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## Education

Ph.D. Economics, Texas A&M University, United States, (*in progress*)  
Advisor: Dr. Sarah Zubairy

M.A. Economics, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea, 2022

B.A. Economics, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea, 2020

Exchange program, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2019

## Research Interests

Macroeconomics, Fiscal Policy, Monetary Policy, Household Expectations

## Working Papers

**The Local Employment Effects of Pollution Abatement Infrastructure Investments**, R&R at *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*

**How Partisanship Shapes Economic Expectations: Evidence from the 2025 U.S. Tariff Announcement**, joint with Jorge Hirs-Garzón (TAMU) and Yoon Joo Jo (TAMU)

**Effects of Monetary Policy on Household Expectations: The Role of Investing Households**

## Work in Progress

**Optimal Monetary Policy and Rawls' Difference Principle**, joint with Dario Bonciani (Sapienza) and Joonseok Oh (Southampton)

**The Health Benefits of Large-Scale Water Infrastructure Investment: Evidence from the Clean Water Act Construction Grants Program**, joint with Nawon Kang (TAMU)

**Do heightened shipping costs amplify the effects of oil price news shocks?**, joint with Yeon Jik Lee (KIEP)

**Downward Nominal Wage Rigidity at the Zero Lower Bound**, joint with Joonseok Oh (Southampton)

## Conference Presentations

2026: UCOWR/NIWR Annual Water Resources Conference (San Antonio, TX), Texas A&M Former PhD Student Symposium & Reunion (poster), Texas A&M Macro Mini-Conference (poster)

2025: Southern Economic Association (Tampa, FL), North Texas Economics Conference (University of Texas at Arlington), Society for Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics (University of Texas at San Antonio), Texas A&M Macro Mini-Conference (poster)

2024: Midwest Econometrics Group (University of Kentucky)

2022: EuHEA Conference (University of Oslo)

2021: Association of Korean Economic Studies (Korea University), WEAI 96th Annual Conference (virtual)

## Research Experience

Researcher, Workplace Health Institute, Samsung Medical Center, South Korea, 2021–2022  
 Contract Researcher, Korea Labor Institute, South Korea, 2021  
 Research Assistant to Dr. Sarah Zubairy, Texas A&M University, 2024–2026  
 Research Assistant to Dr. Yoon Jo, Texas A&M University, 2023  
 Research Assistant to Dr. Tatevik Sekhposyan, Texas A&M University, 2023  
 Research Assistant to Dr. Jinhung Lee, Sungkyunkwan University, 2020–2022

## Teaching Experience and Training

CIRTL Associate Fellow, Academy for Future Faculty, Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M University, 2026  
**Instructor of Record**, Texas A&M University  
**ECON 203 Principles of Economics** (UG) (Spring 2025, Spring 2026)  
**ECON 258 Hullabaloo U (First-year experience course)** (UG) (Fall 2023, Fall 2025)  
**PhD Qualifiers Review, Macroeconomic Theory II** (G) (Summer 2024)  
 Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University  
 ECON 323 Microeconomic Theory (UG) (Fall 2022, Summer 2023, Fall 2025)  
 ECMT 461 Introduction to Economic Data Analysis (UG) (Fall 2024)  
 ECON 646 Macroeconomic Theory II (G) (Spring 2024)  
 Teaching Assistant, Sungkyunkwan University  
 Health Economics (UG) (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)  
 Microeconomics (UG) (Fall 2020)  
 Macroeconomics (UG) (Fall 2020)  
 Introduction to Microeconomics (UG) (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)

## Honors and Awards

Third Place, Student Oral Presentation Award, UCOWR Conference, 2026  
 Charles H. Gregory '64 Fellowship in the Humanities, Texas A&M University, 2025–2027  
 Doctoral Student Research, Travel, and Professional Development Award, Texas A&M University, 2026  
 E. Ralph Daniel Scholarship, Texas A&M University, 2025–2026  
 Graduate Merit Scholarship, Sungkyunkwan University, 2020–2022  
 Brain Korea Scholarship, Sungkyunkwan University, 2020–2022  
 Samsung Scholarship, Sungkyunkwan University, 2013–2020

## Services

Panel moderator, Former PhD Student Symposium & Reunion, Texas A&M University, 2026  
 Poster session organizer, Texas A&M Macro Mini-Conference, Texas A&M University, 2025–2026  
 Organizer, PhD Recruiting Event, Texas A&M University, 2026  
 Organizer, Macroeconomics Reading Group, Texas A&M University, 2025–2026  
 Student mentor for incoming PhD students, Texas A&M University, 2025

## Personal Information

Citizenship	Republic of Korea (F-1 Visa)
Languages	Korean (native), English (fluent)
Programming Skills	STATA, MATLAB, R
Military Service	Staff Sergeant, 19th Fighter Wing, Republic of Korea Air Force, 2015-2017