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Employment

Associate Research Fellow, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), 2022 –

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of California, Irvine, 2022.

M.A. Economics, University of California, Irvine, 2018.

B.A. Economics, Korea University, 2013.

Exchange year, National University of Singapore, 2011–2012

Research Interests

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Peer-reviewed Publication

The Effects of Universal Free Lunch Provision on Student Achievement: Evidence from South Korea. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2025, Vol. 238, No. 107161.

Quasi-Experimental Evidence on the Effects of Expanding TANF Cash Assistance (joint with Matthew Freedman) *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2022, 41(3): 859-890.

Working Papers

“Policing and Prosecuting Drug Offenses in Nashville: Drug Free School Zones” (with Aria Golestani and Jaclyn Rosenquist)

“The Recent Rise of the Far Right and Voters’ Anti-Refugee Attitudes in Europe” (with Nam Seok Kim)

“The Impact of EU Enlargement and Brexit on International Migration” (with Young Jun Lee)

“The Effects of Old-Age Pension Receipt on Elderly Employment and Health: Evidence from South Korea”

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

Outstanding Research Award, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, 2024.

Best Poster Award, All-California Labor Economics Conference, 2021.

Economics Summer Research Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, 2019–2021.

Conference Grant, University of California, Irvine, 2021.

Associate Dean’s Fellowship, School of Social Science, University of California, Irvine, 2020.

Merit Fellowship in Economics, University of California, Irvine, 2017–2022.
Recruitment Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, 2017.
BK21+ Scholarships, Korea University, Seoul, 2014–2016.
General Scholarships, Korea University, Seoul, 2013–2015.
POSCO Scholarships, POSCO, Seoul, 2011.
Honor Scholarships (C), Korea University, Seoul, 2009–2010.

Academic & Professional Activities

Conferences Presentations & Invited Seminars

2025: Social Science Korea Agenda Planning Symposium - Immigrants Inclusion and Coexistence, Korea Society of European Union Spring Conference (discussant), KDI School Immigration Workshop, KDI School Interim research seminar (discussant)

2024: Korean Economic Association Annual Meeting, Korea National Diplomatic Academy (Discussion), Refugee Research Network Workshop, Asian Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE)

2023: 'Beyond Borders' 12th Seminar Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

2022: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (SEA) (scheduled), Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) (scheduled), Chicago Inclusive Economy Lab, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Syracuse University, Stevens Institute of Technology

2021: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (SEA), North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Urban Economics Association North American Meeting (UEA), All-California Labor Economics Conference (Poster), Western Economic Association International Annual Meeting (WEAI), Population Association of America Annual Conference (*nonpresenting author*), Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting (*nonpresenting author*), Western Economic Association International Conference (WEAI), Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics (AMIE): 1st Workshop in Applied Microeconomics

2020: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (SEA), Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM), Western Economic Association International (WEAI) (Scheduled, canceled due to COVID-19), APPAM California Regional Student Conference (Scheduled, canceled due to COVID-19), Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (Scheduled, canceled due to COVID-19)

2019: Southwestern Social Science 99th Annual Meeting (Poster)

Internal Presentations

2024: KIEP Research Fellow Workshop

2023: KIEP Research Dissemination Seminar

2021: UC Irvine Job Market Jubilee, Poster Presentation

2020: UC Irvine Applied Micro Workshop, Poster Presentation, THPE Workshop

2019: UC Irvine Poster Presentation

Selected Participation & Activities

Consultancy on Economics Specimen Papers for International Baccalaureate, 2025.
Consultancy on Economics Textbook Guide for International Baccalaureate, 2023.
Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics (AMIE): 1st Workshop in Applied Microeconomics (mentee), 2021.
Diversity Training, School of Social Science, UCI, 2020.
PhD Student Mentor Program, Department of Economics, UCI (mentor), 2019–2022.
Mentoring Workshop for the Female Economics PhD Students, Stanford Univ. (mentee), 2019.
Women in Economics PhD Student group, Dept. of Economics, UCI (member), 2018–2022.
Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program (TAPDP) training, UCI, 2017.

Referee and Discussant Services

Referee: Journal of Human Resources, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, Journal of Women and Economics

Discussant:

2022: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (SEA, scheduled), Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM, scheduled)

2021: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (SEA), North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Urban Economics Association North American Meeting (UEA), Western Economic Association International Annual Meeting, Western Economic Association Virtual International Conference

2020: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

Policy Reports

Refugees and Forced Migration in the Era of Complex Crisis (coauthored), KIEP, 2024.
EU's Enlargement Towards Central and Eastern Europe: Evaluation and Future Outlook (Principal Investigator, coauthored), KIEP, 2023.
EU's Open Strategic Autonomy after Russian Invasion of Ukraine (coauthored), KIEP, 2023.
Europe's Energy Crisis, National Policies and Industrial Production: Insights for South Korea (Principal Investigator, coauthored), KIEP, 2023.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Irvine, 2017–2022

Labor Economics, Health Economics, Basic Economics 1 & 2, Managerial Economics, International Business Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics 2, Intermediate Macroeconomics

Teaching Assistant, Korea University, Seoul, 2013–2016

International Finance (in English), Econometrics 2

Teaching Assistant, Bank of Korea (Central Bank of South Korea), Seoul, 2015

Intermediate Time Series using MATLAB

Pre-PhD Publication

Bayesian Analysis of Optimal Foreign Currency Portfolio Selection (with Donghwan Kim and Kyu Ho Kang), *Financial Stability Studies*, 2016.

References

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