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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>

Journal Articles

"New Evidence on the WIC Cycle: What Happens When Benefits Expire", with Marianne Bitler (UC Davis), Jason Cook (University of Utah), Paige Rowberry (University of Utah), **National Tax Journal**, March 2024 (forthcoming)

"Unintended Health Benefits of Adopting Preventive Behaviors during a Virus Outbreak", with Sok Chul Hong (Seoul National University) and Eunju Lee (UC Davis), **Health Economics**, 2023

Other Publications

"Economic Costs of the Opportunity Gap", with Marianne Bitler (UC Davis), as a 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, 2022. ([Link](#))

Work in progress

"EBT Technology in SNAP And Retailers' Program Participation"

- 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.

"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.

"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.

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

Presentations

Center for Poverty & Inequality Research Graduate Student Retreat, Davis, CA, USA, September 2023. *Oral presentation*

16th Annual All-California Labor Economics Conference, Santa Barbara, CA, USA, September 2023. *Poster presentation*

UC Davis Economics PhD Alumni Conference, Davis, CA, USA, May 2023. *Poster presentation*

Western Economic Association 15th International (WEAI) Conference, Tokyo, Japan, March 2019. *Oral presentation*

Asian-Australasian Society of Labour Economists (AASLE) 2018 Conference, Seoul, South Korea, December 2018. *Oral presentation*

Employment

Research Assistant, Prof. Marianne Bitler

University of California, Davis

Jan 2022 - June 2023

Teacher's Assistant

University of California, Davis

Sept 2020 - Jan 2022

Research Assistant, Prof. Chulhee Lee

Seoul National University

Sept 2017 - Aug 2019

Skills & Languages

Programming Languages: STATA (expert), R (intermediate), Python (beginner)

Languages: Korean (native), English (fluent)