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Citizenship and visa status

South Korea (F-1 visa)

Education

Ph.D. Economics, The Ohio State University, 2022 (expected)

M.A. Economics, The Ohio State University, 2017

M.A. Economics, Seoul National University, 2014

Dissertation: Factors for the Increase in North Korea-China Trade and Its Impact on the North Korean Economy

Committee: Byung-Yeon Kim (chair), Keun Lee, Jae-Young Kim

B.A. Economics, *Summa Cum Laude*, Seoul National University, 2011

Double major in Archaeology & Art History

Research Interests

Empirical Industrial Organization, Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics

Employment

Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Matthew Weinberg, Fall 2019 – Summer 2020

Graduate Research Assistant for Professors Jason Blevins and Adam Dearing, Summer 2018

Junior Economist, Bank of Korea, 2014–2016

Teaching Experience

Teaching assistant for Professor Tamar Oostrom, Spring 2021

ECON 5860: Health Economics

Teaching assistant for Professor Adam Dearing, Fall 2020/Spring 2021

ECON 5700: Industrial Organization

*Korean name: 김민혜

Teaching assistant for Professor Matthew Weinberg, Fall 2020/Fall 2021

ECON 5700: Industrial Organization

Teaching assistant for Dr. Darcy Hartman, Spring 2018/Spring 2019

ECON 2002: Principles of Macroeconomics

Teaching assistant for Dr. Jeffrey Buser, Fall 2017

ECON 2001: Principles of Microeconomics

Teaching assistant for Professors Thomas J. Sargent and Tack Yun, 2013

Special Lectures in Macroeconomics: Monetary and Fiscal Policies, Theory and Facts

Honors & Awards

G.S. Maddala Prize in Econometrics, The Ohio State University, 2019

Tom Kniesner and Debbie Freund Award, The Ohio State University, 2018

Distinguished Department of Economics Fellowship, The Ohio State University, 2016 – 2017

Brain Korea 21 Scholarship, National Research Foundation of Korea, 2012

Samsung Scholarship, Samsung Corporation, 2006 – 2010

Financial Awards for Academic Excellence, Seoul National University, 2008 – 2010

Presentations

The Centre for Business Economics seminar, NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Sep 2021

Applied microeconomics seminar, The Ohio State University, Sep 2021

European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE 2021), Aug 2021

Korean Economic Review International Conference, Jul 2021

China Meeting of the Econometric Society, Jul 2021

Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Jun 2021

International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE) Annual Conference, Jun 2021

Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society, Jun 2021

Midwest Economics Association, Mar 2021

Southwestern Finance Association Conference, Mar 2021

American Finance Association Ph.D. Student Poster Session, Jan 2021

European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, Dec 2020

Midwest Economics Association, Evanston, Illinois, Mar 2020*

*Canceled due to Covid-19

Midwest Econometrics Group, The Ohio State University, Oct 2019

Econometrics seminar, The Ohio State University, Dec 2019

Microeconomics lunch seminar, The Ohio State University, Apr 2018/Oct 2019/Feb 2020/Nov 2020

Economics Advisory Board Meeting, The Ohio State University, Apr 2018

Works in Progress

Does the Internet Replace Brick-and-Mortar Bank Branches? (job market paper)

This paper examines the impact of the internet on brick-and-mortar bank branches using a two-stage model with a static oligopoly model for deposits and a dynamic discrete game for branch openings and closures. We first develop a nested logit model for deposits where consumers choose a bank to make a deposit considering the high-speed internet available in the market and the substitution between bank branches and the internet. In the first-stage dynamic bank branch opening-closure game, banks receive a chance to open or close a branch sequentially in continuous time. Upon receiving a move opportunity, banks decide to open or close a branch based on their expectations on changes in variable profits and their opponents' moves. The results imply that the internet decreases each bank's variable profits from branches, hence induces bank branch closures. Moreover, counterfactual results show that when markets have more internet connections available, consumers in small markets experience welfare gain whereas those in larger markets are more likely to lose consumer surplus from making deposits.

Nested Pseudo Likelihood Estimation of Continuous-Time Dynamic Discrete Games (with Jason Blevins)

This paper examines the impact of the internet on brick-and-mortar bank branches using a two-stage model with a demand model for deposits and a dynamic discrete game for branch openings and closures. We first develop a nested logit model for deposits where consumers choose a bank to make a deposit considering the online banking quality of each bank and the high-speed internet available in the market. In the first-stage bank branch opening and closure game, banks receive a chance to open or close a branch sequentially in continuous time in contrast to every branch assumed to be opened and closed simultaneously in discrete time setting. Upon receiving a move opportunity, banks decide to open or close a branch based on their expectations on changes in variable profits and their opponents' moves. To estimate the model, we apply the nested pseudo likelihood (NPL) estimator which is newly introduced in continuous time. The results imply that the internet decreases each bank's variable profits from branches, hence induces bank branch closures.

Unintended Effects of Broadband Grants on Bank Branches

The Community Connect Broadband Grant Program was created in 2002 to provide financial assistance for the provision of broadband service in rural areas. Although it was launched to strengthen the rural economy, it is possible that an increase in internet usage due to the program could have induced bank branch closures, which could have had unintended effects on the economy. This paper discusses the mechanism by which the program affects bank branches and estimates the magnitude of its effects using an event study model and find that receiving benefits from this program decreases the number of bank branches.

The Economic Effects of the Canned Tuna Cartel (with Ryan Mansley, Nathan Miller, Marc Remer and Matthew Weinberg)

Scientific software

Annotated MATLAB Translation of the Aguirregabiria and Mira (2007) Replication Code (with Jason Blevins)

This is an annotated MATLAB translation of the Monte Carlo source code for the experiments in Section 4 of Aguirregabiria and Mira (2007). The original source code was written in Gauss in by Victor Aguirregabiria. This is close to a direct translation of the original Gauss code to MATLAB, with annotations added.

Computer Skills

MATLAB, STATA, R, \LaTeX

Languages

English (fluent), Korean (native)

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