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## EDUCATION

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
Ph.D., Economics

*Illinois, USA*  
*2023 - Present*

**Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)**  
M.A., Economics

*Seoul, Republic of Korea*  
*2021 - 2023*

**Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)**  
B.A., Economics and B.S., Data Science

*Seoul, Republic of Korea*  
*2015 - 2021*

## FIELD OF INTERESTS

Econometrics, Financial Econometrics, Finance, Machine Learning

## PUBLICATIONS

"Forecasting Stock Market Volatility : A Sentiment Based Approach" (with Changsik Kim),  
*Journal of Economic Theory and Econometrics, Vol. 35, P.29-58, 2024*

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT

**Research Assistant of Prof. Jihyung Lee (UIUC)**  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Aug. 2024 - Present*

**Research Assistant of Prof. Changsik Kim (Sungkyunkwan University)**  
Sungkyunkwan University

*Sep. 2021 - May. 2023*

- Analyzing and estimating bid-rigging overcharges for government procurement  
Korea Water Resources Corporation
- Forecasting mobile, landline, and internet phone subscribers  
Korea Information Society Development Institute
- Forecasting nuclear, coal, and LNG utilization rate using machine learning models  
Korea Gas Corporation

**Research Assistant for the Center for Econometrics Research**  
Sungkyunkwan University

*Jul. 2022 - Sep. 2022*

- Forecasting Samsung global mobile phone demand and estimating product life cycle  
Samsung Electronics

**Research Assistant of Prof. Yongok Choi (Chung-Ang University)**  
Chung-Ang University

*May. 2021 - Jun. 2022*

- Managing database and data pre-processing for forecasting long-run energy demand  
Korea Gas Corporation

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

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(Undergraduate) <b>Economic Statistics 2</b> at UIUC	<i>Fall 2024</i>
(Graduate) <b>Econometrics 1</b> at SKKU	<i>Fall 2022</i>
(Graduate) <b>Machine Learning and Economic Forecasting</b> at SKKU	<i>Spring 2022</i>
(Undergraduate) <b>Econometrics</b> at SKKU	<i>Spring 2022</i>
(Undergraduate) <b>Statistical Analysis for Economics</b> at SKKU	<i>Fall 2021</i>
(Undergraduate) <b>Principles of Economics</b> at SKKU	<i>Fall 2021</i>

## HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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<b>Brain Korea 21 Research Scholarship</b>	
Sungkyunkwan University	<i>2021-2023</i>
<b>SKKU Stipend Initiative</b>	
Sungkyunkwan University	<i>2021-2023</i>
<b>SKKU Magna Cum Laude</b>	
Sungkyunkwan University	<i>2021</i>
<b>Academic Excellence Scholarship</b>	
Sungkyunkwan University	<i>2019</i>

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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<b>Sergeant, Korean Augmentation To the United States Army</b>	
68W, 121st Combat Support Hospital, 65th Medical Brigade, Eighth United States Army	<i>2016 - 2018</i>

## OTHER INFORMATION

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<b>Citizenship</b>	United States, Republic of Korea
<b>Computer Skills</b>	Python, R
<b>Language</b>	English (Fluent), Korean (Native)