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## Education

Ph. D. Harvard University, Sociology  
M.A. Seoul National University, Sociology  
B.A. Seoul National University, Sociology

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## Positions Held

2025- Professor, Department of Sociology  
Washington University in St. Louis  
2018-2025 Professor, Department of Sociology  
2016-2019 Associate Chair, Department of Sociology  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2016-2018 Vilas Associate Professor, Department of Sociology  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2014-2018 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2008-2014 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2015 Visiting Fellow, the Nuffield College, University of Oxford  
2011-2012 Visiting Fellow, The Saguaro Seminar: Civic Engagement in America  
Harvard Kennedy School of Government  
2007-2008 Postdoctoral Fellow, The Saguaro Seminar: Civic Engagement in America  
Harvard Kennedy School of Government

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## Major Research Interests

Civic engagement; Sociology of religion; Social networks; Social movements; Political sociology; Public opinion; Subjective well-being; Sociology of culture

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## Research Support

2023-2024 University of Wisconsin-Madison Fall Competition Award (PI) "Do We Even Disagree the Same? (A)symmetries in the Opinions of U.S. Liberals and Conservatives" (\$43,924)

2022-2024	The National Science Foundation. (Co-PI) “Comparing Coverage of Black Protests in Mainstream Newswires and Black Newspapers” (\$313,805)
2022-2023	University of Wisconsin-Madison Fall Competition Award (PI) “Tracking Social and Cultural Changes under the Compressed Modernity: Changing Attitudes and Behavior in South Korea in 1987 – 2022” (\$41,650)
2021-2022	University of Wisconsin-Madison Fall Competition Award (PI) “Analyzing Coverage by Mainstream and Black News Sources of Black Protest Events 1994 – 2020” (\$41,333)
2019-2021	The National Science Foundation. (Co-PI) “Generating High-Quality Verifiable Relational Data About News Coverage of Social Movement Events” (\$389,999)
2018-2021	Vilas Mid-Career Award
2016-2018	Vilas Associate Award
2014-2015	The National Science Foundation. (Co-PI) “Constructing and Validating an Automated Coding System for Electronic News Sources” (\$343,374)
2013-2014	University of Wisconsin-Madison Fall Competition Award (\$30,689)
2012	The National Conference on Citizenship (\$5,000)
2012	The National Conference on Citizenship (via Harvard Kennedy School) (\$15,698)
2011-2012	University of Manchester (via Harvard Kennedy School) (\$56,302)
2011	The Corporation for National Service (via Harvard Kennedy School) (\$22,433)
2011-2012	University of Wisconsin-Madison Fall Competition Award (\$22,320)
2010	The Corporation for National Service (via Harvard Kennedy School) (\$21,674)
2009-2010	University of Wisconsin-Madison Fall Competition Award (\$4,250)

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### **Special Honors and Awards**

2025	The 2025 Best Article Award of the American Sociological Association section on altruism, morality and social solidarity
2023	The Departmental Citation for Excellence in Teaching (University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology)
2018-2021	Vilas Mid-career Award
2016-2018	Vilas Associate Award
2013	The 2013 Distinguished Article Award of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2013	The 2013 Best Article Award of the American Sociological Association section on altruism, morality and social solidarity
2011	The 2011 Distinguished Article Award of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion’s

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### **Publications**

### ***Peer-Reviewed publications***

#### *Books*

Do-hyun Han, Chaeyoon Lim, and Dong-Kyun Im. 2024. *Social Psychology of Reciprocity and Cooperation: Survey Analysis*. Academy of Korean Studies Press (in Korean)

#### *Peer-reviewed journal articles*

Lim, Chaeyoon, and Dong-Kyun Im. 2025. "A Little Island Paradise? Exploring Heterogeneity in the Link between Solo Living and Loneliness in South Korea." *Asian Journal of Sociology* (forthcoming)

Lim, Chaeyoon, Yoonyoung Na, Hyeona Park, Dong-Kyun Im. 2024. "Not All Friends Are Created Equal: Friendship Ties across Different Social Contexts in South Korea." *Social Networks* 78: 212-225.

Lim, Chaeyoon, and Dingeman Wiertz. 2024. "Civic Lessons that Last? Religious Involvement and Civic Engagement on the Way to the Adulthood." *American Sociological Review* 89(4): 684-707<sup>+</sup>

<sup>+</sup>This article won the Best Article Award of the ASA section on altruism, morality and social solidarity and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's annual Distinguished Article Award in 2013.

Oliver, Pamela, Alex Hanna, and Chaeyoon Lim. 2023. "Constructing Relational and Verifiable Protest Event Data: Four Challenges and Some Solutions" *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 28(1): 1-22.

Oliver, Pamela, Chaeyoon Lim, Morgan Matthews, and Alex Hanna. 2022. "Black Protests in the United States, 1994 to 2010." *Sociological Science* 9: 275-312.

Wiertz, Dingeman, and Chaeyoon Lim. 2021. "The Rise of the Nones across the United States 1973-2018: State-level Trends of Religious Affiliation and Participation in the General Social Survey." *Sociological Science* 8: 429-454

Lim, Chaeyoon, Dong-Kyun Im, and Sumin Lee. 2021. "Revisiting the 'Trust Radius' Question: Individualism, Collectivism, and Trust Radius in South Korea." *Social Indicators Research* 153(1): 149-171.

Lim, Chaeyoon, and Nan Dirk de Graaf. 2021. "Religious Diversity Reconsidered: Local Religious Contexts and Individual Religiosity." *Sociology of Religion* 82(1) 31-62.

Kim, Jae-Woo, Chaeyoon Lim, and Christina Falci. 2020. "Subjective social class, perceived quality of social relationships, and happiness: A case of mediation and moderation across gender." *International Sociology* 35(3): 312-335.

- Kim, Harris, and Chaeyoon Lim. 2019. "From Virtual Space to Public Space: The Role of Cyberactivism in Protest Participation during the Arab Spring." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 60 (6), 409-434
- Pape, Madeline, and Chaeyoon Lim. 2019 "Beyond the 'Usual Suspects?' Reimagining Democracy with Participatory Budgeting in Chicago." *Sociological Forum* 34(4), 861-882
- Lim, Chaeyoon\*, and Dingeman Wiertz\*. 2019 "The Civic Footprints of Labor Market Integration: Longitudinal Evidence from the United States, 2002-2015." *Social Forces* 97(4), 1757-1784  
\* Equal contribution
- Lim, Chaeyoon. 2016. "Religion, Time Use, and Affective Well-Being." *Sociological Science* 3: 685-709
- Lim, Chaeyoon. 2015. "Religion and Subjective Well-being across Religious Traditions: Evidence from 1.3 Million Americans." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 54: 684-701
- Lim, Chaeyoon, and James Laurence. 2015. "Doing Good When Times Are Bad: Volunteering Behavior in Economic Hard Times." *British Journal of Sociology*.
- Young, Cristobal, and Chaeyoon Lim. 2014. "Time as a Network Good: Evidence from Unemployment and the Standard Workweek" *Sociological Science* 1: 10-27.
- Lim, Chaeyoon, and Thomas Sander. 2013. "Does Misery Love Company? Civic Engagement in Economic Hard Times." *Social Science Research* 42: 14-30
- Lim, Chaeyoon. 2013. "Counting the Faithful: Measuring Local Religious Contexts in the U.S." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 52: 386-400
- Lim, Chaeyoon, and Carol Ann MacGregor. 2012. "Religion and Volunteering in Context: Disentangling the Contextual Effects of Religion on Voluntary Behavior." *American Sociological Review* 77: 747-779 <sup>++</sup>
- <sup>++</sup>This article won the Best Article Award of the ASA section on altruism, morality and social solidarity and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's annual Distinguished Article Award in 2013.
- Han, Hahrie, Kenneth T. Andrews, Marshall Ganz, Matthew Baggetta, and Chaeyoon Lim. 2011. "The Relationship of Leadership Quality to the Political Presence of Civic Associations." *Perspectives on Politics*. 9 (1): 45-59

Lim, Chaeyoon, Carol Ann McGregor, Robert D. Putnam. 2010. "Secular and Liminal: Discovering Heterogeneity among Religious Nones." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 49 (4): 596-618<sup>+++</sup>

<sup>+++</sup>This article won the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's annual Distinguished Article Award in 2011.

Lim, Chaeyoon, and Robert D. Putnam. 2010. "Religion, Social Networks, and Subjective Well-Being." *American Sociological Review*. 75 (6): 914-933<sup>++++</sup>

<sup>++++</sup>This article was featured in *Time*, *USA Today*, *U.S. News*, *Washington Post*, *CNN* and other numerous news media.

Lim, Chaeyoon. 2010. "Mobilizing on the Margin: How Does Interpersonal Recruitment Affect Citizen Participation in Politics." *Social Science Research*. 39 (2): 341-355

Andrews, Kenneth T., Marshall Ganz, Hahrie Han, Matthew Baggetta, and Chaeyoon Lim. 2009. "Leadership, Membership, and Voice: Civic Associations That Work." *American Journal of Sociology*. 115(4): 1191-1242.

Lim, Chaeyoon. 2008. "Social Networks and Political Participation: How Do Networks Matter?" *Social Forces* 82(2): 961-981

***Other publications:***

Oliver, Pamel, Chaeyoon Lim, Anna Milewski. 2025. "Process Analysis in News Accounts of Protest Episode," in *Process of Collective Action*. Lorenzo Bosi and Stefan Malhaner (editors). Temple University Press (forthcoming)

Wiertz, Dingeman, and Chaeyoon Lim. 2024. "Joblessness, Economic Dislocation, and Civic Withdrawal," in *Handbook on Unemployment and Society*. V. T. Chen, S. Pultz, and O. Sharone (editors). Edward Elgar Publishing (forthcoming)

Lim, Chaeyoon, and Dong-Kyun Im. 2021. "Faith and Catholic Church in the Age of Pandemic: The Case of America." *Reason and Faith* 70: 57-88.

Lim Chaeyoon. 2021. "Does Fairness Bring Happiness?" in *Pathways to Fair Society*. Kim S. (Editor). Seoul: Si-Gong Sa (in Korean)

Lim, Chaeyoon. 2016. "Korean American Catholics in the Changing American Religious Landscape: A Statistical Portrait," In *Embracing our Inheritance: Jubilee Reflections on Korean American Catholics*. Kim, S. (editor).

Lim, Chaeyoon. 2015. "Urbanization and Social Participation in Local Communities in South Korea: 1970 – 2012" In *Archeology of the Compressed Development: Social Changes in South Korea through the Lens of Social Surveys 1965 – 2015*. Chang, D et al. (editors). Seoul: Hanul Academy (in Korean)

Lim, Chaeyoon. 2012. "In U.S., Churchgoers Boast Better Mood, Especially on Sundays." (<http://www.gallup.com/poll/153374/churchgoers-boast-better-mood-especially-sundays.aspx>)

Lim, Chaeyoon et al. 2012. "2012 Issue Brief: Civic Health and Unemployment II: The Case Builds." The National Conference on Citizenship.

Baggetta, Matthew\*, Chaeyoon Lim\*, Hahrie Han, Kenneth T. Andrews, and Marshall Ganz. 2011. "Learning Civic Leadership: Leader Skill Development in the Sierra Club." In *Interest Group Politics (8<sup>th</sup> Edition)*. Cigler, A. and Loomis, B. (editors). Washington D.C.: CQ Press.

\* Equal contributions

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### **Manuscripts under Review**

Oliver, Pamela, Chaeyoon Lim, and Anna Milewski. "The Jena 6: Of Nooses, Narratives, and Movement Building." (Under review for Cambridge Elements Series)

Oliver, Pamela, Erin Gaede, Anna Milewski, and Chaeyoon Lim. "Unarmed Violence, Police Perspectives, Community Struggle: Black- and White-centric news accounts of Black protests about Policing in the U.S., 1994-2010."

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### **Manuscripts in Progress**

Lim, Chaeyoon, and Dingeman Wiertz. "The Rise of the Nones and Civic Life in America: Trends and Spatial Variation in Religious and Secular Volunteering, 2002-15."

Aksoy, Ozan, Chaeyoon Lim, and Dingeman Wiertz. "Shopping around for Progress? Did Decline in Church Attendance Caused the Liberalization of Moral Attitudes in the U.S.?"

Hwang, Sungsik, and Chaeyoon Lim. "Gangnam Leftist? College Education, Income, and Political Attitudes in South Korea: Causal Decomposition Analysis"

Hwang, Sungsik, and Chaeyoon Lim. "Aging with Work: Manifest and Latent Benefits of Later-life Employment in an Aging Society."

Dong-Kyun Im, and Chaeyoon Lim. "Do No Harm, Do No Good: Ethics of Harmlessness and Social Solidarity in South Korea."

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## **Presentations**

### ***Invited Talks:***

“Do No Harm, Do No Good: Ethics of Harmlessness and Social Solidarity in South Korea.” (Research on East Asian Demography and Inequality forum, Princeton University, December 2024).

“Sundays Unbound: Blue Laws, Church Attendance, and Shifting Moral Attitudes in the U.S.” (Department of Sociology, Washington University in St Louis, October 2024)

“Changing Religious Landscape in America: What Is Happening and How Does It Matter?” (Department of Sociology, Seoul National University, September 2022)

“Changing Religious Landscape in America: What Is Happening and How Does It Matter?” (The William H. Sewell Memorial Lecture, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2022)

“Local Contexts and Individual Religious involvement: Religious Diversity and Competition Revisited.” (Pew Research Center, October 2017)

“A Better Life in First Class: Inequality in Experienced Well-being in South Korea.” The “Challenges Facing South Korea: Interdisciplinary Approach” Conference (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, September 2017)

“The Civic Footprints of Labor Market Integration: Longitudinal Evidence from the United States, 2002-2015.” Yonsei University Global Advisory Program Symposium (New York, February 2017)

“Out of the Labor Force, Out of Civic Life: Labor Market Transitions and Civic Participation in the US 2002-2014.” Cathie Marsh Institute for Social Research at University of Manchester (UK, October 2015)

“Urbanization and Social Participation in Local Communities in South Korea: 1970 – 2012.” Institute of Social Development and Policy Research at Seoul National University (October 2015).

“How Was Your Weekend? Religion, Social Interaction, and Emotional Well-being.” Sociology Department Colloquium at Duke University (October 2014).

“A Better Life in First Class: Inequality in Experienced Well-being and Time Use in Korea.” Invited presentation at the department of sociology colloquium at Korea University (July 2013).

“Assessing Civic Consequences of Economic Hard Times.” Invited presentation at the Academy of Korean Studies (July 2013).

“Misery Doesn’t Love Company: the Toll of Economic Hard Times on Civic Engagement.” Paper presented at the Harvard-University of Manchester Summer Workshop on Hard Times: The Social and Political Consequences of Global Recession (Crewe Hall, Cheshire, UK. June 2011).

“Schools of Democracy? Education and Democratic Citizenship in Korea.” Paper presented at the Korea Workshop at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (April 2010).

“Praying Alone Is No Fun: Religion, Social Networks, and Subjective Well-being.” Paper presented at the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research

***Conference Presentations (Past five years):***

(With Sungsik Hwang) “Aging with Work: Manifest and Latent Benefits of Later-Life Employment in an Aging Society.” Accepted for Presentation at the 2025 International Conference on Sociology of Korea (Palo Alto, CA. September 2025)

(With Ozan Aksoy and Dingeman Wiertz) “Sundays Unbound: Blue Laws, Church Attendance, and Shifting Moral Attitudes in the U.S.” Accepted for presentation at the 2025 American Sociological Association Meetings (Chicago, IL. August 2025)

(With Dong-Kyun Im) “Do No Harm, Do No Good: Ethics of Harmlessness and Social Solidarity in South Korea.” Paper presented at the International Conference on Sociology of Korea (Philadelphia, PA. October 2024).

(With David Skalinder) “Changing Civic Networks in the Age of Declining Religiosity: The American Voluntary Sector, 2002-2015.” Paper presented at the International Network for Social Network Analysis

(With Yoonyoung Na and Hyeona Park) “Rich Friends, Poor Friends: Education and Class Homophily in Close Non-kin Networks in Korea.” Paper presented at the International Conference on Sociology of Korea (Philadelphia, PA. October 2023).

(With Yoonyoung Na, Hyeona Park, and Dong-Kyun Im) “Not All Friends Are Created Equal: Friendship Ties across Different Social Contexts in South Korea.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings (Philadelphia, PA. August 2023).

(With Dingeman Wiertz) “The Rise of the Nones across the United States 1973-2018: State-level Trends of Religious Affiliation and Participation in the General Social Survey” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings (Virtual, August 2021).

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## Teaching and Advising

### *Principal Areas of Teaching:*

Research methods, collective action and collective behavior, social organizations, political sociology, social networks and social capital, sociology of religion

### *Classes taught:*

Sociology 220: Ethnic Movements in the U.S. (undergraduate)  
Sociology 250: Organizations and Society (undergraduate)  
Sociology 357: Methods of Sociological Inquiry (undergraduate)  
Sociology 360: Statistics for Sociologists I (undergraduate)  
Sociology 496: Topics in Sociology (undergraduate)  
Sociology 543: Collective Behavior (undergraduate)  
Sociology 750: Research Design and Practice in Sociology (graduate)  
Sociology 924: Seminar in Political Sociology (graduate)

### *Past students (University of Wisconsin-Madison):*

Richard Aviles (Co-chair of the dissertation committee)  
Michael Blix (Chair of the Master thesis committee)  
Tiffany Neman (Member of the Master thesis committee)  
Nicole Kraus (Member of the dissertation committee)  
Ian Wall (Member of the dissertation committee)  
Alex Hanna (Member of the dissertation committee)  
Zach Baumgart (Member of the dissertation committee)  
Matt Moehr (Member of the dissertation committee)  
Ho Young Yoon (Member of the dissertation committee, Journalism)  
Doo-Hun Choi (Member of the dissertation committee, Life Science Communication)  
Emanuel Ubert (Member of the dissertation committee)  
Sung-Ik Cho (member of the dissertation committee)  
H. Jacob Carlson (Chair of the dissertation committee)  
Kristinn Mar Arsaelson (Chair of the dissertation committee)  
Laura Hanson Schlachter (Co-chair of the dissertation committee)  
Andrew Wolf (Member of the dissertation committee)  
Morgan Matthews (Co-chair of the dissertation committee)  
Wendy Li (Member of the dissertation committee)  
Nona Gronert (Co-chair of the dissertation committee)  
Ethan Parrish (Member of the dissertation committee)

### *Current students (University of Wisconsin-Madison):*

Javier Rodriguez (Chair of the dissertation committee)  
David Skalinder (Co-chair of the dissertation committee)  
Anna Milewski (Co-chair of the dissertation committee)  
Sanghyo Han (Co-chair of the dissertation committee)  
Loren Peabody (Member of the dissertation committee)

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## Service

### *University service (selected):*

College of Letters and Science Academic Planning Council	2023-Present
Assistant Professor Review Committee	2019-2022
Associate Chair of Department of Sociology	2016-2019
Undergraduate Curriculum and Program Committee	2016-19, 2021-22
Department of Sociology Data committee	2014-2015
Professional Development and Job Search Committee	2012-2013
Social Committee (co-chair)	2009-2012
Faculty Senate	2008-2011

### *Professional service:*

Member of the Editorial Board for Sociology of Religion (2021-)  
Member of the Advisory Board of the Korean General Social Survey (2017-)  
Member of the board of the Association of Korean Sociologists in America (2016-2019)  
Council member of the Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity (AMSS) Section of the American Sociological Association (2018-2020)  
Chair of the Distinguished Article Award Committee of the AMSS section of the American Sociological Association (2019)  
Chair of the Distinguished Article Award Committee of the Association for the Sociology of Religion (2018)  
President of the Association of Korean Sociologists in America (2017-2018)  
General Administrator of the Association of Korean Sociologists in America (2014-2016)  
Member of the Editorial Board for Social Forces: 2014-2023  
Member of the Editorial Board for Socius: 2015-Present  
Consulting Editor for American Journal of Sociology: 2016-2020  
Member of the Global Advisory Board of the department of Sociology, Yonsei University 2017-Present

Referee: American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, American Journal of Political Science, Sociological Theory, Sociological Forum, Mobilization, Sociological Quarterly, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Development and Society, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Theory, Social Science Research, Sociology of Religion, Social Networks, Journal of Peace Research, European Sociological Review, Review of Religious Research, Korean Journal of Sociology, British Journal of Sociology, City and Community

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