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Research Interests

Large Language Models, Metascience, Human-AI Decision-Making

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. Candidate in Information Technology

2022 – Present

Seoul National University

Seoul, South Korea

B.S. in Physics & B.A. in Knowledge Ecology (student-designed major)

2021

– *summa cum laude* | Valedictorian/Dean's Award | Korea Presidential Science Scholar

Research Experience

Amazon

Palo Alto, CA

Applied Scientist Intern, Search Experience Team

2024

Amazon

Seattle, WA

Applied Scientist Intern, Science of Science Team

2023

Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA

Predoctoral Researcher, Laboratory for Social Minds

2021 – 2022

New England Complex Systems Institute

Cambridge, MA

Undergraduate Researcher

2020 – 2021

ASU-Santa Fe Institute Center for Complex Systems

Tempe, AZ

Undergraduate Researcher

2020

Seoul National University

Seoul, South Korea

Undergraduate Researcher, Big Data Studies Lab

2019

Undergraduate Researcher, Human-Centered Computing Lab

2019

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

Daejeon, South Korea

Undergraduate Researcher, Complexity and Network Science Group

2019

Awards and Fellowships (Selected)

- SBS Foundation Graduate Scholarship (one of 3 STEM recipients in South Korea) 2022 – 2028
- MIT Sloan PhD Fellowship 2022 – 2027
- International Conference on the Science of Science and Innovation Travel Grant 2024
- Santa Fe Institute Summer School Travel Award 2023
- Valedictorian/Dean's Award, Seoul National University College of Liberal Studies 2021
- Korea Presidential Science Scholarship in Physics (full tuition + stipend) 2015 – 2021
- Seoul National University Student-Designed Major Scholarship 2019 – 2021
- First Place, Seoul National University Presidential Award for Undergraduate Research 2021
- Seoul National University Undergraduate Research Grant 2020
- Seoul National University Volunteer Service Award (physics & math tutor) 2020
- First Place, Seoul National University College of Liberal Studies Research Festival 2020
- First Place, Seoul National University College of Liberal Studies Research Festival 2019
- First Place in College, Seoul National University Mathematics Achievement Exam 2015

Publications

- Work in Progress
 1. "Large Language Models for Research Synthesis and Evaluation" **Robin Na**, Duncan J. Watts, Abdullah Almaatouq.
 2. "Self-similarity in Pandemic Spread and Fractal Containment Policies." Alexander F. Siegenfeld, Asier Piñeiro Orioli, **Robin Na**, Blake Elias, Yaneer Bar-Yam. (Under Review)
- Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed) *Equal Contributions
 1. "Snakes or Ladders? Measuring the Intergenerational Performance of Chosŏn's Munkwa Exam Candidates." **Robin W. Na***, Javier Cha*. *International Journal of Korean History*. 2021.
- Conference Proceedings (Refereed Full Paper)
 1. "The Diversity of Argument-Making in the Wild: from Assumptions and Definition to Causation and Anecdote in Reddit's 'Change My View.'" **Robin W. Na**, Simon DeDeo. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. 2022. [acceptance rate 27%, average reviewer score 4.33/5]
 2. "Multi-level Co-authorship Network Analysis on Interdisciplinarity: A Case Study on the Complexity Science Community." **Robin W. Na**, Bongwon Suh. *Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Complex Systems* Springer, Cham. 2020.

Invited Presentations

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| – MIT Behavioral Research Lab Seminar | 2025 |
| – Workshop on Information Technologies and Systems | 2024 |
| – INFORMS Annual Meeting | 2024 |
| – MIT Conference on Digital Experimentation | 2024 |
| – Stanford Polarization and Social Change Lab Seminar | 2024 |
| – AI for Science Workshop at the International Conference on Machine Learning | 2024 |
| – International Conference on Computational Social Science | 2024 |
| – International Conference on the Science of Science and Innovation | 2024 |
| – ACM Collective Intelligence Conference | 2024 |
| – Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society | 2022 |
| – Cultural Evolution Society Conference | 2021 |
| – International School and Conference on Network Science | 2020 |
| – International Conference on Complex Systems | 2020 |
| – Graph Technologies in Digital Humanities — Modelling the Scholarly Process | 2020 |

Invited Workshops

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| ○ Santa Fe Institute Complexity-GAINs Summer Institute on Intelligence & Representation | 2023 |
| ○ Theoretical Organizational Models (TOM) Summer School at Harvard Business School | 2023 |

Teaching Experience

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| ○ Massachusetts Institute of Technology | |
| 1. Teaching Assistant, Digital Revolution: From Foundations to Future Trends (15.561) | Fall 2024 |
| 2. Teaching Assistant, Action Learning Seminar on Analytics (A-Lab; 15.572) | Fall 2023, 2024 |

Service

- **Reviewer:** International Conference on Computational Social Science
- Chairperson, Student Education Committee at Seoul National University (2016)