

SAERA OH

ohsaera@msu.edu ◊ Personal Website ◊ Google Scholar

Department of Agricultural, Food & Resource Economics (AFRE)

Michigan State University

Updated: November 5, 2025

EDUCATION

Michigan State University	East Lansing, MI
Ph.D. , AFRE and Economics (Dual Major)	2020 - 2026 (expected)
DISSERTATION: "Three Essays on Empirical International Trade"	
COMMITTEE: Nicole Mason-Wardell (Chair), Oren Ziv (Chair), Songqing Jin, Chun Zhu	
FIELD OF INTEREST: International Trade, Agriculture	

Seoul National University	Seoul, South Korea
M.A. , Economics	2016
B.S. , Animal Science and Biotechnology	2014

REFEREED PUBLICATION

"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. [\[Link\]](#)

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)

WORK IN PROGRESS

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

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

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

* indicates the presenter

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**, "Geopolitical Risks and Agricultural Trade Diversification in Southern Africa: Port-level Evidence from the Russia-Ukraine War", *Paper presentation* at 2024 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (AAEA) (New Orleans, LA), 2023 International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium Annual Meeting (IATRC) (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 AAEA Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C.), 2023 MSU AFRE Graduate Research Symposium (East Lansing, MI), 2022 IATRC Annual Meeting (Clearwater, FL)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Teaching Assistant

AFRE 100 - Decision Making in the Agri-Food System
AFRE 232 - Commodity Marketing I, AFRE 265 - Ecological Economics

Fall 2024, Spring 2025
Fall 2025

FELLOWSHIPS

MSU Dissertation Completion Fellowship	Spring 2026
MSU AFRE Glenn and Sandy Johnson Fellowship (\$10,000)	2024, 2025
MSU Graduate School Research Enhancement Fellowship (\$800)	2024
IATRC Annual Meeting Travel Award	2023
MSU AFRE Graduate Student Professional Travel Fund	2023, 2024
MSU Graduate School Travel Fellowship	2022, 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)	Summer 2025
- Supervisors: Sharat Ganapati (Georgetown University), Oren Ziv	
Michigan State University	2021-2024
- Supervisors: Nicole Mason-Wardell (2024), Zachariah Rutledge (2023), Titus Awokuse (2022-2023), Simone Valle de Souza (2021)	
Seoul National University	2014-2015
- Supervisors: Jeong-bin Im	

Researcher

Korea Rural Economic Institute

2016 - 2020

Naju, South Korea

LEADERSHIP

Secretary-Treasurer, MSU AFRE Graduate Student Organization

2022-2024

SKILLS

Softwares: **R** (Proficient), Python (Intermediate), STATA (Intermediate), SQL (Basic), Microsoft Excel (Intermediate), **L^AT_EX**

Languages: Korean (Native), English (Fluent)

REFERENCES

Nicole Mason-Wardell

masonn@msu.edu

Associate Professor

Department of Agricultural,

Food, & Resource Economics

(Chair)

Oren Ziv

orenziv@msu.edu

Assistant Professor

Department of Economics

(Chair)

Chun (Susan) Zhu

zhuc@msu.edu

Professor

Department of Economics