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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2026-Present Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Connecticut

EDUCATION

2026 Ph.D., Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky
2021 M.P.A., University of Missouri-Columbia
2019 M.P.A., Kyung-Hee University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
2017 B.A., Public Administration (Cum Laude), Kyung-Hee University, Seoul, Korea

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Public Budgeting and Finance; State and Local Government; Urban and Regional Policy;
Policy Analysis and Evaluation

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- [4] Kim, Y., **Kweon, I.**, & Hoyt, W. (2026). Do intergovernmental interactions increase government spending? *Policy Studies*, 47(1), 98-112.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01442872.2024.2393676>
- [3] **Kweon, I.**, & Shybalkina, I. (2025). Too Close to Home? Proximity to BLM Protests and Support for Police Spending. *American Politics Research*, 53(6), 579-595.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X251337333>
- [2] **Kweon, I.**, & Kim, J. (2020). Participatory budgeting, fiscal transparency, and fiscal outcomes: Experiences at the Korean local governments.
Korean Public Administration Quarterly, 32(4), 667-699. [In Korean]
- [1] **Kweon, I.**, & Kim, J. (2019). Participatory budgeting at the central level and its contribution to fiscal transparency: Preliminary lessons from the Korean experience.
International Journal of Policy Studies, 10(2), 209-240.

Works in Progress

- [4] **Kweon, I.**, Weber, C., & Shybalkina, I. Direct vs. Representative Democracy in the Design of Tax and Expenditure Limits.
- [3] **Kweon, I.** Similar or Different? A Comparative Analysis of State and Local Revenue Volatility.
- [2] **Kweon, I.** Understanding the Mechanisms behind Revenue Size, Revenue Volatility and Tax Limits.
- [1] **Kweon, I.**, & Lee, K. The Effect of Large Plant Openings on Local Crime.

Book Chapters

[1] **Kweon, I.**, & Lee, K. Revenue Volatility. In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Public Financial Management* edited by Juraj Nemec, Linda J. Bilmes, Michal Plaček, and Robert Jahoda. [Accepted]

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut:

Instructor, Fall 2026

PP 5375 (in-person): Economic Analysis for Public Policy and Management
(Graduate, Undergraduate)

University of Kentucky:

Instructor, Spring 2024

PPL 304 (in-person): Public and Nonprofit Financial Management (Undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2025

PA 631 (in-person): Public Financial Management (Graduate)

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025

PA 631 (online): Public Financial Management (Graduate)

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2024, Fall 2025

PA 632 (online): Public Funds Management (Graduate)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, 2021-2026

Dr. Iuliia Shybalkina, Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky.

Research Assistant, Spring 2025, Summer 2025

Dr. Caroline Weber, Associate Professor, University of Kentucky.

Research Assistant, Institute of Public Policy, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Emily Johnson, Associate Director of Operations, University of Missouri

Research Assistant, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Dr. Ronald McGarvey, Professor, University of Missouri

Research Assistant, 2019-2020

Dr. Sangyun Han, Professor, Kyung-Hee University, Funded by
Korean Ministry of Education

Research Assistant, 2017-2019

Dr. Jungbu Kim, Professor, Kyung-Hee University, Funded by
Korean Hydro & Nuclear Power Corporation

PRESENTATIONS

[6] **Kweon, I.**, Weber, C., & Shybalkina I. "Direct vs. Representative Democracy in the Design of Tax and Expenditure Limits."

National Tax Association (NTA), Boston, MA, Nov. 2025

Martin School Seminar Series, University of Kentucky, Oct. 2025

- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2025
- [5] **Kweon, I.** "Understanding the Mechanisms behind Revenue Size, Revenue Volatility, and Tax Limit."
Korean Association for Public Administration (KAPA), Online, June. 2025
Martin School Seminar Series, University of Kentucky, Mar. 2025
- [4] **Kweon, I.** "Understanding the Mechanisms behind Revenue Volatility and Tax Limits:
The Case of New York's Property Tax Levy Cap."
Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), Cleveland, OH, Sep. 2024
- [3] **Kweon, I.** "Similar or Different? A Comparative Analysis of State and Local Revenue Volatility."
World Social Science Association (WSSA), San Antonio, TX, Apr. 2024
Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), Denver, CO, Oct. 2023
* Selected as a panelist for the PhD Consortium on Public Budgeting and Finance
- [2] **Kweon, I., & Shybalkina, I.,** "Quantifying and Contextualizing the Effects of the BLM Protests on
Public Support for Police Spending."
Southeastern Conference on Public Administration (SECOPA), Lexington, KY, Oct. 2022
Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), Miami, FL, Sep. 2022
- [1] **Kweon, I.** "Is Participatory Budgeting at the Central Level a Significant Contribution
to Fiscal Transparency? Preliminary Lessons from the Korean Experience."
Korean Association for Policy Studies Spring Research Conference, South Korea, April 2019

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

- [11] Nominated as Department Representative for Graduate Instructor Teaching Competition
"GradTeachLive!", University of Kentucky, 2025
- [10] Travel grant to ABFM's 35th research conference, Public Financial Publications, 2023
- [9] Graduate School Travel Grant, University of Kentucky, 2021-2025
- [8] Tuition scholarships and graduate stipends, University of Kentucky, 2021-2025
- [7] Martin School Scholarship, University of Kentucky, 2021-2024
- [6] Pi Alpha Alpha, Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration,
University of Missouri Chapter, 2021
- [5] Tuition scholarships and graduate stipends, University of Missouri, 2019-2021
- [4] Dr. Barton Wechsler Endowed Scholarship, University of Missouri, 2019-2020
- [3] Regional Winner of NASPAA Student Simulation Competition, University of Virginia, 2018
- [2] Tuition scholarships, Kyung-Hee University (Graduate), 2017-2019
- [1] Tuition scholarships, Kyung-Hee University (Undergraduate), Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2016

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM)
National Tax Association (NTA)