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EMPLOYMENT

2023- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Korea University
2020-23 Associate Fellow, Korea Institute of Public Finance

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2020
M.A. in Economics, Korea University, 2014
B.A. in Economics and Political Science, Korea University, 2012

FIELDS OF INTERESTS

Labor Economics, Urban Economics, Public Economics

PUBLICATIONS

“Decomposing Variations in Quality of Life through Amenities: Evidence from Korean Cities.”
Journal of Regional Science, 2026, 315-348.

“Neighborhood Effects of Buy-to-Rent and Build-to Rent Public Housing.” (with Changsu Ko and Jinsoo Bae)
Contemporary Economic Policy, 2026, 169-185.

“Do income tax incentives for job creation targeting young workers in SMEs stimulate employment? Evidence from South Korea.” (with Sunghoon Kang and Sungjoon Kwon)
Economic Analysis and Policy, 2024, 83, 191-203.

“Partisanship and Survey Refusal.” (with Mark Borgschulte and Darren Lubotsky)
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 2022, 200, 332-357.

“Driver's License Reforms and Job Accessibility among Undocumented Immigrants.”
Labour Economics, 2022, 76, 102174.

“Border Enforcement and the Sorting and Commuting Patterns of Hispanics.”
Journal of Regional Science, 2022, 62(4), 938-960.

“Immigrants and the Pursuit of Amenities.” (with David Albouy and Mariya Shappo)
Journal of Regional Science, 2021, 61(1), 5-29.

“Minimum Wages and Retirement.” (with Mark Borgschulte)
Industrial and Labor Relations Review, 2020, 73(1), 153-177.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Immigration and Inequality in the Next Generation” (with Mark Borgschulte, Darren Lubotsky, and Jonathan Rothbaum)

“The Labor Market Impact of Public Employment for the Elderly” (with Inhyuk Choi)

“Immigrants at the Margin: Labor Market Effects of the Minimum Wage” (with Mark Borgschulte and Darren Lubotsky)

“Social Media and Marriage”

“Instrumenting for Immigration Using Push Factors of Origin Countries”

SELECTED POLICY WORKS

“Political Approach of Intergovernmental Fiscal Allocation.” (Hyun-A Kim, Cheonghum Park, and Hee-pyung Cho). 2024

“The Labor Market Impact of the Senior Employment Program: Evidence from Korea.” (with Inhyuk Choi). 2023

“Estimating the Productivity of Cities Using a Spatial Equilibrium Model” 2022

“The Fiscal Consequences of Immigration.” (with Dongik Kang). 2022

“Which Redistribution is More Urgent Between Individual and Regional Redistribution in Korea after COVID-19?” (with Hyun-A Kim). 2022

“Wage Increase, Labor Market of Older Workers and Public Pension Receipt.” (with Changsu Ko). 2021

“Supply of Public Rental Housing on the Neighborhoods: Effects on Consumption and Population Composition.” (with Changsu Ko and Jinsoo Bae). 2021

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Korea University

2025 University Research Grants

2024 University Research Grants

2023 University Research Grants

Korea Institute of Public Finance

2022 Policy Research Award by Economics, Humanities and Social Research Council

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2019 Paul W. Boltz Fellowship

2018 McNatt Memorial Award

2017 Brems Best Third Year Paper Award

TEACHING

Graduate Urban Economics (2025), Principles of Economics I (2023-25),
Intermediate Microeconomics (2023)

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2025 Bank of Korea; Korean Association of Applied Economics
2024 Korean Association of Applied Economics; Korean Labor Economic Association;
Korea Labor Institute; Yonsei University
2023 Summer Research at Sogang International Conference, Seoul National University
2022 Chung-Ang University; Hanyang University
2021 Korea University; The Korean Association of Public Finance
2020 Southern Economic Association; The Korean Association of Public Finance; Yonsei
University; National Assembly Budget Office
2019 Southern Economic Association; Urban Economics Association
2017 Illinois Economic Association; International Society for Quality-Of-Life Studies

JOURNAL REFEREE

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; Labour Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Population Economics; International Journal of Finance and Economics; International Journal of Economic Policy Studies; Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy; Journal of Regional Science; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Agricultural Economics; Contemporary Economic Policy; American Journal of Health Economics; Korea Economic Review; Economic Analysis and Policy; Economics of Education; Journal of Economic Theory and Economics; KDI Journal of Economic Policy; Bulletin of Economic Research; Korean Journal of Labor Economics; The Korean Journal of Economic Studies; Korean Journal of Public Finance; Korean Review of Applied Economics