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Academic Positions & Affiliations

- 2025- Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Department of Economics.
- 2021- Affiliate, UC Davis Center for Poverty & Inequality Research.

Education

- 2025 Ph.D. Economics, University of California, Davis.
 - Thesis: Essays on Three U.S. Means-Tested Transfer Programs
 - Committee: Marianne Bitler, Marianne Page, Timothy Beatty
- 2019 M.A. Economics, Seoul National University.
- 2017 B.A. Economics (*Summa Cum Laude*), Seoul National University.

Fields of Interests

Public Economics, Health Economics, Labor Economics, Program Evaluation

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “**New Evidence on the WIC Cycle: What Happens When Benefits Expire**”, with Marianne Bitler, Jason Cook, and Paige Rowberry. 2024, *National Tax Journal*. 77:1, 175-197.
- “**Unintended Health Benefits of Adopting Preventive Behaviors during a Virus Outbreak**”, with Sok Chul Hong and Eunju Lee. 2023, *Health Economics*. 32(2): 324-342.

Other Publications

- “**Economic Costs of the Opportunity Gap**”, with Marianne Bitler. 2022, Commissioned paper for the Committee on Exploring the Opportunity Gap for Young Children from Birth to Age 8, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.

Working Papers

- “**Parental Gender Norms and College Major Choices**”, with Chulhee Lee and Hyewon Kim. (Revise and Resubmit at *Economics of Education Review*.)
- “**The Role of Intermediaries in Administering In-kind Transfers: Evidence from SNAP and Food Retailers**” (*Job Market Paper*)

“Effects of a Welfare Time Limit on Welfare Use and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Florida and Connecticut’s Waiver Experiments”

“The Gendered Effect of Manufacturing Decline on Infant Health: Lessons from Import Competition from China”, with Chang Jae (CJ) Lee

“Does Unemployment Insurance Attenuate the Scarring Effect?”, with Wonsik Ko

Awards & Fellowships

Department Travel Award

University of California, Davis

Spring 2024

Dean’s Graduate Summer Fellowship

University of California, Davis

Jul 2022 - Sept 2022

UC Davis Center for Poverty & Inequality Research Dissertation Grant

University of California, Davis

May 2022

Provost’s Fellowship

University of California, Davis

Sept 2019 - Aug 2020

Brain Korea 21+ Scholarship

Seoul National University

Sept 2018 - Aug 2019

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations

2024-2025 Academic Year

APPAM Fall Research Conference, ASSA Annual Meeting (*poster*), UNC Charlotte, University of Notre Dame, Virtual Economics of Poverty and Public Policy Seminar (JM egg-timer presentation), UC Merced, All California Labor Economics Conference (*poster*)

2023-2024 Academic Year

WEAI Annual Conference, UC Davis Alumni Conference (*poster*), Economic Research Service Brown Bag Series (*invited*), Annual All-California Labor Economics Conference (*poster*), Center for Poverty & Inequality Research Fall Retreat (UC Davis)

2022-2023 Academic Year

UC Davis Alumni Conference (*poster*)

Additional Employment

Research Assistant, Prof. Marianne Bitler

University of California, Davis

2022 - 2024

Research Assistant, Prof. Jisoo Hwang

Seoul National University

2018 - 2019

Research Assistant, Prof. Chulhee Lee

Seoul National University

2017 - 2019

Teaching

2025-2026

Fall 2025, UNC Charlotte: Intermediate Microeconomics

Spring 2025, UNC Charlotte: Advanced Microeconometrics, Public Finance

2020-2021

UC Davis (Teaching Assistant): Principles of Microeconomics, Human Resources, Economic History, World Economic History, Economics of International Immigration

Referee Experience

Journal of Public Economics, Economic Inquiry, Population Research and Policy Review, Social Service Review

Professional Service

2022-2023 Co-organizer of the Applied Micro Graduate Student Seminars, UC Davis.

2021-2022 Graduate Student Mentor, Economics Department, UC Davis.

Other

Programming Languages: STATA, R, Python, L^AT_EX

Languages: Korean (native), English (fluent)

Citizenship: Republic of Korea

References

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Timothy Beatty

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