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Education

University of California, Davis	Sept 2019 - Present
<i>Ph.D., Economics</i>	<i>Davis, CA, USA</i>
Seoul National University	2019
<i>M.A., Economics</i>	<i>Seoul, South Korea</i>
Seoul National University	2017
<i>B.A., Economics, History (Summa Cum Laude)</i>	<i>Seoul, South Korea</i>

Fields of Interests

Public economics, Program evaluation, Health economics

Journal Articles

"New Evidence on the WIC Cycle: What Happens When Benefits Expire", with Marianne Bitler, Jason Cook, and Paige Rowberry. 2024, *National Tax Journal*. 77:1, 175-197.

"Unintended Health Benefits of Adopting Preventive Behaviors during a Virus Outbreak", with Sok Chul Hong and Eunju Lee. 2023, *Health Economics*. 32(2): 324-342.

Other Publications

"Economic Costs of the Opportunity Gap", with Marianne Bitler. 2022, Commissioned paper for the Committee on Exploring the Opportunity Gap for Young Children from Birth to Age 8, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.

Working Papers

"Unexplored impacts of EBT Technology in SNAP: Retailers' Program Participation and the Resulting Impact on SNAP Accessibility" (Job Market Paper)

- This project aims to identify the causal effects of the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system on SNAP participation decisions of individuals and retailers.
- The results show that EBT reduced the number of SNAP-authorized vendors by 12%. The reduction is primarily driven by the program exit of small retailers such as convenience stores. The participation of large retailers, including supermarkets and supercenters, remained unaffected.

"Parental Gender Norms and College Major Choices", with Chulhee Lee (Seoul National University) and Hyewon Kim (Cornell University)

- This paper finds that cultural gender norms in South Korea could be an important determinant of college major choice of female students. No similar effect is found among sons.
- The results show that conventional gender stereotypes shaped segregated major choices through cultural transmission from parents to children, potentially affecting the persistent gender pay gap in the labor market.

Work in Progress

"Effects of a Welfare Time Limit on Welfare Use and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Florida and Connecticut's Waiver Experiments"

- This paper shows that the time limit policy does not affect the welfare use of single mothers who participated in Connecticut's Jobs First Program, contrary to findings from previous studies. I provide suggestive evidence that this difference could be driven by the unusually generous earned income disregard policy of Connecticut.
- The results show that the time limit policy is context-dependent and thus should be understood in the context of other policies.

Awards & Fellowships

Dean's Graduate Summer Fellowship

University of California, Davis

Jul 2022 - Sept 2022

UC Davis Center for Poverty & Inequality Research Dissertation Grant

University of California, Davis

May 2022

Provost's Fellowship

University of California, Davis

Sept 2019 - Aug 2020

Brain Korea 21+ Scholarship

Seoul National University

Sept 2018 - Aug 2019

Seminars and Conference Presentations

2023-2024 Academic Year

WEAI Annual Conference, UC Davis Alumni Conference (*poster*), Economic Research Service (ERS) Brown Bag Series, UC Davis Social Mobility Tea

2022-2023 Academic Year

Annual All-California Labor Economics Conference (*poster*), UC Davis Alumni Conference (*poster*), UC Davis Applied Micro Student Talk, UC Davis Social Mobility Tea

2021-2022 Academic Year or Before

UC Davis Applied Micro Student Talk, UC Davis Social Mobility Tea, WEAI International Conference (in 2019), Asian-Australasian Society of Labour Economists Conference (in 2018)

Additional Employment

Research Assistant, Prof. Marianne Bitler

University of California, Davis

2022 - 2023

Research Assistant, Prof. Jisoo Hwang

Seoul National University

2018 - 2019

Research Assistant, Prof. Chulhee Lee

Seoul National University

2017 - 2019

Teaching

2020-2022

Teaching Assistant, UC Davis: Principle of Microeconomics, Human Resources, Economic History, World Economic History, Economics of International Immigration

2017-2019

Teaching Assistant, Seoul National University: Economic History, Population Economics

Professional Service

2022-2023 Co-organizer of the Applied Micro Graduate Student Seminars, UC Davis.
2021-2022 Graduate Student Mentor, Economics Department, UC Davis.

Skills & Languages

Programming Languages: STATA, R, L^AT_EX
Languages: Korean (native), English (fluent)