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Department of Agricultural, Food & Resource Economics (AFRE)

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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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PRIOR EDUCATION

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

M.A. in Economics

2016

B.S. in Animal Science and Biotechnology

2014

WORKING PAPERS

Multinational Status and Distance Elasticity - *In Progress*

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

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

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)

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

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>

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant AFRE 100 - Decision Making in the Agri-Food System	Fall 2024, Spring 2025
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EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)	Summer 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervisor: Sharat Ganapati (Georgetown University)	
Michigan State University	2021-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervisors: Zachariah Rutledge (2023), Titus Awokuse (2022-2023), Simone Valle de Souza (2021)	
Seoul National University, Agri-food Policy and Trade Lab	2014 - 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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