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Education

M.A. Economics, Korea University, 2019.

B.A. Economics and Korean Law, *summa cum laude*, Handong Global University, 2016.

Research Fields

Urban Economics, Labor Economics.

Working Papers

[“Acceptance and Educational Sorting of Same-sex Couples”](#)

[“How Do Same-sex Couples Affect Central Cities?”](#)

Work in Progress

[“The Impact of Charter Schools on Segregation by English Learner Status”](#)

Presentations

Applied Micro Seminar, Syracuse University, November 2023.

The Western Economic Association International (WEAI) 98th Annual Conference, San Diego, July 2023.

12th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (UEA), Milan, May 2023.

Graduate Student Seminar, Center for Policy Research (CPR), Syracuse University, April 2023.

Labor Group Meeting, Syracuse University, 2022-2023.

Research Experience

Graduate Associate, Center for Policy Research (CPR), Syracuse University, 2022-present.

Research Assistant to Prof. Monica Deza, Syracuse University, 2023-present.

Research Assistant to Prof. Stuart Rosenthal, Syracuse University, 2022-2023.

Research Assistant, Korea Small Business Institute, 2019.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Syracuse University

Intermediate Microeconomics, Summer 2021.

Teaching Assistant, Syracuse University

Introduction to Stats and Econometrics, Spring 2021.

Economic Statistics, Fall 2020.

Introduction to Microeconomics, Spring 2020.

Economic Ideas and Issues, Fall 2019.

Teaching Assistant, Korea University

Microeconomic Theory I (*graduate*), Spring 2018.

Microeconomic Theory, Fall 2018, Fall 2017.

Teaching Assistant, Handong Global University

Introduction to Economics, Fall 2016.

Theory of Games and Information, Fall 2015.

Macroeconomics, Fall 2014.

Awards and Honors

Brain Korea 21 Research Scholarship, Korea University, Fall 2017, Fall 2018.

Global Leader Scholarship, Handong Global University, 2010-2016.

Languages

English (fluent), Korean (native)

Computer Skills

Stata, Python, LaTeX

Citizenship

The Republic of Korea

References

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Acceptance of Same-sex Couples and Their Location Choices (Job Market Paper)

Same-sex couples disproportionately live in some metropolitan areas in the United States. One reason is the different levels of social acceptance of same-sex couples across areas. This paper shows that acceptance of same-sex couples affects their location decisions, especially those with college degrees, resulting in higher educational sorting of same-sex couples across areas. I derive the mean utility of each city from a conditional logit model. OLS regression results of the obtained mean utility on acceptance show a substantial impact of acceptance on location choices of college-educated same-sex couples. An instrumental variable regression using a novel instrument of the historical number of churches shows a similar effect of acceptance. Counterfactual analysis suggests significant implications for the distribution and welfare of same-sex couples and productivity in an area.

How Do Same-sex Couples Affect Central Cities?

In the United States, same-sex couples disproportionately live in central cities of metropolitan areas, and their presence has often been reported as an indicator of imminent gentrification. In this paper, I suggest two mechanisms that attract same-sex couples into central cities: smaller income elasticity of housing demand and different preferences for downtown/suburban amenities including child-related amenities and cultural tolerance. Analysis based on American Community Survey data provides evidence for these mechanisms. Further analysis using a shift-share instrument shows that metropolitan areas with a higher initial share of same-sex couples downtown experienced a larger increase in average individual income downtown between 2010 and 2017.

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