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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Environmental Health
- Geocomputation / High-Performance Computing
- Health Geography / Spatial Epidemiology
- Spatial Disparity
- Causal Inference
- Mental Health

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

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| Sep. 2024 – Current | Assistant Professor (Tenure track)
Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea (South) |
| Jan. 2024 – Aug. 2024 | Visiting Fellow
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS),
Durham, NC, United States
Mentor: Dr. Kyle P. Messier |
| Sep. 2023 – Jan. 2024 | Data Analyst, NIEHS |

EDUCATION

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| 2019 – 2023 | Ph.D. , (Geography)
University of Oregon, Eugene, United States
Dissertation: <i>Multiscale and Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Socioeconomic and Environmental Effects on Mental Illness Mortality</i>
Advisor: Dr. Hui Luan |
| 2015 – 2017 | M.A. , (Geography)
Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Thesis: <i>Construction of a Resampling-based Imputation Model based on Spatio-temporal Kriging and Its Implication</i>
Advisor: Dr. Key-Ho Park |
| 2009 – 2015 | B.A. , (Geography, European Regional Studies minor, <i>summa cum laude</i>)
Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea |

PROJECTS

- Reproducible high-resolution spatiotemporal PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ modeling in Republic of Korea
- Scalable computation for geospatial exposure assessment
- Spatiotemporal analysis of antidepressant prescription and social pressure
- Impact of incorrect address in the estimation of area-representative air quality values and spatiotemporal air pollution models

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED OR REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- For details, please refer to my Google Scholar page.

Luan, H., Song, I., Taggart, T., Arnold, K., Rice, B., & Ransome, Y. (2025). Increasing equity to mental health treatment by adapting churches as alternative facilities: a location-allocation analysis. *Health & Place*. 96, 103580–103581. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2025.103580>

Manware, M., Song, I., Marques, E. S., Kassien, M. A., Clark, L. P., & Messier, K. P. (2025). Amadeus: Accessing and Analyzing Large Scale Environmental Data in R. *Environmental Modelling & Software*. 186, 106352–106353. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2025.106352>

Song, I., & Messier, K. P. (2025). Chopin: An open source R-language tool to support spatial analysis on parallelizable infrastructure. *SoftwareX*. 30, 102167–102168. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.softx.2025.102167>

Song, I., & Luan, H. (2024). Localized effects of neighborhood park exposure on mental illness mortality in the Pacific Northwest United States. *Applied Geography*. 162, 103127–103128. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2023.103127>

Kim, D., Song, I., Miralha, L., Hirmas, D. R., McEwan, R. W., Mueller, T. G., & Šamonil, P. (2023). Consequences of Spatial Structure in Soil–Geomorphic Data on the Results of Machine Learning Models. *Geocarto International*. 38(1), 2245381–2245382. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10106049.2023.2245381>

Nguyen, C. T., Song, I., Jung, I., Choi, Y.-J., & Kim, S.-Y. (2023). Changes in Spatial Clusters of Cancer Incidence and Mortality over 15 Years in South Korea: Implication to Cancer Control. *Cancer Medicine*. 12(16), 17418–17427. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cam4.6365>

Ransome, Y., Luan, H., Song, I., & Duncan, D. T. (2023). Church Closings Were Associated with Higher COVID-19 Infection Rates: Implications for Community Health Equity. *Journal of Urban Health*. 100, 1258–1263. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11524-023-00791-2>

Song, I., & Kim, D. (2023). Three Common Machine Learning Algorithms Neither Enhance Prediction Accuracy Nor Reduce Spatial Autocorrelation in Residuals: An Analysis of

- Twenty-five Socioeconomic Data Sets. *Geographical Analysis*. 55(4), 585–620. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gean.12351>
- Song, I., Yoo, E.-H., Jung, I., Oh, J.-K., & Kim, S.-Y. (2023). Role of Geographic Characteristics in the Spatial Cluster Detection of Cancer: Evidence in South Korea, 1999–2013. *Environmental Research*. 236, 116841–116842. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envres.2023.116841>
- Taggart, T., Ransome, Y., Andreou, A., Song, I., Kershaw, T., & Milburn, N. (2023). Activity Space Assessments to Investigate Neighborhood Exposure to Racism-Related Stress and Related Substance Use Among Young Black Men: Connecticut, 2019. *American Journal of Public Health*. 113(S2), S136–S139. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2023.307254>
- Jun, Y.-B., Song, I., Kim, O.-J., & Kim, S.-Y. (2022). Impact of Limited Residential Address on Health Effect Analysis of Predicted Air Pollution in a Simulation Study. *Journal of Exposure Science & Environmental Epidemiology*. 32, 637–643. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41370-022-00412-1>
- Song, I., & Luan, H. (2022). The Spatially and Temporally Varying Association between Mental Illness and Substance Use Mortality and Unemployment: A Bayesian Analysis in the Contiguous United States, 2001–2014. *Applied Geography*. 140, 102664–102665. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2022.102664>
- Kim, D., & Song, I. (2021). Predicting Model Improvement by Accounting for Spatial Autocorrelation: A Socioeconomic Perspective. *The Professional Geographer*. 73(1), 131–149. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00330124.2020.1812408>
- Luan, H., Song, I., Fiellin, D. A., & Ransome, Y. (2021). HIV Infection Prevalence Significantly Intersects With COVID-19 Infection At the Area Level: A US County-Level Analysis. *JAIDS Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*. 88(2), 125–131. <https://doi.org/10.1097/QAI.0000000000002758>
- Ransome, Y., Luan, H., Song, I., Fiellin, D. A., & Galea, S. (2021). Association of Poor Mental-Health Days With COVID-19 Infection Rates in the U.S. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 62(3), 326–332. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2021.08.032>
- Park, Y., Song, I., Yi, J., Yi, S.-J., & Kim, S.-Y. (2020). Web-Based Visualization of Scientific Research Findings: National-Scale Distribution of Air Pollution in South Korea. *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health*. 14–15. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17072230>
- Song, I., Kim, O.-J., Choe, S.-A., & Kim, S.-Y. (2020). Spatial Heterogeneity in the Association between Particulate Matter Air Pollution and Low Birth Weight in South Korea. *Environmental Research*. 191, 110096–110097. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envres.2020.110096>
- Kim, D., Lee, J.-Y., Seo, J., & Song, I. (2019). Recolonization of Native and Invasive Plants after Large-Scale Clearance of a Temperate Coastal Dunefield. *Applied Geography*. 109, 102030–102031. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2019.05.007>

- Song, I., Lee, C., & Park, K.-H. (2018). An Ensemble Machine Learning from Spatio-temporal Kriging for Imputation of PM₁₀ in Seoul, Korea. *Journal of the Korean Geographical Society*. 53(3), 427–444. <https://journal.kgeography.or.kr/articles/article/vMLR/>
- Kim, S.-Y., & Song, I. (2017). National-Scale Exposure Prediction for Long-Term Concentrations of Particulate Matter and Nitrogen Dioxide in South Korea. *Environmental Pollution*. 226, 21–29. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envpol.2017.03.056>
- Song, I., & Kim, S.-Y. (2016). Estimation of Representative Area-Level Concentrations of Particulate Matter (PM₁₀) in Seoul, Korea. *Journal of the Korean Association of Geographic Information Studies*. 19(4), 118–129. <https://doi.org/10.11108/KAGIS.2016.19.4.118>
- Eum, Y., Song, I., Kim, H.-C., Leem, J.-H., & Kim, S.-Y. (2015). Computation of Geographic Variables for Air Pollution Prediction Models in South Korea. *Environmental Health and Toxicology*. 30, e2015010. <https://doi.org/10.5620/eh.t.e2015010>

UNDER REVIEW / IN PREPARATION

- Song, I., & Luan, H. Under review. Ecological gradients shape the effect of residential greenspace exposure on mental illness mortality. *International Journal of Health Geographics*.
- Shin, H., Park, S., & Song, I. Under review. An R and Python Toolkit for South Korean Census Data: tidycensusr and pycensusr. *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*.
- Song, I., & Luan, H. In preparation. Does missing mechanism matter to the imputation accuracy? - an evaluation of imputation algorithms for missing mechanisms in simulated and real spatiotemporal data.

POLICY REPORTS

- Ransome, Y., Song, I., Pham, L., & Busette, C. (2022). Churches are closing in predominantly Black communities why public health officials should be concerned. The Brookings Institution. ([link](#))

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- Song, I. (2022). Spatial difference in the impact of greenspace exposure on mental illness mortality in the Pacific Northwest United States. *Association of American Geographers 2022 84th Annual Meeting*. Bellingham, WA. Oct. 4–6, 2022.
- Song, I. (2021). Does missing mechanism matter?—an evaluation of imputation algorithms for missing mechanisms. *2021 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Apr. 7 – 11, 2021.

- Song, I. (2020). Getting time from space: interactive visualization of temporal information from spatial data. *2020 Portland Cartography Symposium*. Portland, OR. Mar. 6, 2020.
- Song, I., & Luan, H. (2020). Local explanations of individual characteristics and district-level air pollution on low birth weight in South Korea: a Bayesian network approach. *2020 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. (Cancelled due to the COVID-19)
- Song, I., & Kim S.-Y. (2016). Estimation of representative areal concentrations of particulate air pollution in Seoul, Korea. *2016 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, CA. Mar. 29 – Apr. 4, 2016.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Song, I., & Messier, K.P. (2024). R-based geospatial parallel processing tool for environmental health research by data partitioning. *American Geophysical Union 2024 Annual Meeting*. Washington, D.C., Dec. 9–13, 2024.
- Messier, K.P., Manware, M., Marques, E., Alifa Kassien, M., Clark, L., Singh, A., Ward-Caviness, C., & Song, I. (2024). Reproducible Pipelines for Updateable and FAIR Geostatistical Air Pollution Exposure Models. *American Geophysical Union 2024 Annual Meeting*. Washington, D.C., Dec. 9–13, 2024.
- Song, I., & Messier, K.P. (2024). Development of geospatial parallel processing software tool for large-scale geospatial exposure assessment. *ISEE Conference Abstracts 2024(1)*. Santiago, Chile, Aug. 25–28, 2024. (Virtual Presentation)
- Song, I., Marques, E., Manware, M., Alifa Kassien, M., Daw, R., Zilber, D., Singh, A., Clark, L., Ward-Caviness, C., & Messier, K.P. (2024). Air Pollution Data for the Masses: An Open-Access, Test-Driven, and Reproducible Pipeline PM_{2.5} Hybrid Model for Epidemiology Applications. *ISEE Conference Abstracts 2024(1)*. Santiago, Chile, Aug. 25–28, 2024. (Virtual Presentation)
- Song, I., & Luan, H. (2022). Matching by multivariate similarity matrix with geographic coordinates: Causal inference of the relationship between residential greenspace and deaths by mental illness. *GEOMED 2022*. Irvine, CA. Oct. 12–14, 2022.
- Song, I., & Kim, S.-Y. (2018). A study on the association between two air pollutants (PM₁₀, NO₂) and traffic-related variables in 2010. *Proceedings of the Korean Society of Atmospheric Environment* 2018: 210.
- Song, I., & Kim S.-Y. (2016). Local difference of association between PM₁₀ and low birth weight. *Proceedings of the Korean Society of Environmental Health and Toxicology* 2016(10):297. (Awarded by the Korean Society of Environmental Health and Toxicology)

TRAINEES

- Mr. Daehoon Yu (Master's, 2025 – Current)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Affiliated Researcher National Cancer Center of Korea, Republic of Korea	Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2023
Research Assistant Department of Geography, University of Oregon	Jun. 2020 – Jun. 2023
Researcher The Institute for Korean Regional Studies, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea	Oct. 2017 – Aug. 2019
Research Assistant National Research Foundation of Korea, Republic of Korea Simulation and epidemiological studies on spatial exposure prediction modeling approaches (PI: Dr. Sun-Young Kim, National Cancer Center of Korea)	Sep. 2017 – Aug. 2019
Researcher National Cancer Center of Korea, Republic of Korea	Jan. – Dec. 2018
Research Assistant Asia Center, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea	Jun. – Oct. 2017
Research Assistant Brain Korea 21 Plus, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea	Mar. 2015 – Feb. 2017
Research Assistant The Seoul Institute, Republic of Korea	Jan. – Mar. 2016
Student Researcher University for Creative Korea Initiative, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea	Nov. 2014 – Feb. 2015
Student Researcher Seoul National University, Republic of Korea	Jun. 2013 – Dec. 2014
Research Assistant The Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements, Republic of Korea	Oct. 2014 – Nov. 2014

WORK EXPERIENCE

Instructor Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia	May and Aug. 2017
Field Geographic Data Collection Coordinator Seoul National University	Jul. 2015 – Oct. 2015
Secretary The Association of Korean Cultural and Historical Geographers, Seoul, Republic of Korea	Mar. 2014 – Dec. 2014
Field Geographic Data Collector Seoul National University	Jul. 2014

Sergeant (GIS Specialist)

Feb. 2011 – Nov. 2012

The 3rd Republic of Korea Army Headquarters, Republic of Korea Army, Republic of Korea

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seoul National University

Seminars in Spatial Big Data and Machine Learning Fall 2025

Analytical Methods in Geography 3: Spatiotemporal Data Science Fall 2025

Seminars in Health & Medical Geography Spring 2025

Analytical Methods in Geography 1: Statistical Modeling Spring 2025

Analytical Methods in Geography 2: Machine Learning Fall 2024

Instructor, University of Oregon Jan. – Apr. 2023

Geographic Information Science (GIScience) I

Teaching Assistant, University of Oregon

Public Health and GIS Apr. – Jun. 2022

Topic Geospatial Data Science Applications (Python) Jan. – Mar. 2022

Spatial Analysis Sep. – Dec. 2021

GIScience I Jan. – Mar. 2021

Spatial Analysis Sep. – Dec. 2020

Session Organizer and Tutor

Geographers' Cooperative Network for Data Analysis (GeoCONDA) Bootcamp Jun. 2018 – Aug. 2018

Teaching Assistant, Seoul National University

Analytical Methods in Geography Spring 2017

Geographic Information Systems Fall 2015

GUEST LECTURE

Regional health effect analysis with spatiotemporal analytical methods, Program in National and Urban Policy, Korea University, May 1, 2025 (Korean).

Potentials and challenges in the triad of GIS, geographic knowledge, and large language models, Introduction to GIS for Planners, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University, May 7, 2024, Virtual.

INVITED TALKS

Practices and Challenges in Open Geographic Information Science for Geographic Health Disparity Research. Department of Geography Education, Seoul National University. Oct. 2025.

After relocation: sensitivity in health effect analysis by changes in particulate matter concentration by the relocation of governmental monitoring sites. Institute of Social Sciences, Seoul National University. Apr. 2025.

Spatial clustering analysis with covariates: a case of stomach and lung cancer at district level in South Korea. National Cancer Center of Korea. Dec. 2021, Virtual.

Vessel trajectory analysis: a case study in Yellow Sea. The Korea Maritime Institute. Sep. 2021, Virtual.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FOSS4G Korea 2025, *Building a Urban Digital Twin with mago3D*, Dec. 5, 2025, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Office of Intramural Training & Education, National Institutes of Health, *Responsible Conduct of Research Training*, Mar. 6, 2024, Virtual.

American Association of Geographers 2022 Summer Series: Advanced-level Workshop, *Developing Open Source SpatialLite Databases in QGIS*, Jul. 11 – Sep. 8, 2022, Virtual.

The Big Data Institute, Seoul National University, *The 5th Big Data Camp: Introductory Engineering for Big Data Scientists*, Feb. 6 – 8, 2017, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Sandra Pritchard Mather Graduate Student Award, University of Oregon, Jun. 2022.

Lokey Graduate Science Award, University of Oregon, Oct. 2019.

Excellent Poster Award, The Korean Society of Environmental Health and Toxicology, Oct. 2016.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FUNDED

New Faculty Startup Fund, Seoul National University. Oct. 2024 – Sep. 2026.

The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, Travel Grant, Oct. 2022.

University of Oregon, Department of Geography Sandra Pritchard Mather Graduate Award, Jun. 2022.

University of Oregon, Department of Geography Rippey Dissertation Grant, Apr. 2022.

University of Oregon, Department of Geography Rippey Graduate Grant, Dec. 2021.

University of Oregon, Raymund First-Year Ph.D. Fellowship, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020.

University of Oregon, Lokey Graduate Science Award, Fall 2019.

Seoul National University, Lecture and Research Scholarship, Spring 2017.

Seoul National University, International Conference Grant, Mar. – Apr. 2016.

Seoul National University, Merit-based Scholarship, Spring – Fall 2015 and Fall 2016.

The Sung Ryun Scholarship Foundation, Academic Performance, Spring 2014.

Seoul National University, Undergraduate Research Grant, Fall 2013 and Fall 2014.

Seoul National University, Academic Performance, Fall 2009 – Spring 2011.

The Priming Water Scholarship Foundation, Academic Performance, Mar. 2009.

NOT FUNDED

National Research Foundation of Korea, Young Researcher Program (Humanities and Social Sciences Track)

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant.

MEMBERSHIP

American Geophysical Union

American Association of Geographers

The Korean Geographical Society

The Korean Cartographic Association

SERVICE

MANUSCRIPT REVIEW

BMC Public Health (8), *JAMA Network Open* (1), *npj Urban Sustainability* (1), *npj Digital Public Health* (1), *Scientific Reports* (2), *International Journal for Equity in Health* (1), *International Journal of Health Geographics* (3), *Atmospheric Environment: X* (1)

INTRAMURAL SERVICE

Cartography Division Head, The Institute for Korean Regional Studies, Seoul National University (2025 – Current)

Graduate Admission Committee, Department of Geography, Seoul National University (2024 – 2025)

Department Steward, Graduate Teaching Fellow Federation, University of Oregon (2020 – 2022)

Treasurer, Geography Graduate Student Association, Seoul National University (SNU) (2015)

Chair and Member, Geography Club GET, Department of Geography, SNU (2013 – 2014)

Organizer, Classics in Social Sciences Reading Group, Department of Geography, SNU (2013 – 2014)

Co-organizer, Geographers' Night, Department of Geography, SNU (2014)

EXTRAMURAL SERVICE

Deputy Lead, Department of Academic Affairs, The Korean Cartographic Association (2026 – 2027)

OUTREACH SERVICE

Braille Book Production Volunteer, Siloam Welfare Center for the Blind (Seoul, Republic of Korea) (2013)

Mentor, Seoul National University & Korea Scholarship Foundation (Seoul, Republic of Korea) (2013)

SKILLS

Computer language	R, Python, Julia, SQL (Spatialite, PostGIS), JavaScript, C++, LaTeX, Shell
Software	QGIS, ArcGIS Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, Microsoft Azure, Git, Docker, Apptainer (Singularity), Quarto, Shiny, GIMP, Inkscape, Blender, Typst
Language	Korean (Native), English (Professional Proficiency), Standard Chinese, Japanese, German (Reading)

SOFTWARE

autoSTK: Automatic Spatiotemporal Kriging in R

chopin: Computation of Spatial Data by Hierarchical and Objective Partitioning of Inputs for Parallel Processing (the software is peer-reviewed through rOpenSci)

tidycensuskr, pycensuskr: Easy Access for South Korea Census Data and Boundaries

PATENTS

Korea Patent Registration No. 1024661190000, Apparatus and Method for Extracting Main Vessel Lane Network Based on AIS Information (with Jongseo Yim, Jae-Young Park, Sungjin Cho, and Chan-Woong Kim)

Korea Patent Registration No. 1019917960000, Method of Automatically Generating Input File of Marxan with Zones from Shapefile (with Jung-Ho Nam and Jongseo Yim).

OTHER INFORMATION

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