Soo Yeon Kim

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EDUCATION

University of California, Merced May 2027 (Expected)
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

University at Albany - State University of New York Dec 2018
M.A. in Economics

University at Albany - State University of New York Dec 2016
B.A. in Economics, *Summa Cum Laude*
B.S. in Business Administration, *Summa Cum Laude*

EMPLOYMENT

Korea Rural Economic Institute (KREI), Naju, Republic of Korea 2019 – 2021
Researcher, Department of Agricultural Outlook
– Operated early warning models for the international grain market (*signal approach, ordered probit, artificial neural networks*) to predict supply-demand imbalances and support policy responses
– Conducted forecasting and market analysis of overseas fruit and livestock sectors, including import volumes and domestic price effects
– Authored government reports analyzing the potential impacts of avian influenza on poultry supply and domestic prices, offering policy recommendations to stabilize livestock imports and markets

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Economics, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Applied Microeconomics

WORKING PAPERS

Knowledge Spillovers or Sorting? Evidence from Displaced Inventors (*Job Market Paper, under review*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Where Founders Come From: Labor-Market Sorting and the Making of Entrepreneurs, with Christian Fons-Rosen and Greg C. Wright
Missing Tech Entrepreneurs, with Christian Fons-Rosen and Greg C. Wright
Firm and Occupational Preferences from Worker Mobility, with Greg C. Wright and Yuwei Jiang

FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

Research and Degree Completion Award, University of California, Merced 2026
Fred and Mitzie Ruiz Fellowship, University of California, Merced 2026
* Awarded in recognition of academic achievement, community engagement, and commitment to diversity and equal opportunity

Ellis Perry Fellowship, University of California, Merced 2026
* One-semester full funding fellowship awarded for research merit

Travel Awards, University of California, Merced 2026
The Center for Analytic Political Engagement GSR Award 2024, 2025, 2026

Best TA Award, University of California, Merced 2023, 2025
* Awarded annually to top graduate teaching assistants in recognition of exceptional classroom instruction

Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Travel Grant 2025
Research Data Award, University of California, Merced 2025
Summer Research Fellowship, University of California, Merced 2025
Research Award, University of California, Merced 2024, 2025
Professional Development Award, University of California, Merced 2024
Third-year Paper Award, University of California, Merced 2023
* Awarded to the most outstanding third-year dissertation proposal in recognition of scholarly promise and originality

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant (University of California, Merced) Summer 2022 – 2025
Collaborated with Greg C. Wright and Christian Fons-Rosen

- Constructed longitudinal datasets of U.S. inventors by cleaning and merging large-scale LinkedIn employment histories with USPTO patent records, and developing pipelines to standardize company names, inventor names, and patent identifiers
- Conducted econometric analyses to examine the effects of entrepreneurship and firm dynamics on innovation outcomes

CONFERENCES/INSTITUTIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2026
All California Labor Economics Conference (ACLEC); Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting; Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management (AOM) *(moderator+presenter)*; Western Economic Association International Conference *(chair+presenter+discussant)*; Warwick Economics PhD Conference *(presenter+discussant)*; Midwest Economics Association (MEA) Annual Meeting *(presenter+discussant)*; University of California, Merced; American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting
2025
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Research Conference; University of California, Merced; California State University, Fresno — The Craig School of Business; Meeting of Economists in Entrepreneurship and Innovation

REFEREED JOURNALS

Review of World Economics, Journal of Economic Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Economics and Business Management, University of California, Merced

- **Instructor of Record**
  - SPRK 001: Economics of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Summer 2025
- **Guest Lecturer**
  - ECON 101: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory Fall 2025
  - ECON 100: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory Spring, Fall 2024
- **Teaching Assistant**
  - ECON 101: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory Spring 2022, 2023, 2025
    Fall 2022, 2023, 2025
  - ECON 100: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory Spring, Fall 2024
  - ECON 110: Econometrics Fall 2021, 2026

Teaching Effectiveness and Recognition
Instructor of Record, Economics of Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Teaching evaluation of 6.9/7
Teaching evaluations: Average overall rating of 6.7/7 across 19 evaluated sections
Best Teaching Assistant Award (2023, 2025)

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, University of California, Merced
- Certificate in Fundamentals of Teaching Fall 2021
  (one-week training in inclusive teaching)

MENTORSHIP

Albert Chen (undergraduate student at UC Merced) Spring 2024 – Present
- Guided data cleaning, company name standardization, and automation pipelines using R and LLM-based tools
- Supported development of independent research skills
- Provided academic and career advising, including preparation for graduate school applications and professional development

POLICY WORKS

- Kim, Soo Yeon. (2024). "The Heterogeneous Impact of School Closures on Short- and Long-Term Outcomes." *Research Brief*, University of Texas at Dallas Education Research Center (UTD-ERC)

SKILLS

- Statistical Analysis Suites: R (RStudio, R Markdown, tidyverse, data visualization, reproducible reporting; proficient), STATA (econometric modeling; proficient), SAS (data management and statistical analysis; proficient)

REFERENCES

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