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EDUCATION	University of Houston Ph.D. Candidate, Economics, 2019 – present (Expected completion May 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	<p>“Neighborhood Impacts on STEM Choice” Neighborhoods where students grow up shape their choice of college major and career.</p> <p>“The Long Shadow of School Closures: Impacts on Students’ Educational and Labor Market Outcomes” Revise & Resubmit <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i> Recognized as One of the Five Best Education Research Studies of 2024 by Fordham Institute Media Coverage: EducationWeek Experiencing school closures lowers educational attainment and earnings in adulthood.</p> <p>“The Racial Gap in Friendships Among High-Achieving Students” (with Weonhyeok Chung) High-achieving minority students have fewer friends mainly because of fewer high-achieving peers within their own race, which contributes to the racial earnings gap.</p> <p>“From Population Growth to Demographic Scarcity: Emerging Challenges to Global Primary Education Provision in the Twenty-first Century” (with Emily Hannum, and Fan Wang) Demographic trends shape the challenge of primary education provision in disparate ways around the world.</p> <p>“Low Psychic Costs of Education for Women and the Gender Wage Gap” Differential education sorting based on multiple skills accounts for a part of the gender wage gap.</p>
PUBLICATIONS	<p>“The Relative Poorness of the Old Living Alone,” <i>Korean Journal of Population Studies</i>, Volume 41, Issue 3, October 2018.</p>
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	<i>Instructor at the University of Houston:</i> Intermediate Microeconomics (Asynchronous), Fall 2023 Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant at the University of Houston:

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

AWARDS AND
FELLOWSHIPS

Dr. Walter J. Primeaux Jr. and Natalie A. Primeaux Scholarship, University of Houston, 2024
(*Awarded to the Economics Ph.D. students who have made remarkable progress on their dissertations*)
Cullen Fellowship Travel Grant, University of Houston, 2023
CLASS Summer Fellowship for Research Excellence and Diversity, University of Houston, 2023
(*Awarded to the most promising Ph.D. students in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*)
Price Theory Summer Camp, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago, 2022
Santosh Kumar Research Grant, University of Houston, 2023
(*Merit-based grant for doctoral research*)
Graduate Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston, 2019 – present

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

2025: Sixth World Labor Conference hosted by Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), World Congress
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
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

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Journal Referee: *Economics of Education Review*

SKILLS

Languages: Korean (Native), English (Fluent)
Software: Stata, R, Matlab Python, L^AT_EX, QGIS

REFERENCES

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