

# Sunmin Kim

Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College  
Hanover, NH. 03755 U.S.A.

Phone: 604-646-3543

email: [sunmin.Kim@dartmouth.edu](mailto:sunmin.Kim@dartmouth.edu)

Website: <https://sociology.dartmouth.edu/people/sunmin-kim>

## Appointments

- 2020- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Dartmouth College  
2018-2020 Mellon Faculty Fellow, Dartmouth College

## Education

- 2018 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley  
2009 M.A. in Sociology, Seoul National University  
2007 B.A. in Sociology, Seoul National University

## Fields of Interest

Race and ethnicity, immigration, sociology of culture and knowledge, comparative-historical sociology, Asian American studies, public opinion, sociology of quantification

## Peer-reviewed Publications

- 2021 Kim, Sunmin. "Fault Lines among Asian Americans: Convergence and Divergence in Policy Opinions" *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of Social Sciences* 7(2): 46-67.
- 2020 Lara-Millán, Armando, Brian Sargent, and Sunmin Kim. "Theorizing with Archives: Contingency, Mistakes, and Plausible Alternatives" *Qualitative Sociology* 43(3): 345-365. (equal contribution)
- 2019 Kim, Sunmin. "Rethinking Models of Minority Political Participation: Inter- and Intra-group Variation in Political Style" *The Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race* 16(2): 489-510.
- 2018 Lee, Taeku, and Sunmin Kim. "The Mechanics of Immigration Polls: A Review" *Public Opinion Quarterly* 82(1): 148-170.

## Other Writing

- 2022 Kim, Sunmin "Denaturalizing Demography, Demystifying Future"  
A review of *Figures of the Future: Latino Civil Rights and the Politics of Demographic Change* by Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz, forthcoming in *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

- 2022 Kim, Sunmin "Edward A. Ross"  
An entry in ASA Online Presidential Biography Revision Project, forthcoming in ASA website
- 2019 Lara-Millán, Armando, Brian Sargent, and Sunmin Kim. "Where is the Archive in Historical Sociology? The Case for Ethnographic Dispositions" *Trajectories* 30

## Book Manuscript in Progress

*Reconstituting Difference: The Dillingham Commission and American National Identity in the Era of Immigration Restriction*

## Working Papers

- "Assimilation in Market and Politics: Exit and Voice for Children of Immigrants"
- "Blinded by the Facts: Confusion, Contradiction, and Immigration Policy in the Dillingham Commission (1907-1911)"  
(under review)
- "Making Opinions Public: Polling and Democratic Responsiveness in South Korea"  
(with Taeku Lee)  
(Revise and resubmit at *Politics and Society*)
- "Public Trust of Opinion Polls in South Korea: An Analysis of 2018 KGSS Data" (with Taeku Lee)
- "Boundary-Making across 22 OECD Countries: A Multi-Level Latent Class Approach"  
(with Inkwan Chung)
- "Category Traversing: Early Korean Immigrants Eluding the American State" (with Carolyn Choi, Joseph Chong, and Amy Park)
- "Quantifying the Inscrutable: The Question of Japanese American Loyalty During the Internment"

## Awards

- 2014 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
- 2012 Graduate Student Best Paper Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics
- 2008 Grand Prize, The 33rd University Paper Competition, Seoul National University  
"Cultural Inequality and Musical Genre Preference", published in Seoul National University News May 31:3-4

## Grants & Fellowships

- 2019 Faculty Research Grant, Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy, Dartmouth

- College (\$5,000)
- 2017 Short-Term Research Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society (\$2,000)
- 2017-2018 Troy Duster Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley (\$18,000)
- 2016-2017 Berkeley Connect Fellowship, UC Berkeley (\$22,000)
- 2016 Berkeley Center for Right Wing Studies Research Grant, UC Berkeley (\$1,000)
- 2016 Finalist, Center for Engaged Scholarship Dissertation Fellowship
- 2015 Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley (\$18,000)
- 2015-2016 Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship, Boalt School of Law, UC Berkeley (\$1,000)
- 2014-2015 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley (\$23,000)
- 2013 Graduate Dean's Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley (\$3,500)
- 2012, 2014 Sociology Department Research Grant, UC Berkeley (\$2,000 each)
- 2009-2014 Kwanjeong Educational Foundation Fellowship (\$50,000 per year for five years)

## Selected Conference Presentations

- 2021 "Reading the World in a Teacup: Thoughts from Single-Case Studies"  
Comparative Historical Analysis and Theory (CHAT) Flash Talk
- 2019 "Fault Lines among Asian Americans: Convergence and Divergence in Policy Opinions"  
Russell Sage Foundation
- 2018 "Where is the Archive in Historical Sociology? A Case for Ethnographic Disposition"  
American Sociological Association
- 2017 D-Lab, UC Berkeley
- 2020 "Blinded by the Facts: Confusion, Contradiction, and Immigration Policy in the Dillingham Commission (1907-1911)"  
Sociology Colloquium, Korea University
- 2019 Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, UCLA; Eastern Sociological Association
- 2018 Social Science History Association; Massachusetts Historical Society
- 2017 Law and Society Association; American Sociological Association
- 2016 UC Irvine Immigration Conference; Berkeley-Stanford Immigration Conference; Junior Theorist Symposium; American Sociological Association; Social Science History Association
- 2014 Social Science History Association
- 2013 International Sociological Association
- 2016 "Making Opinions Public: Polling and Democratic Responsiveness in South Korea" (with Taeku Lee)  
Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley
- 2015 Center for Korean Studies, UC Berkeley; the Boalt School of Law, UC Berkeley
- 2014 Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley
- 2013 "Rethinking Models of Minority Political Participation: Inter- and Intra-group Variation in Political "Styles"  
Ninth Annual California Graduate Student Conference, UC Irvine
- 2012 Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Consortium, Purdue University; American Socio-

logical Association

“Assimilation in Market and Politics: Exit and Voice for Children of Immigrants”

2013 American Sociological Association

2012 American Sociological Association; Society of Advancement of Socio-economics

2011 Debates on Belonging: A Graduate Student Conference-City University of New York

## Teaching

SOCY 76: Race, Politics, and Power

SOCY 48: Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity

SOCY 16: Constructing Social Theory

## Research Supervision

2022 Jessica Cortez '23, "It's a Perfect Storm: College Community Cultural-Structural Vulnerability to Suicide Clusters "

(as a formal consultant regarding archival research)

2022 Sergio Vasquez '22, "Health Disparities Among Migrant Farm workers in the Upper Valley"

2021 Jackeline Rodriguez '23, "Understanding the Identity Negotiation Process of Brown Beret Women in Chicano Movement"

2021 Daniel Lin '23, "Asian American History"

2021 Alayah Johnson-Jennings '21, "Coming Full Circle: The Facilitators and Barriers of Indigenous Methods in Academia"

2021 Joseph H. Chong '22, "Constructing Korean American Identity with Culture as Commodity and Heritage"

## Service

2021-2022 Member, Diversity Committee, International Migration Section , American Sociological Association

2021- Member, Ad-hoc Committee on ASA Presidential Biographies, Section for the History of Sociology and Social Thought, American Sociological Association

2021- Organizer, Junior Faculty Writing Group, Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College

2021 Member, Faculty Hiring Committee, Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College

2021 Member, Committee for Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for an Article or Chapter Award, Section for Political Sociology, American Sociological Association

2020- Member, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College

2020- Member, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College

2020- Faculty associate, The Dartmouth Consortium of Studies in Race, Migration, and Sexuality

2016 Co-organizer (with Taeku Lee), Election Polling and Democratic Consolidation in Korea and Taiwan, Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley

2014-2019 Research Associate, the National Archives of Korea  
2014-2018 Member, Sociologists of Color and Allies, UC Berkeley  
2010-2018 Member, Interdisciplinary Immigration Workshop, UC Berkeley  
2010-2012 Editorial Board Member, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*

Occasional Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Journal of Youth Studies*

## Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association  
Eastern Sociological Association  
Social Science History Association  
International Sociological Association

## References

Cybelle Fox  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley  
[cfox@berkeley.edu](mailto:cfox@berkeley.edu)

Ann Swidler  
Professor of the Graduate School  
Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley  
[swidler@berkeley.edu](mailto:swidler@berkeley.edu)

Taeku Lee  
Associate Dean, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program  
Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley  
[taekulee@berkeley.edu](mailto:taekulee@berkeley.edu)

Irene Bloemraad  
Class of 1951 Professor  
Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley  
[bloemr@berkeley.edu](mailto:bloemr@berkeley.edu)

Marc Dixon  
Chair and Professor  
Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College  
[marc.d.dixon@dartmouth.edu](mailto:marc.d.dixon@dartmouth.edu)

John Campbell  
Class of 1925 Professor

Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College  
[john.l.campbell@dartmouth.edu](mailto:john.l.campbell@dartmouth.edu)

Last updated: April 1, 2022 • Typeset in