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## EDUCATION

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Michigan State University

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

East Lansing, MI

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

M.A., Economics

B.S., Animal Science and Biotechnology

Seoul, South Korea

2016

2014

## REFEREED PUBLICATION

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"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

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"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

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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

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**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

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### Teaching Assistant

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

## FELLOWSHIPS

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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

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### 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

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

## SKILLS

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Softwares: **R** (Proficient), Python (Intermediate), STATA (Intermediate), SQL (Basic), Microsoft Excel (Intermediate),  $\LaTeX$

Languages: Korean (Native), English (Fluent)

## REFERENCES

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