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DOCTORAL STUDIES

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 2020 - 2026 (expected) *Ph.D. AFRE and Economics (Dual Major)*

Field: International Trade, Trade Policy, Development

PRIOR EDUCATION

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea	
M.A. Agricultural and Resource Economics	2014 - 2016
B.S. Animal Science and Biotechnology	2008 - 2014

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

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

WORKING PAPERS

Multinational Status and Distance Elasticity: Insights from the Global Banana Trade - *In Progress*

Global Value Chains and Intellectual Property Right in Agricultural Trade (with Sunghun Lim and Titus Awokuse) - *A draft will be provided upon request*

PUBLICATION

Geopolitical Risks and Agricultural Trade Diversification in Southern Africa: Port-level Evidence from the Russia-Ukraine War (with Sunghun Lim) - at Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

GRANT

MSU The Graduate School Research Enhancement Award (\$800)	2024
MSU AFRE Glenn and Sandy Johnson Fellowship (\$5,000)	2024
2023 IATRC Meeting Travel Award (\$500)	2023
MSU AFRE Graduate Student Professional Travel Fund	2023, 2024
MSU The Graduate School Travel Fellowship	2022
MSU AgBioResearch AFRE Graduate Research Assistantship	2021

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

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

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Abstract Reviewer, AAEA annual meeting	
Abstract Reviewer, EAAE annual meeting	

PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH (PEER-REVIEWED)

Sung Ju Cho, Saera Oh and Sang Hyeon Lee. 2020. "The Impact of Structure Similarity of Nontariff Measures on Agricultural Trade." *Sustainability* 12(24):10545.

Khan Claudette Mengui, **Saera Oh** and Sang Hyeon Lee. 2019. "The Technical Efficiency of Smallholder 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.

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Michigan State University

2021-2023

2023-2025 2023

• Supervisors: Dr. Zachariah Rutledge (2023), Dr. Titus Awokuse (2022-2023), Dr. Simone Valle de Souza (2021)

Seoul National University, Agri-food Policy and Trade Lab

2014 - 2015

• Supervisor: Dr. Jeong-bin Im

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Intern Korea International Cooperation Agency Ghana Office	2012 - 2013 Accra, Ghana
LEADERSHIP	
Secretary-Treasurer, MSU AFRE Graduate Student Organization	2022-2024
SKILLS	

Softwares: STATA, **R**, Python, SQL, Microsoft Excel, LATEX Languages: Korean (Native), English (Fluent)