibility: Representing as the Diversity Advocate, Reviewing Applications, and Attending Job Interviews. The Best Political Science Paper Awards Committee. • Spring 2022 (Chair: Regina Axelrod). • Spring of 2021, 2020 (Chair: Maggie Gray). • Responsibility: Selecting the Best Senior Seminar Paper.
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School Level (College of Arts and Sciences):

LGS (Levermore Global Scholars), IS (International Studies)

Committee	Political Science Liaison to LGS. • Fall 2023 – Spring 2024 (Director: Susan Briziarelli). • Responsibility: Attending LGS Faculty Meetings and International Relations Majors (also in LGS) Advising. BA degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. • Fall 2021 – Spring 2023 (Chair: Micah Oelze). • Responsibility: Course Planning and Advising. • Student: Heran Wang (History and Political Science). College of Arts and Sciences Academic Affairs Committee. • Fall 2020 – Fall 2022 (Chair: Ryan Ehrhart).
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	• Responsibility: Reviewing New Course Proposals, New Majors/Minors, and Program Changes.
	IS Faculty Committee. • Fall 2019 – Spring 2022 (Chair: Jonathan Hiller). • Responsibility: Decision-making Body for IS Courses. Student Advising ack). (Political Science Track).
Directorship	Interim Director of International Relations Program. • Fall 2022. • Responsibility: Course Planning and Majors Advising.
Faculty Affiliation	LGS Affiliated Faculty. • Spring 2025 – Present (Director: Susan Briziarelli). • Responsibility: Teach in the LGS Courses, Attend LGS General Faculty Meetings, and Participate in LGS Activities. Asian Studies Program Affiliated Faculty. • Spring 2022 – Present (Director: Kirsten Ziomek). • Responsibility: Helping Support for the Minor Program, Its Events, and Students.
Language Assessor	Korean Language Proficiency Testing as Requested by IS (Director Jonathan Hiller) and LGS (Director: Susan Briziarelli). • Fall of 2024, 2023. • Responsibility: Test Administration and Reporting.
Guest Lecturer	Interdisciplinary 360 Food for Thought (Anthropology: Kathryn Krasinski) • Date: October 28, 2021. • Title: “Food as a Measurement in Social Science Inquiries.”

University Level (at Adelphi):

LGS (Levermore Global Scholars)

POLIR (Political Science and International Relations)

Committee	Research/Creative Works Day Committee. • Fall 2024- Present (Co-chairs: Wei Liu and Karolina Lempert). • Responsibility: Program Planning and Moderating the Student Presentations.
Recruiter	Representing the POLIR Department at the University’s Accepted Student Day Event. • Dates: May 11, Mar. 7 (2024), May 11 (2023), Nov. 19 (2022), Oct. 24, Mar. 7 (2021), Oct. 17, April 4 (2020).
Event Organizer & Moderator	Adelphi University Talk Series. • Date: March 5, 2024. • Speaker: Vincent Wang. • Organizer: Dong Wook Lee (Moderator) • Title: “The Taiwan (ROC) and Mainland China (PRC) Relationship: Its Past, Present, and Future.” • Sponsored by POLIR.
Panelist	Adelphi University Talk Series. • Date: March 13, 2024. • Co-panelists: Dong Wook Lee and Robert Saunders. • Title: “The Second Anniversary of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine.”

- Co-sponsored by LGS and POLIR.
- Adelphi University Talk Series.
- Date: November 18, 2019.
 - Co-panelists: Dong Wook Lee, Hanna Kim, Jonathan Cristol, Rajib Sanyal, and Vincent Wang.
 - Title: “International Relations: Spotlight on Asia.”
 - Sponsored by LGS.

Professional Level:

Journal Reviewer	<i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> • Manuscript (2025) #: PSRM-2025-0274 <i>American Political Science Review</i> • Manuscript (2023) #: APSR-D-23-01254 <i>Journal of Politics</i> • Manuscript (2021) #: 201119R1 • Manuscript (2020) #: 201119 <i>Political Analysis</i> • Manuscript (2020) #: PA-2019-168 <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> • Manuscript (2017) #: BJPOLS-D-17-00464 <i>International Journal of Comparative Sociology</i> • Manuscript (2017) #: IJCS-16-0012.R2
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Teaching Experience

FA (Fall), SP (Spring), x(times)

Adelphi University, NY (Undergraduate Courses)

Required	Comparative Political Analysis (POL 260 / LGS 330). • Taught (5x): SP25, SP24, SP22, SP21, & FA19. Research Design and Methods (POL 246). • Taught (6x): SP25, SP24, SP23, SP22, SP21, & SP20.
Electives	International Politics of East and Southeast Asia (POL 382/LGS 330). • Taught (3x): FA24, FA22, & FA20. S/T: Political Economy of Inequality (POL 270/LGS 330, LGS 190). • Taught (3x): FA24, FA21, & FA20. International Political Economy (POL 385/LGS 330). • Taught (4x): SUMMER25, FA23, SP22, & FA20. Government Design around the World (POL 373/LGS 390). • Taught (3x): FA23, FA21, & SP20. The Politics of Developing Nations (POL 366/LGS 330). • Taught (4x): SP24, FA22, SP21, & FA19. Independent Study: Data Training in Political Science (POL 490). • Taught (5x): SP24 & FA23. Independent Study: Advanced Data Training in Political Science (POL 490). • Taught (1x): SP24. Direct Readings: The European Union (POL 491). • Taught (1x): FA23. Internship in Political Science: The European Union Delegation (POL 492).

- Taught (1x): FA23.
- Guided Research Thesis (POL 495).
- Taught (2x): SP21& SP20.

Claremont Graduate University, CA (Graduate Courses)

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| Electives | Comparative Political Institution (SPE 351). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught (1x): FA18. Computer Application for Social Science Research (SPE 485). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught (2x): FA14 & SP13. |
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Azusa Pacific University, CA (Undergraduate Course)

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| Required | Comparative Political Systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught (3x): FA18, SP17, & FA16. |
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California State University, Long Beach, CA (Undergraduate Course)

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| Required | Scope and Methods of Political Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught (3x): FA17, SP17, & FA16 |
| Elective | International Political Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught (3x): FA18, FA17, & SP17. |

California State University, Dominguez Hills, CA (Undergraduate Course).

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| Required | International Politics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught (1x): SP18. Quantitative Methods of Political Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught (1x): SP18 |
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Student Advising (Non-teaching Workload at Adelphi)

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| Fall 2025 | Faculty Adviser to 16 Students (4 for Political Science Major, 9 for International Relations Major, 3 for Political Science Minor).

<u>Previous terms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2024 (21 Students) • Spring 2024 (24 Students) • Spring 2023 (27 Students) • Spring 2022 (26 Students) • Spring 2021 (23 Students) • Spring 2020 (7 Students) |
| Spring 2024 | Honors College Thesis Defense Committee, Reader (Student: Ryan Hugh). |
| Fall 2023 | Internship in Political Science: EU Delegation to the United Nations, Faculty Adviser (Student: Jasmine Aldazabal). |
| Spring 2023 | Senior Capstone Defense Committee, Reader (Student: Eran Wang). |
| Spring 2022 | Honors College Thesis Defense Committee, Reader (Student: William Smith Jr, Isabella Andrade). |
| Summer 2021 | Senior Capstone Adviser (Student: Sofia Shchukina). |
| Spring 2020 | Senior Capstone Adviser (Student: Joseline Guaman). |

Software Skills

R, STATA, Tableau, QDAMiner (Text Analysis), WordStat (Text Analysis), and Social Explorer (Mapping).

Curriculum vitae last updated on October 14, 2025