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Education

University of California, Davis	2019 - 2025 (expected)
<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, Health Economics, Labor Economics, Program Evaluation

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“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

“The Role of Intermediaries in Administering In-kind Transfers: Evidence from SNAP and Food Retailers” (*Job Market Paper*)

- **Abstract.** Many in-kind transfers are provided not as direct government transfers but rather as entitlements that allow recipients to access specific goods from private providers. This structure makes these providers key intermediaries, whose participation decisions can substantially impact the efficiency, access, and equity of in-kind transfer programs. Despite this significance, relatively little attention has been paid to how firms respond to these programs and the effects on benefit recipients, especially within the context of nutrition assistance. This study examines grocery retailers’ responses to changes in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) following the adoption of Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) technology and explores subsequent implications for program efficiency and equity. Leveraging the staggered rollout of EBT across counties, I find that the transition to EBT led to a 9.6% decrease in the number of SNAP-authorized retailers, primarily driven by declines in the number of small SNAP stores. Evidence suggests that these exits among small stores were due to the initial costs associated with EBT setup. Further analyses indicate that, while EBT improved program efficiency by reducing administrative costs and increasing SNAP participation, these efficiency gains were largely concentrated in areas with relatively good access to large SNAP retailers.

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

"Parental Gender Norms and College Major Choices", with Chulhee Lee and Hyewon Kim. *Under Review.*

Awards & Fellowships

Department Travel Award

University of California, Davis

Spring 2024

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

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations

2024-2025 Academic Year (*: scheduled)

APPAM Fall Research Conference*, ASSA Annual Meeting* (*poster*), Virtual Economics of Poverty and Public Policy Seminar (JM egg-timer presentation), UC Merced (*invited*) All California Labor Economics Conference (*poster*)

2023-2024 Academic Year

WEAI Annual Conference, UC Davis Alumni Conference (*poster*), Economic Research Service Brown Bag Series (*invited*), Annual All-California Labor Economics Conference (*poster*), Center for Poverty & Inequality Research Fall Retreat (UC Davis)

2022-2023 Academic Year

UC Davis Alumni Conference (*poster*)

Additional Employment

Research Assistant, Prof. Marianne Bitler

University of California, Davis

2022 - 2024

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: Principles 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)

Other

Citizenship: Republic of Korea

References

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