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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma

2026 – present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Public Policy (Concentration: Public Budgeting and Finance)

Summer 2026

Georgia State University

Committee: Benedict Jimenez (Chair), Ross Rubenstein, Jason Coupet, Thad Calabrese (New York University)

Dissertation: *Managing Funds under Constraints: Three Essays on Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations*

M.A. in Development Policy (Concentration: Finance and Macroeconomic Policy)

2016

KDI School of Public Policy and Management, *magna cum laude*

B.A. in Management (Concentration: Business Management and Counseling Psychology)

2013

Handong Global University, *cum laude*

Exchange Student Program, University College Utrecht

2012

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Public Budgeting and Finance, Nonprofit Financial Management, Research Methodology

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Ke, Laiyang, Eunjoo Kwon, **Minji Hong**, & Benedict Jimenez (2025). Assessing the Implementation of ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: The View from City Officials. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 55(2), 281-324. [Article Link](#)

Hong, Minji & Benedict S Jimenez (2024). Strategy Formulation Process and Interorganizational Collaboration. *Public Performance & Management Review*, 47(5), 1228-1262. [Article Link](#)

Jimenez, Benedict, Laiyang Ke, & **Minji Hong** (2024). Mayoral partisanship and municipal fiscal health. *Public Choice*, 1-25. [Article Link](#)

Lee, Kye Woo & **Minji Hong** (2021). Foreign Aid's Impact on Economic Growth during Korean Development Era: A Disaggregated Analysis. *Asian International Studies Review*, 22(1):3-35. [Article Link](#)

Lee, Kye Woo & **Minji Hong** (2018). Relative Effectiveness of Various Development Finance Flows: A Comparative Study. *KDI Journal of Economic Policy*, 40(3):91-115. [Article Link](#)

POLICY REPORTS

Woo, Cheonsik and **Minji Hong** (2020). Economic and Social Dimensions of Advanced Economies: Barriers and Pathways to Inclusive Growth. *KDI Policy Report*

Hong, Minji (2018). Personal Data Use and Regulations: Case Study of Singapore and Hong Kong. *KDI Policy Report*

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Hong, Minji. Funding the Mission by Funding the Back Office: Evidence from the Paycheck Protection Program (*Won the 2025 ARNOVA Best Conference Paper Award. In preparation for journal submission*)

Hong, Minji. How Do Nonprofits Use Flexible Funding? Evidence from Unrestricted Grants (*In preparation for journal submission*)

Hong, Minji. Tying Their Own Hands: The Effectiveness and Unintended Consequences of Self-Imposed Municipal Debt Limits (*Won the 2025 National Tax Association Fiscal Sustainability Fellowship. In preparation for journal submission*)

Hong, Minji. Do Governance Failures Motivate Fiscal Restraint? Corruption and Tax and Expenditure Limits (*Preliminary findings gathered*)

Hong, Minji & Benedict Jimenez. Organizational Responses to Fiscal Constraints: A Study of Financial Management in U.S. School Districts (*In data analysis process*)

GRANT-FUNDED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lead Researcher, *Fiscal Autonomy of School Districts* 2025-2026
Funded by the **Spencer Foundation**
Systematic collection and analysis of legal documents and surveys of state government officials.

Lead Manager, *State-Imposed Local Fiscal Rules and City Government Fiscal Health* 2023-2024
Funded by the **National Science Foundation (NSF)**
Directed a national survey of 3,000 municipal governments; Supervised a team of research assistants; Led data analysis and project coordination.

Co-Principal Investigator, *Assessing the Implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act* 2023-2024
Funded by the **Center for the Study of Federalism**
Co-authored funded proposal; Designed theory-driven survey instruments; Conducted online survey; Co-authored manuscript.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Public Budgeting and Management Lab 2021-Present

Senior Research Associate, Korea Development Institute (KDI) 2016-2020
Co-led the KDI-OECD Joint Research Project, an internationally funded initiative by the Korea Ministry of Economy and Finance; Managed a strategic research project to formulate South Korea's Mid- and Long-Term Economic Strategy.

Research Associate, Bank of Korea 2015-2016
Co-developed new Corporate Vulnerability Indicators to assess firm-level financial risk.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, PMAP3011 **Politics and Policy in the American Cities** (Undergraduate) Summer 2024
Georgia State University
Evaluation Score: 4.8/5.0. Enrollment: 25

Guest Lecturer, PMAP8141 **Microeconomics for Public Policy** (Graduate) Fall 2023
Georgia State University

Teaching Assistant, PMAP8171 **Management Systems and Strategy** (Graduate) Spring 2021-Fall 2023
Georgia State University

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

The Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, Georgia State University 2026
Dissertation Grant, Georgia State University 2026
Best Conference Paper Award, ARNOVA 2025
Emerging Scholars Award, ARNOVA 2025
National Tax Association Fiscal Sustainability Travel Fellowship, National Tax Association (NTA) 2025
Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship, Mercatus Center 2023-2024
Graduate Student Fellowship, Public Choice Society 2023
Harwood Colloquium Graduate Fellowship, American Institute for Economic Research (AIER) 2023

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Journal Reviewer: Economic Development Quarterly, Public Performance and Management Review, Research Policy, Nonprofit Policy Forum, International Review of Public Administration,

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Hong Minji. How Do Nonprofits Use Flexible Funding? Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Indianapolis IN. Nov 20-22, 2025.

Hong Minji. Tying Their Own Hands: The Effectiveness and Unintended Consequences of Self-Imposed Municipal Debt Limits. Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM). Atlanta, GA. Oct 23-25, 2025.

Hong Minji. Funding the Mission by Funding the Back Office: Evidence from the Paycheck Protection Program. Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Washington DC. Nov 21-23, 2024.

Hong Minji. Funding the Mission by Funding the Back Office: Evidence from the Paycheck Protection Program. Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM). Cleveland, OH. Sep 26-28, 2024.

Ke, Laiyang, Eun Joo Kwon, **Minji Hong**, and Benedict Jimenez. Assessing the Implementation of ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: The View from City Officials. American Political Science Association (APSA). Philadelphia, PA. Sept 5-8, 2024.

Ke, Laiyang, Eun Joo Kwon, **Minji Hong**, and Benedict Jimenez. Assessing the Implementation of ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: The View from City Officials. Public Management Research Conference (PMRC). Seattle, WA. June 26-29, 2024.

Hong, Minji and Benedict Jimenez. Strategy Formulation Process and Interorganizational Collaboration. American Political Science Association (APSA). Los Angeles, CA. Aug 31-Sep 3, 2023.

Jimenez, Benedict, Laiyang Ke, and **Minji Hong**. Mayoral partisanship and municipal fiscal health. Public Choice Society. Seattle, WA. Mar 16-18, 2023.

Hong, Minji and Benedict Jimenez. Strategy Formulation Process and Interorganizational Collaboration. Public Management Research Conference (PMRC). Phoenix, AZ. May 25-28, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Research Writing Workshop, Georgia State University	Spring 2024
Teaching Seminar, Georgia State University	Spring 2023
The Mixtape Causal Inference Training: Synthetic Control and Clustering	Spring 2023

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
Public Management Research Association (PMRC)
National Tax Association (NTA)

OTHER SKILLS

Programming & Tools: R, STATA, $\text{\LaTeX}$, Qualtrics
Languages: English (Fluent), Korean (Native), Bengali (Intermediate), Indonesian (Conversational)