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EDUCATION

Korea University

M.A. in Economics (Expected February, 2025)

GPA: 4.43 / 4.5

Korea University

B.A. in Economics and B.A. in Statistics (February, 2023)

GPA: 4.27 / 4.5

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Public Economics, Econometrics

WORKING PAPER

Individual Differences in the Effects of Neighborhood Socioeconomic Deprivation on Economic Decision Making and Psychotic Risk in Children, with Junghoon Park, Eunji Lee, Bo-Gyeom Kim, Gakyung Kim, Yoonjung Yoonie Joo and Jiook Cha [\[link\]](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Economic Consequences After Tragedy Strikes: Evidence from the Itaewon Crowd Crush [\[link\]](#)

The Effect of Air Quality Alerts on Consumption and Foot Traffic, with Jongbin Lee

External and Internal Margin Gains from Infrastructure Improvement, with Wookun Kim and Matthew Shapiro

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for **Prof. Chirok Han & Sangsoo Park (Korea Univ.)** 08/2024 -
- Constructed a database to develop Economic Generative Interpretive System.

Research Assistant for **Prof. Kanghyock Koh (Korea Univ.)** 03/2023 - 02/2024
- Constructed a panel dataset integrating medical utilization records of 1 million individuals from the National Health Insurance Service cohort with pollution records in South Korea.
- Conducted an analysis to investigate the impact of PM2.5 on medical utilization by age group and symptoms.

Research Assistant for **Prof. Wookun Kim (Southern Methodist Univ.)** 08/2022 - 02/2023
- Created a comprehensive dataset including pollutant records (PM10, PM2.5, O3, etc.) and locations of ground-based monitors in South Korea from 2001 to 2022.
- Explored data imputation techniques, including the use of satellite imagery to address unobserved

PM2.5 data.

Research Assistant for **Prof. Jiook Cha (Seoul National Univ.)**

01/2022 - 12/2022

- Conducted a research for the paper titled “Individual Differences in the Effects of Neighborhood Socioeconomic Deprivation on Economic Decision-Making and Psychotic Risk in Children.”
- Led a lab-wide seminar on heterogeneous treatment effect estimation, focusing on the generalized random forest model and its applications on psychopathology and psychiatry.
- Developed a chatbot to provide detailed responses for an experiment that collects multi-dimensional data on neurocognitive development, genetics, and cognitive behavior in childhood and adolescence.

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

PhD Conference, Korea University Economics Department

2024

HONORS AND GRANTS

Outstanding Research Proposal Award, BK21 Economic Education Research Group

2023

BK21 Fellowship, BK21 Economic Education Research Group

2023

Outstanding M.A. Program Entrant, Korea University

2023

Full Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Korea University

2022

Research Support Program, Korea University Economics Department

2022

Honorable mention, NH Investment and Securities Big Data Contest

2021

- Awarded in Algorithm Development Field, \$750

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant for **Prof. Kanghyock Koh (Korea Univ.)**

09/2024 - 12/2024

- Health Economics (undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant for **Prof. Youngwoo Koh (Korea Univ.)**

03/2024 - 06/2024

- Mathematics for Economists (undergraduate), Microeconomic Theory I (graduate), Microeconomic Theory Seminar (graduate)

TEST SCORES

- GRE:
 - Verbal Reasoning: 158/170, Quantitative Reasoning: 170/170, Analytical Writing: 3.5/6
- TOEFL: 105/120
 - Reading: 26/30, Listening: 28/30, Speaking: 23/30, Writing: 28/30

SKILLS

Programming Languages

Python, R, Stata, SAS, GAUSS, Matlab

Languages

English (fluent), Korean (native)