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EDUCATION

August 2020

Ph.D. in Financial Planning, Housing, and Consumer Economics, University of Georgia

Dissertation Title: *Effect of Income on Quality of Life and Survival Expectation Among Older Adults in America: Evidence from Social Security Notch*

May 2016

M.S. in Financial Planning, Housing, and Consumer Economics, University of Georgia

Thesis Title: *The Dynamics of Household Food Insecurity From 2010-2011: Evidence from the Survey of Income and Program Participation*

May 2013

B.S. in Consumer Economics, University of Georgia

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Interests: Household and children food insecurity, household financial and healthy behaviors, consumer decision making, health economics, household economic well-being, quality of life of older adults, emerging adults' relationship/financial/psychological well-being

Department of Health Policy & Management, Economic Evaluation Research Group – Univ. of Georgia

University of Georgia

Athens, GA

Postdoctoral Research Associate

November 2021 – Present

- Analyzing claims data and developing manuscripts related to health equity and disparity
- Analyzing data to analyze cost and benefit of community health workers program
- Assisting with IRB, data collection, cleaning, management, and other aspects of the research group
- Working on grants related to health disparity

University of Maryland Extension – Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

College Park, MD

Program/Research Coordinator

January 2021 – October 2021

- Assist in coordinating the collection, compilation, and analysis of program activity data; developing, writing, and editing analytic and narrative program reports and evaluations.
- Assist in FCS Needs Assessment such as Qualtrics Panel including IRB application, survey development, data management, data analysis and report writing.
- Assist in writing grant proposals and grant administration
- Create and produce a range of promotional, educational, and informational presentations, and/or resource materials related to program activities and initiatives including social media, website, email, e-newsletter, and others
- Develop, implement, and maintains paper and electronic filing and data management systems such as excel, google sheet, google form that meets unit needs, and satisfy requirements for retention and information security
- Manage and analyze the data and generate reports and summaries based on the data and documents.
- Provide administrative support to the FCS Program Leader

- Schedule and implement large scale and routine meetings and events, including scheduling, registration, preparing meeting materials, meeting notes, etc.
- Edit, format, and revise a variety of documents and materials created by others – proofread for grammatical, typographical, and primary content errors.

Department of Financial Planning, Housing, and Consumer Economics – Univ. of Georgia Athens, GA
Graduate Research Assistant August 2019 – May 2020

- Created Qualtrics surveys
- Worked on a bibliography of research and literature review on money and couples' relationship
- Created and designed fliers and brochures for financial planning courses and program

Research Assistant Fall 2019
 ▪ Worked on a bibliography of research in the following topics: [a] Intergenerational Financial Learning, [b] Story Telling Method, and [c] Student Instructor Relationship

Graduate Research Assistant August 2014 – May 2016
 ▪ Searched, collected, and summarized literature review for different topics, such as credit use, home ownership, unbanked, savings and asset accumulation, and food insecurity

Student Worker for Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Program (GICH) February 2014 – June 2014
 ▪ Updated annual reports for the cities that joined the GICH program, gathered information about the state of GA's housing report, and designed and created sponsorship flyer template using Publisher

▪ Participated in a project of gathering data for the interactive mapping and data website for the GICH, by using Excel database to add new GICH participating communities' indicators

Undergraduate Research Assistant January 2013 – May 2013
 ▪ Worked on literature review on attendance and student performance

▪ Assisted with data collection

College of Public Health – Univ. of Georgia Athens, GA
Student Research Assistant January 2018 – May 2018

- Gathered literature review on different health conditions (obesity, opioid-related hospitalizations, comorbidities) and worked on projects related to these topics with faculties
- Tested different analyses using National Inpatient Sample data, and used the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) codes to define different types of comorbidities
- Submitted completed projects to different health-related journals and conferences

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Economic Research Service (ERS) Washington, DC
Student Trainee (Economics) – Pathways Intern June 2019 – August 2019

- Worked on a project of tracking citations of ERS's food security data investments – mainly Current Population Survey Food Security Supplements and Food Security Survey Module, and additional data such as National Health and Nutrition Survey, National Household Food Acquisition and Purchase Survey, Panel Study of Income Dynamics, etc.
- Utilized different search engines, such as Google Scholars, AgEcon Search, EBSCOhost, EconPapers, specific journal websites, and other websites that produce food security-related research, to capture as many outputs as possible including journal articles and other documents that used and/or cited ERS food security data in empirical analyses from 2014 to 2019
- Created a database and kept track of ERS food security data using a reference management tool 'EndNote'
- Produced word clouds from the final outputs conducted in EndNote library using three different output styles – (1) by title and abstract, (2) by journal name, and (3) by author name
- Gave a seminar on this project to the ERS agency at the end of the summer internship

USDA – ERS Washington, DC
Student Trainee (Economics) – Pathways Intern May 2018 – July 2018

- Worked on a project titled, “Food insecurity in female-headed households with children” with the lead project manager, Alisha Coleman-Jensen, and co-project-manager, Michael Smith
- Conducted a literature review and wrote a summary of the literature to date on food insecurity among single mothers/female-headed households
- Under the guidance of the lead project manager and co-project-manager, I worked with the Current Population Survey – Food Security Supplement data to code variables to identify different household structures using the relationship variable and other demographic variables available in the data
- Conducted preliminary analyses beginning with descriptive prevalence estimates and multivariate logistic regression models
- Gave a seminar on this project to the ERS agency at the end of the summer internship

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Braddock Middle School

Cumberland, MD

One-Day Guest Instructor

March 3rd, 2021

- Delivered advertising lesson 3 times to different cohorts of middle school students via Zoom

UGA Department of Financial Planning, Housing, and Consumer Economics

Athens, GA

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2016 – Summer 2020

- Introduction to Personal Finance (*online*) Summer 2020
- Clinical Practicum in Financial Planning Spring 2020, Fall 2019
- Survey of Financial Planning Fall 2019
- Introduction to Personal Finance Spring 2019
- Money Skills for Life Fall 2018
- Professionalism and Career Readiness Fall 2018
- Financial Counseling and Client Communication Fall 2018
- Consumers in Our Society Spring 2018
- Introduction to Consumer Economic Spring 2018, Fall 2017
- Consumer Decision Making Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
- Consumer Policy Spring 2018, Fall 2017
- Housing in Contemporary Society Spring 2017
- Housing and Community Development Spring 2017
- Advanced Housing Theories Fall 2016
- Advanced Wealth Management II Spring 2014
- Consumer Analytics: Evidence-Based Policy Spring 2014
- Computer Applications for Financial Planning Fall 2013

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2019

- Covered 4 days of FHCE3250 ‘Survey of Financial Planning’ and prepared PowerPoint lecture slides on general insurance and time value of money
- I collected students’ evaluation on my lecture/teaching
 - Students’ evaluation [n=26]
 - [1] Ms. Chung was well-prepared and organized – average score I received: 4.85/5.00
 - [2] Ms. Chung was knowledgeable about the subject matter – 4.69/5.00
 - [3] Ms. Chung conveyed enthusiasm for the subject matter – 4.81/5.00
 - [4] The material presented by Ms. Chung was clear and easy to understand – 4.54/5.00
 - [5] Ms. Chung treated students with respect – 5.00/5.00
 - [6] I am satisfied with Ms. Chung as a TA – 4.81/5.00
 - [7] I would recommend this TA to a friend – 4.73/5.00
 - Some of the students’ comments

- “Great energy, effective communication, a true pleasure to have in class”
- “Passionate, compassionate, friendly, great enthusiasm, keep material interesting”
- “Great at engaging students with her personality”
- “Cares about the students, and treated students with respect”

UGA Athletic Association Tutoring

Athens, GA

Student Tutor

August 2017 – December 2017

- Tutored a Consumer Decision Making course to an undergraduate student-athlete over the semester
- Provided the student-athlete with academic support – helped with homework/basic economic concept/exam related questions
- Prepared practice exams based on the course lectures and textbook

L3 Academy

Duluth, GA

Assistant Teacher/Helper

June 2017 – August 2017

- Assisted teachers with 3rd – 7th graders math, literature, book club, science, history, and arts classes for 8-weeks summer camp program
- Provided individual tutoring session for 5th grade level math

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI)

Reviewer for Annual ACCI Conference

2013 – 2020

Reviewed manuscripts on various topics such as consumer economics, consumer behavior, food insecurity, public health, quality of life, and financial/economic well-being

Department of Financial Planning, Housing, and Consumer Economics

Athens, GA

Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant

August 2013 – July 2020

Georgia 4-H Program at Univ. of Georgia

Eatonton, GA

Served as a Judge for Junior and Senior 4-H Project Achievement Competition

February 2020

Poverty Simulation at Univ. of Georgia

Athens, GA

Volunteer

2013, 2015, 2016, 2018

Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Program at Univ. of Georgia

Athens, GA

Student Worker

February 2014 – June 2014

Servant Korean Evangelical Church of Atlanta

Lawrenceville, GA

Young Adults Small Group Leader

April 2014 – Present

Drummer

Spring 2014 – Present

Young Adults Group Treasurer

November 2018 – December 2019

Young Adults Group Officer

Summer 2014 – December 2019

Hispanic American Mission Center

Doraville, GA

Arts and Crafts Teacher

January 2014 – October 2016

Atlanta Full Gospel Church

Lawrenceville, GA

Secretary for College Group

January 2012 – December 2013

Vacation Bible Study Assistant Helper (Seasonal)

July 2009 – July 2011

Asian American Resource Center

Suwanee, GA

Volunteer

July 2011 – August 2011

Atlanta Downtown Homeless Ministry – Stepping Stone Ministry

Atlanta, GA

Volunteered with Church Members (Seasonal)

2009 – 2011

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Chatterjee, S., Kim, J., & **Chung, S.** (2021). Emerging Adulthood Milestones, Perceived Capability, and Psychological Well-being while Transitioning to Adulthood: Evidence from a National Study. *Financial Planning Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cfp2.1132>
2. Rajbhandari-Thapa J. Ingels, J., **Chung, S.**, Thapa, K., Chen, Z., & Zhang, D. (2020). In-patient Obesity Diagnosis, Use of Surgical Treatment and Associated Costs by Payer Type in the United States: Analysis of the National Inpatient Sample, 2011 through 2014. *Clinical Obesity*, e12385. doi: 10.1111/cob.12385
3. Rajbhandari-Thapa J., Zhang, D., Padilla, H., & **Chung, S.** (2019). Opioid-related Hospitalization with Chronic Diseases: Findings from the National Inpatient Sample 2011 through 2015. *Preventing Chronic Diseases*, 16. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5888/pcd16.190169>

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles under Review

1. **Chung, S.**, Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., & Chatterjee, S. The Relationship between U.S. 2019 Households' Eating Behavior and Health Expenditure. *Journal of Health Population and Nutrition*.

Conference Paper and Poster Presentations

1. Chatterjee, S., Kim, J., & **Chung, S.** (2021). *Financial Strain, Non-marital Relationship Satisfaction, and Psychological Well-being of Emerging Adults: Evidence from a National Study*. American Association of Consumer Interests (ACCI) Annual Conference, Virtual.
2. **Chung, S.**, & Rajbhandari-Thapa, J. (February, 2020). *Mental Health and Comorbidities in Opioid Related Hospitalizations*. Poster presented at Southeast Regional Clinical & Translational Science Conference.
3. Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., Zhang, D., **Chung, S.**, Mekonnen, B., & Pham, F. (June, 2019). *Opioid-related Hospitalizations, its Association with Comorbidities, and Payer Differences in Rural and Urban America*. Poster presented at Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Washington, DC.
4. **Chung, S.**, Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., & Chatterjee, S. (May, 2019). *The Relationship Between U.S. Households' Eating Behavior and Proportion of Health Expenditures Over Other Expenditures*. Poster presented at ACCI Annual Conference, Arlington, VA.
5. Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., Zhang, D., & **Chung, S.** (November, 2018). *Trends in Obesity Diagnosis and Treatment*. Poster presented at Obesity Week, Nashville, TN.
6. Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., Zhang, D., **Chung, S.**, Mekonnen, B., & Pham, F. (October, 2018). *Comorbidities and Payer Difference in Opioid-Related Hospitalization*. Poster presented at UGA Interdisciplinary Opioid Epidemic Symposium, Athens, GA.
7. Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., Zhang, D., **Chung, S.**, Mekonnen, B., & Pham, F. (October, 2018). *Rural-Urban Differences in Opioid-Related Hospitalization*. Poster presented at UGA Interdisciplinary Opioid Epidemic Symposium, Athens, GA.
8. **Chung, S.**, & Hou, S.-I. (February, 2017). *Mental Health Disparities Among Korean American Elderly Living in the South*. Poster presented at Family and Consumer Sciences 2017 Alumni Awards Luncheon, Athens, GA.
9. **Chung, S.**, & Babiarz, P. (April, 2017). *Revolving Credit Card Debt: Do the Determinants Differ Between Bank- And Store-Issued Cards?* Poster presented at ACCI, Albuquerque, NM.
10. **Chung, S.**, & Hou, S.-I. (November, 2015). *Mental Health Disparities Among Korean American Elderly Living in The South*. Poster presented at American Public Health Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
11. Nielsen, R., Wilmarth, M., **Chung, S.**, & Lee, J. (May, 2015). *Understanding Transitions into Food Insecurity*. Oral presentation at ACCI, Clearwater, FL.
12. Nielsen, R., Wilmarth, M., **Chung, S.**, & Lee, J. (April, 2015). *Understanding Transitions into Food Insecurity*. Presentation at the Sustainable Food Systems Initiative Monthly Seminar at UGA, Athens, GA.
13. **Chung, S.**, & Chatterjee, S. (April, 2014). *Does the Immigrant Parents' Education Level Affect Their Children's Private Health Insurance Participation?* Poster presented at ACCI, Milwaukee, WI.
14. Scott, K.-W., **Chung, S.**, & Fan, L. (2014). *Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Expenditure Across the U.S. Region*. Presentation at Financial Planning, Housing, and Consumer Economics Department Research Seminar.

Working Papers and Manuscripts in Progress

1. **Chung, S.,** & Hou, S.-I. *Mental Health Disparities Among Korean American Elderly Living in the South.*
2. **Chung, S.** *Do Nutrition Education and Financial Education Mediate the Relationship Between Household Economic Status and Health Expenditure?*
3. **Chung, S.,** & Babiarz, P. *Effect of Income on Quality of Life Among Older Adults in America: Evidence from Social Security Notch*
4. **Chung, S.,** & Babiarz, P. *Effect of Income on Survival Expectation Among Older Adults in America: Evidence from Social Security Notch*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Health Economists <i>Member</i>	December 2017 – Present
American Council on Consumer Interests <i>Member</i>	April 2014 – Present
National Society Collegiate Scholars <i>Member</i>	August 2009 – May 2013

HONORS AND AWARDS

FACS Funds for Excellence Scholarship <i>UGA Family and Consumer Sciences College</i>	Summer 2020
Eleonora M. Costa Graduate Support Fund <i>UGA Family and Consumer Sciences College</i>	Fall 2017 – Spring 2018
Rosabelle Carr Koelsche Scholarship <i>UGA Family and Consumer Sciences College</i>	Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
Mary E. Creswell Research Fund <i>UGA Family and Consumer Sciences College</i>	Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Needs Fellowship <i>USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture</i>	Fall 2014 – Spring 2016
APHA Asian & Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health Best Student Abstract Award <i>American Public Health Association 2015 Conference</i>	Fall 2015
Mary E. Creswell Research Fund <i>UGA Family and Consumer Sciences College</i>	Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
L. Frank and Georgia D. Rodgers Graduate Student Award <i>UGA Family and Consumer Sciences College</i>	Fall 2014 – Spring 2015
Thomas F. Comer Scholarship <i>UGA Family and Consumer Sciences College</i>	Fall 2013 – Spring 2014
HOPE Scholarship <i>UGA</i>	Fall 2009 – Spring 2013
Marian Chesnut McCullers Scholarship <i>UGA</i>	Fall 2012 – Spring 2013
Outstanding Senior Award for the FACS College at the Convocation <i>UGA Family and Consumer Sciences College</i>	Spring 2013

SKILLS

Research skills

[a] Experience with collecting and summarizing different topics of literature review: effect of income on quality of life/well-being of older adults, money and couples' relationship; quality of life among older adults; mental health disparities; food insecurity; children's health insurance participation; students' attendance and academic performance; consumer general well-being and financial well-being - specifically credit card, debt puzzle, unbanked, etc.; health economics - specifically obesity and rural-urban disparities in cardiovascular disease, opioid-related hospitalizations, and healthy eating.

[b] Experience with analyzing and interpreting data results using different statistical programs, creating surveys using Qualtrics, going through the entire IRB process - getting approval, making survey questions, collecting own survey data, and gathering qualitative data through interview.

Writing skills

Summarization of literature review, annotated bibliography, thesis, manuscript writing, abstracts for conferences, research projects for courses and publications, and assist in grant proposal/application

Language Skills

Fluent in Korean and English; skilled in written Chinese calligraphy

Computer Skills

Microsoft Word (for writing purposes as well as making booklets and flyers), Publisher, Excel (for creating graphs, tablets, and charts; running analyses), PowerPoint, Photo Editing, Infographics (for creating visualization of research results and creating flyers), EndNote

Statistical Analysis Skills

Basic experience with Joinpoint/MPlus/AMOS, Beginner R, comfortable with SAS and STATA, experience with survey design platform such as Qualtrics