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Academic Position:

2018-	Assistant Professor	University of Illinois at Chicago
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Education:

2018	Ph.D. Economics	Columbia University
2012	M.A. Economics	Yonsei University
2010	B.A. Economics	Yonsei University
2008-2009	Exchange Program	University of California, Berkeley

Fields of Specialization:

Primary Fields: Labor Economics, Family Economics, Gender Economics

Secondary Fields: Development Economics

Working Paper:

“Matching Across Markets: An Economic Analysis of Cross-Border Marriage”
Conditionally Accepted, Journal of Labor Economics

“Can STEM Learning Opportunities Reshape Gender Attitudes for Girls?: Field Evidence from Tanzania” (with Youjin Hahn and Seme Yoon) *2nd round revision requested, Economics of Education Review*

“Gender Wage Gap, Bargaining Power, and Charitable Giving” (with Meiqing Ren)
Revision requested, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics

“Spousal Bargaining Power and Consumption of Married Couples in the US: Evidence from Scanner Data” (with Yu Kyung Koh)

Work in Progress:

“Broadening Women's Job Search to Improve Their Employment” (with Rebecca Dizon-Ross and Benjamin Feigenberg)

“Improving Job Matching between Enterprises and Youth” (with Rebecca Dizon-Ross and Benjamin Feigenberg)

“Assimilation of Marriage Migrants: Evidence from South Korea” (with Darren Lubotsky)

“The Hong Kong Marriage Market in the Past Three Decades” (with Edoardo Ciscato and Danyan Zha)

Publications (before Ph.D.)

“Introduction of Online Sponsored-Link Auction Theory” (with Yeon-Koo Che and Jinwoo Kim), *Korean Journal of Economics*, 2011

Grants:

2022, COVID-19 Faculty Research Relief Program, UIC, \$15,000
2021, “Broadening Women’s Job Search to Improve Employment”, JPAL Gender and Economic Agency Initiative, \$95,150 (co-PI)
2021, “Broadening Women’s Job Search to Improve Employment”, Becker Friedman Institute Gender Initiative Grant, \$20,000 (co-PI)
2021, “The Effects of Digital Game-based Education on Early Childhood Outcomes: Field Evidence from Tanzania”, Seed Grant Fund & Grant Development Fund, University of Illinois at Chicago, \$5,565

Research and Work Experience:

2014, Research Assistant for Pierre-André Chiappori and Bernard Salanié
2012, Intern, Korean Women’s Development Institute

Honors and Awards:

2017-2018, Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund
2017, Center for Development Economics and Policy Grant, Columbia University
2016, Dr. Edwin P. and Dr. Beatrice G. Reubens Travel and Research Fund
2015, Wueller Pre-Dissertation Award (runner-up), Columbia University
2015, Vickery Prize for Best Third Year Paper (runner-up), Columbia University
2004-2009, Samsung Junior Frontier Leadership (JFL) scholarship

Teaching Experience:

- *University of Illinois at Chicago*
Instructor for Microeconomics II (Graduate) (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)
Instructor for Econometrics (Undergraduate) (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
Instructor for Econometrics (Graduate) (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

- *Columbia University*
TA for Advanced Microeconomics (Spring 2016) *Wueller Teaching Award Winner*
TA for Intermediate Microeconomics (Fall 2015)
TA for Introduction to Econometrics (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015)

Invited Seminars and Conferences (including scheduled*):

2023: Nebraska Labor summit, University of Nebraska Lincoln*; SOLE annual meeting, Philadelphia*

2022: Economics of Discrimination and Disparities Online Seminar; Annual Meeting of the Society of Economics of the Household (UCL); Northern Illinois University; Joint webinar by the Korean Women Economists Association and the Australian Women in Economics Network

2021: Young Scholar Winter Camp Lecture, Seoul National University; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory Conference; RISE Annual Conference

2020: NORC at the University of Chicago

2019: 2nd Annual Conference for Women in Economics, Princeton University; Yonsei Young Economist Workshop; Hanyang University; WEAI Annual Conference (San Francisco); 3rd Annual Conference for Women in Economics, Columbia University; Carnegie Mellon University; Korea University; Asian and Australian Society of Labour Economics Conference (Singapore)

2018: NYU – Shanghai; Korea Development Institute; National Taiwan University; Central European University; University of Cambridge; University of Illinois at Chicago; Chinese University of Hong Kong; Korea Labor Institute; IZA Workshop: Gender and Family Economics; HCEO Family Inequality Workshop, KU Leuven; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Washington DC); Asian and Australian Society of Labour Economics Conference (Seoul, Korea)

2017: Annual Meeting of the Society of Economics of the Household (San Diego)

2016: Empirics and Methods in Economics, Northwestern University; Population Association of America Annual Meeting (Washington DC); Yonsei University

Other Activities:

Ronald Coase Workshop on Institutional Analysis (Tallinn, Estonia), 2016
Price Theory Summer Camp, University of Chicago, 2015

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Labor Research*

Services:

2018-19 Hiring Search Committee
2019-20 Advisory Committee

2019-20 Women in Economics Committee
2020-21 Graduate Curriculum Committee
2020-21 Advisory Committee
2020-21 Women in Economics Committee
2021-22 Graduate Student Admission Committee
2021-22 LAS DEI Committee
2021-22 Hiring Search Committee (for a lecture position)
2022-23 Graduate Curriculum Committee
2022-23 Organizer for the Department Seminar

Languages:

English (fluent), Korean (native), French (basic)