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## DOCTORAL STUDIES

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Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

2020 - 2026 (expected)

**Ph.D.** in AFRE and Economics (Dual Major)

DISSERTATION: “Three Essays on Empirical International Trade”

PRIMARY INTEREST: International Trade

SECONDARY INTEREST: Development, Innovation

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Professor

Department of Economics

## PRIOR EDUCATION

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Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

**M.A.** in Economics

2016

**B.S.** in Animal Science and Biotechnology

2014

## WORKING PAPERS

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Multinational Status and Distance Elasticity - *In Progress*

Trade Policy, Crop Choice, and Water Stress: Evidence from Mexican Agriculture (with Hye-seon Shin) - *In Progress*

[Global Value Chains and Intellectual Property Right in Agricultural Trade](#) (with Sunghun Lim and Titus Awokuse) - *draft available*

## PUBLICATION

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[Geopolitical Risks and Agricultural Trade Diversification in Southern Africa: Port-level Evidence from the Russia-Ukraine War](#) (with Sunghun Lim), **Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association**, November 2024, 3(4)

## TEACHING

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### Teaching Assistant

AFRE 100 - Decision Making in the Agri-Food System

Fall 2024, Spring 2025

## GRANT

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MSU AFRE Glenn and Sandy Johnson Fellowship (\$5,000)	2025
MSU The Graduate School Research Enhancement Award (\$800)	2024
MSU AFRE Glenn and Sandy Johnson Fellowship (\$5,000)	2024
2023 IATRC Meeting Travel Award (\$500)	2023
MSU AFRE Graduate Student Professional Travel Fund	2023, 2024
MSU The Graduate School Travel Fellowship	2022, 2024
MSU AgBioResearch AFRE Graduate Research Assistantship	2021

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

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\*Saera Oh, **Multinational Status and Distance Elasticity: Insights from the Global Banana Trade**, *Paper presentation* at 2025 Midwest Economics Association (MEA)

Sunghun Lim and \*Saera Oh, **The Russia-Ukraine War and Wheat Supply Chain in South Africa: A Port-Level Analysis**, *Paper presentation* at 2024 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, 2023 International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) Annual Meeting

\*Saera Oh, Sunghun Lim, and Titus Awokuse, **Global Agri-food Value Chains and Intellectual Property Rights in International Trade**, *Paper presentation* at 2023 AAEA Annual Meeting, 2023 MSU AFRE Graduate Research Symposium, 2022 IATRC (first draft under different title)

\* indicates the presenter

## PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH (PEER-REVIEWED)

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Sung Ju Cho, **Saera Oh** and Sang Hyeon Lee. 2020. "**The Impact of Structure Similarity of Nontariff Measures on Agricultural Trade**." *Sustainability* 12(24):10545.

Khan Claudette Mengui, **Saera Oh** and Sang Hyeon Lee. 2019. "**The Technical Efficiency of Smallholder Irish Potato Producers in Santa Subdivision, Cameroon**." *Agriculture* 9(12):259-261

Sung Ju Cho, **Saera Oh** and Sang Hyeon Lee. 2019. "**Impacts of SPS and TBT measures on Korean Agricultural Exports: An Analysis by Disaggregated Products**" *Journal of International Trade and Industry Studies* 24(1): 1-19.

**Saera Oh** and Sang Hyeon Lee. 2018. "**Does Trade Contribute to Poverty Reduction? If It Does, Where the Benefit Go?**" *The Journal of International Trade and Commerce* 14(2):163–178.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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*Abstract Reviewer*, AAEA annual meeting 2023-2025  
*Abstract Reviewer*, EAAE annual meeting 2023

## OUTREACH PUBLICATIONS

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Hyeseon Shin, Raphael Gomes de Silva, Valentyn Litvinov, **Saera Oh**, and Anh Phuoc Thien, eds. 2024. *The Future of (Ag-) Trade and Trade Governance in Times of Economic Sanctions and Declining Multilateralism.*, *IATRC Policy Brief*, IATRC

## PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

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**Researcher** 2016 - 2020  
Korea Rural Economic Institute *Naju, South Korea*

- Study area: Monitoring non-tariff measures in international trade, Ex-ante economic assessment of Free Trade Agreements, Analyzing World Trade Organization's regulations and dispute, Assisting Secretariat response to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) policy analysis. Policies to promote agriculture and food exports.

## EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant**  
Michigan State University 2021-2023

- Supervisors: Dr. Zachariah Rutledge (2023), Dr. Titus Awokuse (2022-2023), Dr. Simone Valle de Souza (2021)

Seoul National University, Agri-food Policy and Trade Lab 2014 - 2015

- Supervisor: Dr. Jeong-bin Im

**Intern** 2012 - 2013  
Korea International Cooperation Agency Ghana Office *Accra, Ghana*

## LEADERSHIP

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Secretary-Treasurer, MSU AFRE Graduate Student Organization 2022-2024

## SKILLS

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Softwares: **R** (Proficient), Python (Intermediate), STATA (Intermediate), SQL, Microsoft Excel,  $\text{\LaTeX}$   
Languages: Korean (Native), English (Fluent)