

SAERA OH

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Department of Agricultural, Food & Resource Economics (AFRE)

Michigan State University

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DOCTORAL STUDIES

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

2020 - 2026 (expected)

Ph.D. in AFRE and Economics (Dual Major)

FIELD OF INTEREST: International Trade, Agriculture, Development

DISSERTATION: "Three Essays on Empirical International Trade"

JOB MARKET PAPER: Related Party Trade and Gravity: Revisiting the Distance Effects

PRIOR EDUCATION

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

M.A. in Economics

2016

B.S. in Animal Science and Biotechnology

2014

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

["Geopolitical Risks and Agricultural Trade Diversification in Southern Africa: Port-level Evidence from the Russia–Ukraine War."](#) (with Sunghun Lim) *Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association*, 2024, 3(4): 724–39.

WORKING PAPERS

Related Party Trade and Gravity: Revisiting the Distance Effects [Job Market Paper]

[Global Value Chains and Intellectual Property Right in Agricultural Trade](#) (with Sunghun Lim and Titus Awokuse) - *draft available*

WORK IN PROGRESS

Trade Policy, Crop Choice, and Water Stress: Evidence from Mexican Agriculture (with Hye-seon Shin)

Transfer Pricing and Policy Shocks: Evidence from Mexico's Trade with China and the United States (with Oren Ziv)

Anomalies in Import and Export, and the Implications

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

*Saera Oh, **Multinational Status and Distance Elasticity: Insights from the Global Banana Trade**, *Paper presentation* at 2025 Midwest Economics Association (Kansas City, MO)

Sunghun Lim and *Saera Oh, **The Russia-Ukraine War and Wheat Supply Chain in South Africa: A Port-Level Analysis**, *Paper presentation* at 2024 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA), 2023 International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium Annual Meeting (Clearwater, FL)

*Saera Oh, Sunghun Lim, and Titus Awokuse, **Global Agri-food Value Chains and Intellectual Property Rights in International Trade**, *Paper presentation* at 2023 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C.), 2023 MSU AFRE Graduate Research Symposium (East Lansing, MI), 2022 International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium Annual Meeting (Clearwater, FL)

* indicates the presenter

OUTREACH PUBLICATIONS

Hyeseon Shin, Raphael Gomes de Silva, Valentyn Litvinov, **Saera Oh**, and Anh Phuoc Thien, eds. 2024. [The Future of \(Ag-\) Trade and Trade Governance in Times of Economic Sanctions and Declining Multilateralism.](#), *International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) Policy Brief*, IATRC

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Teaching Assistant

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| AFRE 100 - Decision Making in the Agri-Food System | Fall 2024, Spring 2025 |
| AFRE 232 - Commodity Marketing I | Fall 2025 |
| AFRE 265 - Ecological Economics | Fall 2025 |

AWARDS

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| MSU AFRE Glenn and Sandy Johnson Fellowship (\$10,000) | 2024, 2025 |
| MSU The Graduate School Research Enhancement Award (\$800) | 2024 |
| IATRC Annual Meeting Travel Award | 2023 |
| MSU AFRE Graduate Student Professional Travel Fund | 2023, 2024 |
| MSU The Graduate School Travel Fellowship | 2022, 2024 |
| MSU AgBioResearch AFRE Graduate Research Assistantship | 2021 |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

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| National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) | Summer 2025 |
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- Supervisor: Sharat Ganapati (Georgetown University), Oren Ziv (Michigan State University)

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| Michigan State University | 2021-2023 |
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- Supervisors: Zachariah Rutledge (2023), Titus Awokuse (2022-2023), Simone Valle de Souza (2021)

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| Seoul National University, Agri-food Policy and Trade Lab | 2014 - 2015 |
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- Supervisor: Jeong-bin Im

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

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| Researcher Korea Rural Economic Institute | 2016 - 2020 <i>Naju, South Korea</i> |
| Intern Korea International Cooperation Agency Ghana Office | 2012 - 2013 <i>Accra, Ghana</i> |

LEADERSHIP

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| Secretary-Treasurer, MSU AFRE Graduate Student Organization | 2022-2024 |
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| <i>Abstract Reviewer</i> , AAEA annual meeting | 2023-2025 |
| <i>Abstract Reviewer</i> , EAAE annual meeting | 2023 |

SKILLS

Softwares: **R** (Proficient), Python (Intermediate), STATA (Intermediate), SQL (Basic), Microsoft Excel (Intermediate), \LaTeX
Languages: Korean (Native), English (Fluent)

REFERENCES

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