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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Texas at Austin

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B.A. in Economics/Mathematics, University of California, Berkeley

2018

Research and Teaching Fields

Public Economics, Political Economy, Health Economics, Labor Economics

Working Papers

1. "Industry Influence on Medicaid Policy: Evidence From State Preferred Drug Lists"
[Job Market Paper]

Abstract: To be updated.

2. "Corporate Leaders' Campaign Contributions as Investments" (Invited to revise and resubmit
at *the Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*)

Abstract: This paper investigates whether corporate leaders' political donation is partly motivated by investment considerations. I first develop a simple model of individuals' political giving with testable predictions: when investment considerations are present, there exists a positive correlation between corporate leaders' campaign contributions and their firm's stake in the election, and its magnitude must be larger for corporate leaders with a greater financial stake in their firm's performance. By constructing a dataset where corporate leaders are matched to campaign donors in the 2012 and 2016 US presidential elections, this paper presents findings consistent with the predictions: (i) there is a positive correlation between political giving and firm's stake, (ii) the correlation is stronger among corporate leaders with compensation more closely tied to firm performance, and (iii) this pattern is mostly driven by donations to Republican candidates rather than Democrats.

Research in Progress

1. "Long-run Effects of Fluoridation on Student Outcomes"

Other Publications

1. "[Impact of COVID-19 on Insurers](#)" (with Divya Kirti). *IMF Special Series on COVID-19*, May 2020.

2. [“Financial Inclusion and Human Development”](#) (with Maria Soledad Martinez Peria). *Oxford Research Encyclopedia on Economics and Finance*, 1-30, 2020.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin Aug 2020 – Present

- Microeconomics (Master’s): Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025
- Microeconomic Theory: Spring 2025
- Causal Inference (Master’s): Spring 2024
- Introduction to Microeconomics: Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023

Other Experience

Research Assistant to Professor Marika Cabral May 2022 – Aug 2025
Research Assistant at the International Monetary Fund Jun 2018 – Jun 2020
Big Data Analytics for Online Video Game Platform (leaguephd.com) May 2018 – July 2025

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

Summer Graduate Fellowship (University of Texas at Austin) 2025
Graduate School Continuing Fellowship (University of Texas at Austin) 2020-2022

Presentation

2025: Texas Applied Microeconomics Students Workshop

Skills and Additional Information

Software Python, R, Stata, Matlab, SQL, GIS
Language English (fluent), Korean (native)
Citizenship South Korea, USA (Permanent Resident)