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## Current position

*PhD. Candidate*, UC Riverside Department of Political Science

*Researcher & Associate*, [Center for Social Innovation](#)

*Researcher*, [AAPI Data](#)

## Research & Teaching interests

Racial & Ethnic Politics • Asian American Politics • American Politics • Campaigns & Elections • Political Behavior • Data Visualization • Methodology

## Education

- 2019 PHD. in Political Science, University of California Riverside, CA (*expected spring 2020*)
- 2015 MA in Political Science, University of California Riverside, CA
- 2011 BA in Political Science, University of Central Florida, FL, *with honors*

## Publications

- 2018 “Who sees an Hourglass? Assessing Citizens’ Perception of Local Economic Inequality” (with Ben Newman and Erinn Lauterbach) *Research and Politics*, Vol 5, Issue 3 (2018):  
“Race, Place, and Building a Base: Ethnic Change, Perceived Threat, and the Nascent Trump Campaign for President” (with Ben Newman, and Loren Collingwood) *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Vol. 82, Issue 1 (2018).
- 2016 “Gaps in Civic Engagement among Latinos and Asian Americans,” (with Karthick Ramakrishnan), in Klofstad, Casey (ed.), *Resources, Engagement, and Recruitment: New Advances the Study of Civic Volunteerism*.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Asian American Attitudes toward Undocumented Immigrants and Immigration Policies” with Janelle Wong *under review*.

“The Trump Effect: An experimental Investigation of Emboldening Effect of Racially Inflammatory Elite Communication” (with Ben Newman, Jennifer Merolla, Danielle Lemi, Loren Collingwood, and Karthick Ramakrishnan) *invited to revise and resubmit*

“Asian American Attitudes toward Undocumented Immigrants and Immigration Policies” with Janelle Wong *under review*

“Donor Preferences for Coethnic Representation: breaking the mold or more of the same?” *in preparation for submission*

“How to Win Friends and Influence People: Strategic Contributions of the Indian Lobby” (with Maneesh Arora, and Shubha Prasad)

“Racial Identity or Party Identity? Exploring Asian American Donor Behavior’

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Blood is Thicker than Association: An investigation of the persistence of national origin identity on voting for Kamala Harris (with Chinbo Chong)

“Asian American Agendas“ (with Janelle Wong, and Karthick Ramakrishnan)

“Minority Donors: Exploring Asian American Donor Behavior.“

“Asian Americans and Affirmative Action in California.“

“Racial Composition of Congressional Staff.“ with (Erinn Lauterbach)

“Selective Norm Enforcement and Prejudice” (with Ben Newman and Tyler Reny)

## Other Writing

#### REPORTS

2017 Unequal Voices Part II: California’s Racial Disparities in Political Participation (with John Dobbard, Kim Engie, and Karthick Ramakrishnan), Advancement Project. [\[Link\]](#).

2016 Unequal Voices Part I: California’s Racial Disparities in Political Participation (with John Dobbard, Kim Engie, and Karthick Ramakrishnan), Advancement Project. [\[Link\]](#).

#### OTHER

2017 “Where Can AAPI Voters Have Maximum Impact in 2018?” with Karthick Ramakrishnan. Data Bits. [\[Link\]](#).

2017 “One out of every 7 Asian immigrants is undocumented” with Karthick Ramakrishnan. Data Bits. [\[Link\]](#).

“Trump Immigration Cuts Would Hurt Asian American Families” with Karthick Ramakrishnan. Data Bits. [\[Link\]](#).

“Asian Americans in Different Parts of the Country Hold Different Beliefs” with Alton Wang. Data Bits. [\[Link\]](#).

2016 “Three reasons why nominating Sri Srinivasan for the Supreme Court could change U.S. elections,” (with Karthick Ramakrishnan), Monkey Cage. [\[Link\]](#).

2015 “Where changing one person, one vote would matter the most- in 2 maps,” (with Karthick Ramakrishnan), Monkey Cage. [\[Link\]](#).

## Teaching Experience

### INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

2018 Presidential Elections  
2017 Presidential Elections  
2016 Politics of Congressional Elections

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

2018 Latin American Politics  
2018 American Politics  
2013 Politics of Race and Ethnicity

## Grants, honors & awards

2018 2019 RStudio::Conf: Diversity Scholarship.  
2018 GSA: Conference Travel Grant.  
2017 Youth Participatory Politics Survey Workshop: Travel Grant.  
2015 GSA: Conference Travel Grant.  
2015 Department ICPSR Award.  
2015 Department Research Grant.  
2012 Dean’s Distinguished Fellowship.  
2007 Florida Academic Scholar Bright Futures Scholarship.

## Conference Presentations

“How to Win Friends and Influence People: Strategic Contributions of the Indian Lobby,” with Maneesh Arora & Shubha Prasad, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2018.

“Racial Identity or Party Identity? Exploring Asian American Donor Behavior,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2017.

“Asian Americans and Affirmative Action in California,” American Political Science Association, Washington DC, 2015.

“Asian Americans and Affirmative Action in California: The prospects for Coalitional Politics,” with Karthick Ramakrishnan, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2014.

“Asian Americans and Affirmative Action in California: The prospects for Coalitional Politics,” with Karthick Ramakrishnan, Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2014.

“Making Asian American Scholarship Publicly Relevant: New Opportunities and Insights,” Annual Conference Association for Asian American Studies, San Francisco, 2014.

## Invited Talks

2018 and Beyond: Data, Narrative, and Action, Advancing Justice Conference, March, 2019.

The Power of Civic Engagement and Coalition Building, AAPI Civic U, September, 2018.

Census 2020- A complete Count for the IE, Funders Alliance of San Bernardino & Riverside Counties September, 2018.

Civic Engagement Workshop. Social Innovation Institute, UC Riverside August, 2018.

Regional Differences in Asian American Public Opinion & National Asian Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators, Los Angeles July, 2018.

Data and Technology Workshop & Social Innovation Institute, UC Riverside July, 2018.

## Additional Experience

2013- Researcher, AAPI Data  
2013- Graduate student researcher, Professor Karthick Ramakrishnan, UC Riverside  
2016 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI (*Summer 2016*)

## Service to the Discipline

Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*

## Service to the Community

Coordinating Census outreach between community based organizations, and local county governments through UCR's Center for Social Innovation.

Participated as non-profit partner (AAPI Data) at Project by Project LA's AAPI Hackathon (October, 2018)

## Skills

R, STATA, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, SQL, GIS

Webscraping

HTML, CSS, Adobe Creative Suite

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