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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics, University of Southern California, 2020 - 2026 (expected)
- M.A. Economics, University of Southern California, 2022
- M.A. Economics, Yonsei University, 2019
- B.A. Economics, Yonsei University, 2017

RESEARCH AREAS

Applied Microeconomics

Urban/Spatial Economics, Labor/Demographic Economics, Housing Economics, and Household Finance

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2025 “An Aggregate Economic Value Perspective on Korea’s Marriage Decline – Transitory and Secular.” (with Jung Hyuk Lee and Seungwoo Chin) *Journal of Demographic Economics*, Forthcoming. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/dem.2025.10008>
- 2020 “Joint Recruitment of Public Institutions: Who Gains Who Loses.” (with Jaeok Park) *Journal of Economic Theory and Econometrics*, Vol. 31, No. 1, pp. 14-65. DOI: [10.22812/jetem.2020.31.1.002](https://doi.org/10.22812/jetem.2020.31.1.002)
- 2019 “Deferring Graduation as Job Market Signaling.” (with Doo Hyung Yun, and Jaeok Park) *The Korean Journal of Economics*, Vol. 26, No. 2, pp. 245-275.
- 2019 “Uncertainty and Household Portfolio Choice: Evidence from South Korea.” (with Donghyun Suh) *Economics Letters*, Vol. 180, pp. 21-24. DOI: [10.1016/j.econlet.2019.03.009](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econlet.2019.03.009)
- 2018 “Testing for the Conditional Geometric Mixture Distribution.” (with Jin Seo Cho and Sang Woo Park) *Journal of Economic Theory and Econometrics*, Vol. 29, No. 2, pp. 1-27. DOI: [10.22812/jetem.2018.29.2.001](https://doi.org/10.22812/jetem.2018.29.2.001)

WORKING PAPERS

- 2025 **Job Market Paper:** “Priced Out of Entrepreneurship? – Rising Local Home Prices Lower Economic Opportunities for Young Renters.” (with Seungyub Han)
- 2024 “Do Working Wives Make Married Men Earn More? Evidence in Korea.” (with Hee-Seung Yang and Myungkyu Shim)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- 2025 “The Impact of Porto Digital on Urban Revitalization and Gentrification in Recife, Brazil (Tentative Title).” (with Alison De Farias)
- 2023 “The Impact of Air Pollution on Housing Prices and Migration Pattern: Evidence from South Korea.”

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2025 Conference Travel Grant, Department of Economics, USC
- 2024 Research Awards, Lusk Center for Real Estate (\$12,000)
- 2024, 25 GSG Professional Development Fund, USC
- 2023, 24 Summer Research Award Grant, USC
- 2022 Summer Research Grant for Outstanding Second-Year Paper Award, USC
- 2020 - Fellowship for Ph.D. Program, USC
- 2019 Graduate School of Yonsei Alumni Scholarship, Graduate School of Yonsei University
- 2019 Research Capability Scholarship, Graduate School of Yonsei University
- 2018, 19 Brain Korea 21 Research Incentive Scholarship, Yonsei University
- 2018 Scholarship, Project for the Construction of Internationalization Infrastructures, Yonsei University
- 2017-18 Merit-based Full Scholarship, Graduate School of Yonsei University
- 2013, 2016 Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Yonsei University

AWARDS

- 2023 Research Awards, Lusk Center for Real Estate
“Skyrocketing House Prices and Squeezed Young Entrepreneurs.”
- 2023,24 Summer Research Award, USC
“Skyrocketing House Prices and Squeezed Young Entrepreneurs.”
- 2022 Outstanding Second-Year Paper Award, USC
“Do Working Wives Make Married Men Earn More? Evidence from Korea.”
- 2018 First Prize of Graduate Student Research Paper Competition, Korea Labor Institute
“Uncertainty and Household Portfolio Choice: Evidence from South Korea.”

PRESENTATION

- 2025 Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting; South California International Macro and Finance Conference; Korea-America Economic Association (KAEA) Job Market Conference; Yonsei University Macro Seminar; USC Development Seminar;

- 2021 Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) 2021 Conference; Korea International Economic Association (KIEA) Conference.
- 2020 Korea Labor Institute Working Papers Seminar.
- 2019 The 13th Joint Economics Symposium of Six Leading East Asian Universities; The Student Workshop in School of Economics; The Junior Scholar Club Economics Workshop.
- 2018 Conference of Korea Labor and Income Panel Study.

EXPERIENCE

- 2020 Research Assistant at the Korea Labor Institute
- 2019 Research Assistant at the Korean Longitudinal Survey of Women and Family (KLoWF)
- 2018-19 Research Assistant for Professor Jin Seo Cho (Yonsei University)
- 2018-19 Research Assistant for Economic Research Institute of Yonsei
- 2017-19 Editorial Assistant for The Korean Journal of Economics

TEACHING

University of Southern California

- 2024 Urban Economics(ECON 366), Money, Credit, and Banking(ECON 357), Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (ECON 303)
- 2023 Introduction to Statistics for Economics (ECON 317), Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 203)
- 2022 Introduction to Statistics for Economics (ECON 317), International Trade (ECON 450), International Finance (ECON 452)
- 2021 Introduction to Statistics for Economics (ECON 317)

Yonsei University

- 2016-2019 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Jaeok Park (Yonsei University)
Mathematical Economics, Market Design, Game Theory and Application

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Reviewer

Asian Economic Journal (2025)

OTHERS

Language: Korean (Native), English (Fluent)

Computer Skills: Stata, Python, QGIS, Julia, and Matlab

Staff Sergeant, Republic of Korea Air Force, 2011-2013

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