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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development, Economic History, International Trade, Economics of Migration, Environmental Economics

EMPLOYMENT

KDI School of Public Policy and Management July 2025 -
Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Sejong, Republic of Korea

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) May 2025
Ph.D. in Economics, Boulder, Colorado, USA

University of Colorado Boulder May 2021
M.A. in Economics, Boulder, Colorado, USA

Sungkyunkwan University August 2019
M.A. in Economics, Seoul, Korea

Sungkyunkwan University August 2016
B.A. in Global Economics, Seoul, Korea

WORKING PAPERS

- “Time to Accumulate: The Great Migration and the Rise of the American South”
- “A General Equilibrium Investigation of the American Dust Bowl”
- *Revision requested at **Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics***

PUBLICATIONS

- “Did War Mobilization Cause Regional Development?” (with Taylor Jaworski)
- **Explorations in Economic History**, 2025. 97. 101685.
- “Trade and Inequality: A Sufficient Statistics Approach” (with Sergey Nigai)
- **Journal of Political Economy Macroeconomics**, 2024, 2(3): 508–552.

PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

- “The Effect of Delaying School Start Time on Adolescents’ Time Use and Health: Evidence from a Policy Change in South Korea” (with Jaesung Choi). **Asian Population Studies**, 2021, 17 (1), 7-29.
- “The Impacts of Student Loans on Early Labor Market Performance” (with Jaesung Choi). **Economic Analysis** (in Korean), 2019, 25 (4), 1-24.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Instructor of Record

- Spatial Economics and Quantitative Modeling (Graduate), KDI School, Spring 2026
- Theory and Policy of International Trade (Graduate), KDI School, Fall 2025
- International Economics and Policy (Undergraduate), CU Boulder, Fall 2022
- Introduction to Statistics with Computer Applications (Undergraduate), CU Boulder, Spring 2022

Teaching Assistant

- Graduate: Microeconomic Theory 1 and 2, Macroeconomic Theory 1, Econometrics
- Undergraduate: Economics Honors Seminar, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Environmental Economics, Natural Resource Economics, Applied Econometrics

AWARDS AND HONORS

2023 Economic History Association Cambridge University Press Dissertation Fellowship
2022 University of Colorado Third Year Paper Prize, Sieglinde Talbott Haller Endowed Economics Scholarship
2021 Sieglinde Talbott Haller Endowed Economics Scholarship
2020 Prize in Econometrics, Yordan Prize of Microeconomics

SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2026 Academia Sinica (scheduled)
2025 University of Nottingham, KDI School, Hanyang University, Yonsei University, Sungkyunkwan University, Korea International Economic Association
2024 Florida State University, NBER Summer Institute Development of the American Economy, Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Graduate Student Workshop, Economic History Association (EHA) Annual Meeting, Mountain West Economic History Conference
2023 Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Annual Meeting
2022 WEAI, EHA, North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting
2019 WEAI at Tokyo, Korean Association for Survey Research Meeting

SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Stata, Matlab, Julia, R, ArcGIS

CITIZENSHIP AND LANGUAGE

Republic of Korea / Korean (Native), English (Fluent)

Last updated on February 28, 2026