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- EDUCATION**
- Ph.D.**, Political Science, **University of Chicago** expected June 2012
Field exams: American Politics and Comparative Politics
- M.A.**, Political Science, **University of Chicago** 2006
M.A. Thesis Title: "Redefining Governance under Regional Economic Disparity: Central and Local Governmental Relations in China"
- B.A.**, **Ewha Womans University** 2004
English Language and Literature and Political Science
Summa Cum Laude, Graduated with Highest Distinction
- Smith College** 2001-2002
Dean's List, Visiting Student in Government

- DISSERTATION** "Rethinking the Institutional Basis of Urban Development: Hurricane Katrina Recovery Efforts in New Orleans"

How are urban inequalities produced, reproduced and maintained? What explains the intra-city disparity in urban development outcomes, and to what extent is community context associated with the uneven life chances of urban residents? This dissertation addresses these questions by focusing on the relationship between community-based resources on the one hand, and urban development and policy outcomes on the other. I argue that patterns of social organization and participation at the community level serve to explain the variation in urban inequalities and should be integrated as part of the institutional basis for urban development. Using post-Katrina New Orleans as a laboratory case, I conduct a series of empirical analyses that explore various dimensions of city-wide urban redevelopment efforts after the disaster: Employing a GIS-based spatial econometric method, the first essay shows how the presence of pre-Katrina community social organizations contributes to post-Katrina repopulation. In the second essay, I show that urban residents' political participation is positively related with the expedient and extensive delivery of urban services. Finally, drawing on archival data and interviews with city officials, community organizers and residents, the third essay offers qualitative evidence on the ways in which community organizations engage in redevelopment initiatives. Through these empirical investigations, I attempt to bring communities back to the urban politics literature as a potential force to mitigate the negative effects of urban inequality. Furthermore, these findings call into question the validity of individual-based urban policies and suggest strengthening the institutional basis of urban communities.

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**PUBLISHED
ARTICLES**

"Saving Public Education: Book Review of 'Saving Schools: From Horace Mann to Virtual Learning'", 2011. *State and Local Government Review*, Vol 43. 72-76.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Power of Participation: Explaining the Building Permits Explosion in Post-Katrina New Orleans,” invited to revise and resubmit at *Urban Affairs Review*.

“Local Organizations and Urban Development: A Spatial Analysis of Hurricane Katrina Recovery in New Orleans”, under review.

“Invisible Government and the Rise of Community Activism in Post-Katrina New Orleans: A Case Study of Two Neighborhoods,” manuscript in preparation.

“Urban Inequality and Disaster Response: A Comparative Study of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and Hanshin Earthquake in Kobe, Japan,” manuscript in preparation.

AWARDS & HONORS

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation	2009-2010
Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago	2009
Departmental Pre-Doctoral Research Grant, University of Chicago	2008
Clark and Wilson Award for Summer Research, University of Chicago	2007
Conference Travel Grant, University of Hawaii at Manoa	2006
21st Leader’s Graduate Study Fellowship, Ewha Woman’s University	2004-2009
Dean’s List, Smith College	2002
Undergraduate Study Abroad Fellowship, Ewha Woman’s University	2001-2002
Language Training Travel Grant, Ewha Woman’s University	2000
21st Leader’s Undergraduate Study Fellowship, Ewha Woman’s University	1999-2004

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM)	
Arizona State University	2008
Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)	
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor	2007
Intensive Chinese Language Program	
Beijing Language and Culture University, China	2001

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<i>BA Colloquium Preceptor</i> , University of Chicago	2011-2012
<i>Instructor</i> , University of Chicago	
Social Capital and American Civil Society	Autumn 2009
Social Science Inquiry III	Spring 2009
<i>Teaching Intern</i> , College of Social Sciences, University of Chicago	
Democracy and Social Science II (Yang Yang)	Winter 2008
Democracy and Social Science I (John Mark Hansen)	Autumn 2007
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Department of Political Science, University of Chicago	
Japanese Politics (Bernard Silberman)	Autumn 2006, 2008, 2010
American Political Parties (Jeff Grynviski)	Winter 2009
Electoral Politics in America (John Mark Hansen)	Autumn 2008
Public Opinion (John Brehm)	Winter 2008
Organizations, Ideology, and Change (Bernard Silberman)	Autumn 2007

**RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

Survey Interviewer, University of Chicago Winter 2007
Korean-American Family Project, School of Social Service Administration

Research Assistant for

Jeff Grynaviski, **University of Chicago** 2006-2008
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Research Intern, Korean Commission for UNESCO Winter 2003

**PRESENTA-
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“The Power of Participation: Explaining the Building Permits Explosion in Post-Katrina New Orleans,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA 2011

“Rethinking the Social Basis of Urban Development: A Spatial Analysis of Post-Katrina Recovery Efforts in New Orleans”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV 2011

“The Power of Participation: Explaining the Building Permits Explosion in Post-Katrina New Orleans,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL 2011

“Rethinking the Social Basis of Urban Development: A Spatial Analysis of Post-Katrina Recovery Efforts in New Orleans”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL 2011

“Rethinking the Social Basis of Urban Development: A Spatial Analysis of Post-Katrina Recovery Efforts in New Orleans”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC 2010

“Segregation Matters, and So Does Integration: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of Hurricane Katrina Recovery in New Orleans”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON 2009

“Segregation Matters, and So Does Integration: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of Hurricane Katrina Recovery in New Orleans”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL 2009

“A Tale of Two Cities: Natural Disaster and Recovery in Kobe, Japan and New Orleans, US”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD 2009

“Research Proposal: A Tale of Two Cities: Natural Disaster and Recovery in Kobe, Japan and New Orleans, US”, Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods, Tempe, AZ 2008

“Redefining Governance under Regional Economic Disparity: Central and Local Governmental Relations in China”, East-West International Graduate Student Conference, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu, HI 2006

**COMPUTER
SKILLS**

R, WinBUGS, STATA, SPSS, ArcGIS

SERVICE

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