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EDUCATION

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| Michigan State University | East Lansing, MI |
| Ph.D. , AFRE and Economics (Dual Major) | 2020 - 2026 (expected) |
| DISSERTATION: " <i>Three Essays on Empirical International Trade</i> " | |
| JOB MARKET PAPER: "Related Party Trade and Gravity: Revisiting the Distance Effects" | |
| COMMITTEE: Nicole Mason-Wardell (Chair), Oren Ziv (Chair), Songqing Jin, Chun Zhu | |
| FIELD OF INTEREST: International Trade, Agriculture | |
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| Seoul National University | Seoul, South Korea |
| M.A. , Economics | 2016 |
| B.S. , Animal Science and Biotechnology | 2014 |

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Sunghun Lim and **Saera Oh**. 2024. "[Geopolitical Risks and Agricultural Trade Diversification in Southern Africa: Port-level Evidence from the Russia-Ukraine War](#)." *Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association* 3 (4): 724–39. (Lead author)
- Sung Ju Cho, **Saera Oh** and Sang Hyeon Lee. 2020. "[The Impact of Structure Similarity of Non-tariff Measures on Agricultural Trade](#)." *Sustainability* 12(24):10545.
- Khan Claudette Mengui, **Saera Oh** and Sang Hyeon Lee. 2019. "[The Technical Efficiency of Small-holder Irish Potato Producers in Santa Subdivision, Cameroon](#)." *Agriculture* 9(12):259-261
- Sung Ju Cho, **Saera Oh** and Sang Hyeon Lee. 2019. "[Impacts of SPS and TBT measures on Korean Agricultural Exports: An Analysis by Disaggregated Products](#)" *Journal of International Trade and Industry Studies* 24(1): 1-19.
- Saera Oh** and Sang Hyeon Lee. 2018. "[Does Trade Contribute to Poverty Reduction? If It Does, Where the Benefit Go?](#)" *The Journal of International Trade and Commerce* 14(2):163–178.

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 (AAEA) Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)

Sunghun Lim and ***Saera Oh**, "The Russia-Ukraine War and Wheat Supply Chain in South Africa: A Port-Level Analysis", *Paper presentation* at 2023 International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) 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 AAEA Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C.)

***Saera Oh**, Sunghun Lim, and Titus Awokuse, "Global Value Chains and Intellectual Property Right in Agricultural Trade", *Paper presentation* at 2023 MSU AFRE Graduate Research Symposium (East Lansing, MI)

***Saera Oh** and Titus Awokuse, "Effect of Regional Intellectual Property Right on Global Value Chain", *Paper presentation* at 2022 IATRC Annual Meeting (Clearwater, FL)

OUTREACH PUBLICATION

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.](#), *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 |

FELLOWSHIPS

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| 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)

Michigan State University 2021-2023

- Supervisors: Nicole Mason-Wardell (2024), Zachariah Rutledge (2023), Titus Awokuse (2022-2023), Simone Valle de Souza (2021)

Seoul National University, Agri-food Policy and Trade Lab 2014 - 2015

- Supervisor: Jeong-bin Im

Researcher

Korea Rural Economic Institute 2016 - 2020

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Intern

Korea International Cooperation Agency Ghana Office 2012 - 2013
Accra, Ghana

LEADERSHIP

Secretary-Treasurer, MSU AFRE Graduate Student Organization 2022-2024

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Abstract Reviewer, AAEA annual meeting 2023-2025
Abstract Reviewer, European Association of Agricultural Economists 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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