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Education

University of California, Davis <i>Ph.D., Economics</i>	2019 - 2025 (expected) <i>Davis, CA, USA</i>
Seoul National University <i>M.A., Economics</i>	2019 <i>Seoul, South Korea</i>
Seoul National University <i>B.A., Economics, History (Summa Cum Laude)</i>	2017 <i>Seoul, South Korea</i>

Fields of Interests

Public Economics, Health Economics, Labor Economics, Program Evaluation

Journal Articles

“**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

“**The Role of Intermediaries in Administering In-kind Transfers: Evidence from SNAP and Food Retailers**” (*Job Market Paper*)

- As the U.S. government partners with private firms to deliver in-kind benefits to vulnerable populations, these firms serve as important intermediaries that can substantially affect the effectiveness of in-kind transfer programs. Despite this importance, little attention has been paid to how firms respond to these programs and their impact on benefit recipients.
- This study investigates grocery retailers’ response to the change in program structure of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) due to the adoption of Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) technology and subsequent implications for program efficiency and equity.
- Leveraging the staggered adoption of EBT across counties from hand-collected data, I find that moving to EBT led to a 13.1% decrease in the number of small SNAP retailers, with evidence suggesting that small stores’ exits are due to the initial costs associated with setting up EBT. Subsequent analyses suggest that while EBT improved program efficiency, these efficiency gains did not extend to areas with limited access to large SNAP retailers.

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

"Parental Gender Norms and College Major Choices", with Chulhee Lee and Hyewon Kim. *Under Review.*

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 (*: scheduled)

APPAM Fall Research Conference*, ASSA Annual Meeting* (*poster*), Virtual Economics of Poverty and Public Policy Seminar* (JM egg-timer presentation), UC Merced (*invited*) 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

2020-2022

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

2017-2019

Teaching Assistant, Seoul National University: Economic History, Population Economics

Professional Service

- 2022-2023 Co-organizer of the Applied Micro Graduate Student Seminars, UC Davis.
2021-2022 Graduate Student Mentor, Economics Department, UC Davis.

Skills & Languages

Programming Languages: STATA, R, L^AT_EX
Languages: Korean (native), English (fluent)

Other

Citizenship: Republic of Korea

References

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