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EDUCATION

University of Houston
Ph.D. Candidate, Economics, 2019 – present (Expected completion Aug 2025)

Seoul National University
M.A., Economics, 2019

Dongguk University
B.A., Sociology, 2016

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Public Economics

WORKING PAPERS

[“Neighborhood Impacts on STEM Major Choice”](#)

[“The Long Shadow of School Closures: Impacts on Students’ Educational and Labor Market Outcomes”](#) Conditionally Accepted at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*
Recognized as [One of the Five Best Education Research Studies of 2024](#) by Fordham Institute
Media Coverage: [EducationWeek](#)

[“The Racial Gap in Friendships Among High-Achieving Students”](#) (with Weonhyeok Chung)

[“From Population Growth to Demographic Scarcity: Emerging Challenges to Global Primary Education Provision in the Twenty-first Century”](#) (with Emily Hannum, and Fan Wang) Revise & Resubmit at *Population and Development Review*

[“Low Psychic Costs of Education for Women and the Gender Wage Gap”](#)

PUBLICATIONS

“The Relative Poorness of the Old Living Alone,” *Korean Journal of Population Studies*, Volume 41, Issue 3, October 2018.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Houston, Research Assistant for Professor Chinhui Juhn, June 2019 - August 2023
(Assisted with a project “Task Requirements, Hours Requirements, and the Gender Gap in Jobs and Pay.”)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor at the University of Houston:
Intermediate Microeconomics (Asynchronous), Fall 2023
Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant at the University of Houston:

	<p>Econometrics (M.A.), Fall 2024 Industrial Organization, Spring 2024 Applied Econometrics, Spring 2024 Labor Economics, Spring 2022 Economics of Gender, Fall 2021 Microeconomics (Ph.D.), Spring 2020</p>	
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>Dr. Walter J. Primeaux Jr. and Natalie A. Primeaux Scholarship, University of Houston, 2024 <i>(Awarded to the Economics Ph.D. students who have made remarkable progress on their dissertations)</i></p> <p>Cullen Fellowship Travel Grant, University of Houston, 2023</p> <p>CLASS Summer Fellowship for Research Excellence and Diversity, University of Houston, 2023 <i>(Awarded to the most promising Ph.D. students in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)</i></p> <p>Price Theory Summer Camp, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago, 2022</p> <p>Santosh Kumar Research Grant, University of Houston, 2023 <i>(Merit-based grant for doctoral research)</i></p> <p>Graduate Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston, 2019 – present</p>	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>2025: Sixth World Labor Conference hosted by Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), World Congress</p> <p>2024: Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Society of Labor Economics (SOLE) Annual Meeting, Memorial Conference for Dr. Rodney Andrews (UT Dallas), Stanford Education School Ph.D. Student Research Seminar</p> <p>2023: Texas Camp Econometrics, Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop, Research on East Asian Demography and Inequality Conference (U Tokyo), Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference</p>	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p>Journal Referee: <i>Economics of Education Review</i></p>	
SKILLS	<p>Languages: Korean (Native), English (Fluent)</p> <p>Software: Stata, R, Matlab Python, L^AT_EX, QGIS</p>	
REFERENCES	<p>Professor Aimee Chin (Co-Chair) Department of Economics University of Houston (713) 743-3761 achin@uh.edu</p> <p>Professor Emily Hannum Department of Sociology and Education University of Pennsylvania (215) 898-9633 hannumem@soc.upenn.edu</p>	<p>Professor Chinhui Juhn (Co-Chair) Department of Economics University of Houston (713) 743-3823 cjuhn@uh.edu</p> <p>Professor Blake Heller Hobby School of Public Affairs University of Houston (713) 743-8727 bhheller@uh.edu</p>