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

2020 - 2026 (expected)

DISSERTATION: "Three Essays on Empirical International Trade"

PRIMARY INTEREST: International Trade

SECONDARY INTEREST: Agriculture, Development, Innovation

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Chun (Susan) Zhu

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PRIOR EDUCATION

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

M.A. in Economics

2016

B.S. in Animal Science and Biotechnology

2014

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**, November 2024, 3(4)

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

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Researcher 2016 - 2020
Korea Rural Economic Institute *Naju, South Korea*

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

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant
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

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant
National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Summer 2025

- Supervisor: Sharat Ganapati (Georgetown University), Oren Ziv (Michigan State University)

Michigan State University 2021-2023

- Supervisors: 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

GRANT

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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

LEADERSHIP

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

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

Languages: Korean (Native), English (Fluent)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

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

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 (AAEA) Annual Meeting, 2023 International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) Annual Meeting

*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, 2023 MSU AFRE Graduate Research Symposium, 2022 IATRC (first draft under different title)

* *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.**, *IATRC Policy Brief*, IATRC