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CURRENT POSITION

Research Associate

Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics
Michigan State University

August 2023 - Present

EDUCATION

University of Illinois | Urbana-Champaign, IL

Ph.D. candidate in Economics

May 2023

Yonsei University | Seoul, Republic of Korea

M.A. Economics

B.A. Economics

August 2016

February 2014

RESEARCH FIELDS

- Urban Economics, Regional Economics, Public Economics

JOB MARKET PAPER

“The Effects of a Local Improvement on Housing Markets and Neighborhoods : Evidence from Chicago”

Abstract: I study heterogeneous impacts of a public park conversion on neighborhood change and housing prices. I examine the case of The 606, a multi-use bike trail park that was transformed from an abandoned railroad bed. I use synthetic control methods to construct a comparison area as the project site consisting of neighborhoods that had experienced similar changes before 2008, the year after funding first began to flow in. I estimate that housing prices near The 606 have changed with varying degrees between -10% and 40% across locations. The prices have increased to a greater extent in low-income neighborhoods, especially when they are located closer to higher-income neighborhoods. I find the larger effects on housing prices occur in the same places experiencing larger effects on household incomes and shares of college graduates. The result suggests that high-income households have greater values of the amenity and that housing price impacts could be increased through endogenous gentrification due to the preference for high-income neighborhoods.

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

“The Value of Rural and Urban Public Infrastructure”

with David Albouy. *Economic Development Quarterly*, July 2022, Vol. 36(3), 177-192

“Productivity and Quality of Life Benefits to Rural Infrastructure”

with David Albouy and Arash Farahani. *Issue Reports No. 277657*, 2018, Farm Foundation.

WORKING PAPER

“Will Freeway Removal Revive the City? Evidence from the California Bay Area”

“Is the US Becoming More Tolerant Towards Minorities? Evidence from the Tipping Model”

with Eduardo Medina-Cortina

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Valuing Local Infrastructure Investment: Evidence from Awardees and Rejected Applications for Transportation Grant Programs”

with Seung-Hyun Hong

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Professor Daniel McMillen

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

August 2021 - Present

August 2017 – July 2018

Research Assistant for Professor Seung-hyun Hong

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

January 2020 – August 2021

Research Assistant for Professor David Albouy

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

May 2018 – July 2019

Research Assistant for Professor Doowon Lee

Yonsei University

March 2014 – June 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- (ECON 102) Principles of Economics, Professor Isaac DiIanni
- (ECON 202) Economic Statistics I, Professor Colleen Schultz

August 2017 – May 2018

August 2018 – May 2021

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presentations and Seminars (including scheduled)

- Hitotsubashi University, University of Kentucky 2023
- The 59th Annual Conference Missouri Valley Economic Association, Midwest Econometrics Group 2022, The 2022 KAEA Job Market Conference, Global Labor Organization (GLO) Global Conference 2022
- The 83rd Annual Meeting Midwest Economics Association 2021
- The 10th Asian Conference in Regional Science 2020
- Midwest Economics Association, The 13th Annual Economics Graduate Student Conference of Washington University in St. Louis 2019

Referee Services

- Real Estate Economics

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Summer Research Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign May 2021
- Graduate Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign August 2016 - May 2017
- Brain Korea 21 Plus Incentive Scholarship, Yonsei University January 2015, May 2015
- Graduate Assistantship, Yonsei University March 2014 – June 2015
- High Honors Scholarship, Yonsei University September 2010

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

- English (fluent), Korean (native), Japanese (intermediate)
- R (advanced), Stata (advanced), ArcGIS (advanced), Python (intermediate), SQL (intermediate)

REFERENCES

Professor David Albouy (Chair)
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