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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2011-Present	Department of Public Administration, University of La Verne. Director, Master of Public Administration Program, 2023- Present. Professor, 2022- Present. Associate Professor, 2017-2021. Assistant Professor, 2011-2016.
2024-Present	The Annals of Regional Science Associate Editor
2019	Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague. Visiting Scholar
2019	Department of Economics, University of California, Irvine. Visiting Research Fellow
2016-2019	College of Business and Public Administration Research Center. University of La Verne. Research Fellow
2011-2014	Claremont Institute of Economic Policy Studies. Claremont Graduate University. Research Fellow

EDUCATION

2011	Ph.D. in Economics and Political Science, Claremont Graduate University
2008	M.A. in Economics, Claremont Graduate University
2004	M.A. in Political Science, Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea
2000	B.A. in Political Science, Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea

PUBLICATIONS

- Soomi Lee and Taeyong Park. 2024. "Monitoring the Public Interest and Sentiment on Basic Income: Using Google and Twitter Data in the U.S." *Basic Income Studies*. Forthcoming.
- Soomi Lee. 2023. "[Banking Infrastructure and the Paycheck Protection Program during the Covid-19 Pandemic.](#)" *Regional Studies* 57(1): 84-96. First published on May 3, 2022.
- Soomi Lee and Shu Wang. 2022. "[Impacts of Political Fragmentation on Inclusive Economic Resilience: Examining American Metropolitan Areas.](#)" *Urban Studies* 60(1): 26-45.
- Soomi Lee. 2021b. "[Politics of Universal and Unconditional Social Benefits: Examining Attitudes toward Basic Income.](#)" *Basic Income Studies* 16(2): 191-208.
- Soomi Lee. 2021a. "[Collaborative Public Management in American Fiscal Federalism: Exploring Legislative Alternatives.](#)" In Jack Meek (ed.), *Handbook of Collaborative Public Management*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, Chapter 19, pp. 283-295.
- Soomi Lee. 2020b. "[Parcel Tax in California: Findings from New Data Sources.](#)" *Cityscape: Journal of Policy Development and Research* 22(2): 63-73.
- Soomi Lee. 2020a. "[Fiscal Therapy: Curing America's Debt Addiction and Investing in the Future by William G. Gale.](#)" *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 39(3): 858-862.
- Soomi Lee. 2019. "[Political Economy of the Parcel Tax in California School Districts.](#)" *Public Finance Review* 47(5): 864-892.
- Susan Exon and Soomi Lee. 2019. "[Mediator's Ability to Establish Trust and Rapport in a Video Collaborated Environment.](#)" *Stetson Law Review* 49(1): 109-148.
- Soomi Lee. 2018. "[Attitudes Toward Universal Basic Income and Welfare State in Europe: A Research Note.](#)" *Basic Income Studies* 13(1): 1-9.
- Soomi Lee. 2018. "[Do States Circumvent Constitutional Limits on Taxing Power? Examining Time-Varying Effects of Supermajority Requirements to Raise Taxes.](#)" *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 18(4): 417-440.
- Soomi Lee and Kyungmee Park. 2018. "[Attitudes Toward Welfare Expansion with a Tax Increase in South Korea.](#)" *Korean Political Science Review* 52(3): 5-29.

- Soomi Lee. 2016. "[Hopeless Future and the Desire for Welfare Expansion: Testing the Prospect of Upward Mobility Hypothesis in South Korea.](#)" *Social Science Journal*. 53(4): 545-554.
- Soomi Lee, Dongwon Dan Lee, and Thomas E. Borcharding. 2015. "[Ethnic Diversity and Public Goods: New Evidence from American Cities and School Districts.](#)" *Urban Affairs Review* 52(5): 685-713.
- Soomi Lee. 2014. "[The Effect of Supermajority Vote Requirements for Tax Increase in California: A Synthetic Control Method Approach.](#)" *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 14(4): 414-436.
- Soomi Lee. 2013. "[Racial Heterogeneity and Medicaid Expenditure in the U.S. States: A Longitudinal Analysis.](#)" *Journal of Socio-Economics* 45: 28-37.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- Soomi Lee and Mehmet Tosun. 2019. "Effects of Parcel Taxes on Fiscal Condition in the Post-Prop 13 Era in California: A Regression Discontinuity Approach." Proceedings. Annual Conference on Taxation and Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the National Tax Association 112. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/27067493>.
- Soomi Lee. 2018. "Local Parcel Taxes in California Cities and Counties: New Findings from a New Database." Proceedings. Annual Conference on Taxation and Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the National Tax Association 111. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26939371>.
- Soomi Lee and Hao Sun. 2018. "Discover and Diffuse a New Tax Base: Spatial Analysis of School Parcel Tax Adoption in California." Proceedings. Annual Conference on Taxation and Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the National Tax Association 111. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26939357>.

WORKING PAPERS (Manuscript Available)

- Tax Revolt and Neighborhood Change: How Property Tax Limits Affect Neighborhoods. Manuscript available.
- Geographic Diffusion of Local Parcel Tax Adoption in California School Districts." With Taeyong Park. Manuscript available.
- "Mitigating Displacement from Green Gentrification: Examining the Role of Housing Cost Control Measures." In Heather Campbell, Yusim Kim, and Adam Eckerd, eds.,

Green Gentrification and Environmental Injustice: A Complexity Approach. Chapter 8. With Adam Eckerd. Springer Nature.

- “Land Use: Green and Blue Areas,” In Peter Nijkamp, Kingsley Haynes, and Karima Kourtit eds., *Encyclopedia: The World of Regional Science*. Edward Elgar.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Identifying Effective Services among Heterogeneous Homeless Population: A Machine Learning Approach. With Minjae Yun.
- Post-Recession Fiscal Recovery and the Regional Tax Base Sharing Program in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
- Revisiting Equity Issues in the Paycheck Protection Program during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Funded by Regional Studies Association, 2023.
- Effects of the Residential Property Tax Pilot Program on Housing Prices in Shanghai. With Weijie (Jeff) Yang.

OTHER WRITING

- 2023. [“Community banks were key to the success of the Paycheck Protection Program, especially in highly concentrated banking markets.”](#) London School of Economics Phelan U.S. Centre. American Politics and Policy Blog. July 26.
- 2023. [“America’s inclusive recovery in metropolitan economies depends on how they are governed.”](#) London School of Economics Phelan U.S. Centre. American Politics and Policy Blog. July 21.
- 2020. “Tax Policy Factsheet: Parcel Tax in California.” LinkedIn.com. With Mehmet Tosun.
- 2020. [“Why an emergency universal basic income makes sense during the Covid-19 pandemic.”](#) London School of Economics Phelan U.S. Centre. American Politics and Policy Blog. March 24. ([Ten most popular posts in 2020](#))
- 2019. [“When It comes to controlling taxes in the long term, supermajority rules in state legislatures are more symbolic than effective.”](#) London School of Economics Phelan U.S. Centre. American Politics and Policy Blog. March 26.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS & APPEARANCES

2021.WHCR. Radio show guest.

2021. *Bloomberg Tax*. Interview.
2020. *Wall Street Journal*. Interview.
2020. *Washington Examiner*. Interview on [pandemic income assistance](#).
2019. *Politifact*. Interview on [universal basic income & Andrew Yang](#).
2019. CNN. Interview on universal basic income.
2017. Wallethub.com. Guest contributor. [Tax Burden by State](#)

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

2024. Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Monterey, CA.
2023. North America Regional Science Council Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.
2023. National Tax Association Conference, Denver, CO.
2023. Basic Income Earth Network Annual Congress, Seoul, Korea.
2023. Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Big Islands, HI.
2022. North America Regional Science Council Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
2022. Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ.
2021. North America Regional Science Council Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
2021. North American Basic Income Guarantee Annual Congress, Virtual.
2021. Western Economic Association International Annual Meeting, Virtual.
2021. Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual.
2020. North America Regional Science Council Annual Meeting, Virtual.
2020. Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Waikiki, HI.
2020. Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.
2019. 112th National Tax Association Conference, Tampa, FL.
2019. North American Basic Income Guarantee Annual Congress, New York, NY.
2019. Philosophy and Social Science Annual Conference, Prague, The Czech Republic.
2019. Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
2019. Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Napa, CA.
2018. 111th National Tax Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.
2018. Association for Budgeting & Financial Management Annual Research Conference.
2018. Western Social Science Association, Public Finance and Budgeting Section.
2017. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
2017. College of Business and Public Administration Research Center Brown Bag.
2016. 108th National Tax Association Conference. Boston, MA. Boston, MA.
2016. Western Social Science Association, Public Finance and Budgeting Section.
2016. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
2015. Western Social Science Association, Public Finance and Budgeting Section.
2015. Public Choice Society Annual Meeting. Charleston, SC.
2015. Southwest Social Science Association Annual Meeting.
2015. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
2014. Public Choice Society Annual Meeting.
2014. La Verne Academy Lecture Series, University of La Verne.
2014. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
2014. Southwest Social Science Association Annual Meeting.

2014. Public Management Research Conference. Seoul, Korea.
2014. Korea-America Economic Association International Conference. Seoul, Korea.
2013. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
2013. Western Political Science Association annual meeting.
2012. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
2012. Southwest Social Science Association Annual Meeting.
2012. Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Coral Springs, FL.
2012. Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium Meeting, San Diego, CA.
2011. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
2011. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
2010. Western Political Science Association annual meeting. Vancouver, BC.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2023. Urban Economics and Public Finance Conference, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, MA.
2023. Mechanism Design for Social Good: Inequality Group.
2023. International Symposium, Inequality and Policy Research Center (IPRC) and the KSPS-Gachon Korea Inequality Research Lab. Claremont Graduate University, CA.
2023. Research Roundtable, University of La Verne, CA.
2022. Inequality and Policy Research Center, Claremont Graduate University, CA.
2022. Policy in Action Series, University of Texas, El Paso, TX.
2021. Research Roundtable, the American Society for Public Administration Southern California Chapter and the Doctor of Public Administration Program at the University of La Verne, CA.
2019. Research Seminar on Social Legitimacy of Basic Income, Leuven, Belgium.
2018. La Verne Academy Lecture Series, University of La Verne, La Verne, CA.
2015. Lincoln Scholars Program, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Cambridge, MA.
2015. Division of Politics and Economics, Claremont Graduate University, CA.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIP

2023 Faculty Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
2023 Regional Studies Association Small Grant on Pandemics, Cities, Regions & Industry
2022 Randall Lewis Center Faculty Research Fellowship, University of La Verne.
2021 Faculty Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
2020 Faculty Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
2019 Faculty Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
2018 Research Fellowship, Center for Research, University of La Verne.
2017 Research Fellowship, Center for Research, University of La Verne.
2017 Faculty Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
2016 Research Fellowship, Center for Research, University of La Verne.
2015 Faculty Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.

2015 Lincoln Young Scholars, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Cambridge, MA.
2014 Faculty Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
2013 Faculty Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
2009 Dissertation Grant. Claremont Graduate University.
2009 Trans-disciplinary reading group grant, Claremont Graduate University.
2005-2007 Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University.
2003 Best Master's Thesis, Ewha Women's University.
1995 Department Scholarship, Ewha Women's University.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2023. David E. Boyce Service Award, North American Regional Science Council.
2023. La Verne Academy, inducted as a member
2018. Manjeri & Patel Thakur Best Paper Award, College of Business and Public Management Research Center, University of La Verne.
2017. Manjeri & Patel Thakur Best Paper Award, College of Business and Public Management Research Center, University of La Verne.
2015. Best Paper Award, Western Social Science Association Annual Conference – Public Finance and Budgeting Section.
2015. La Verne Scholar Award, University of La Verne.
2015. Lincoln Scholar, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.
2011. Travel Award, Claremont Graduate University.
2010. President's Travel Award, Claremont Graduate University.
2010. Distinction Honor on Doctoral Comprehensive Exam: Political Economy.
2008. Distinction Honor on Doctoral Comprehensive Exam: Public Choice.
2004. Best Master's Thesis Award, Ewha Women's University.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

2023. Accreditation Institute. The Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA). Pittsburg, PA.
2023. Modern Difference-in-Difference Methods. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.
2022. Machine Learning Applications and Opportunities in Social Science Research. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.
2021. Practical GE Modelling with GEMPACK, Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University.
2021. Spatial Econometrics. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.
2019. Spatial Analysis. ArcGIS Online, ESRI Academy.
2016. Text Analytics, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.

- 2015. Longitudinal Data Analysis Using Structural Equation Modeling, Statistical Horizons, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2015. Institutional Review Board 101 Training, Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research (PRIM&R), San Diego, CA.
- 2013. Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference, Northwestern Law School, Chicago, IL.
- 2009. Social Change Workshop, Institute for Human Studies, Brown University.
- 2008. Public Choice Outreach Conference, Center for Study of Public Choice, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Programs

- Ph.D. in Public Policy
- Ph.D. in Political Science
- Ph.D. in Economics
- Doctor of Public Administration (DPA)
- MA in Public Administration (MPA)
- MA in Public Policy (MPP)
- MA in Political Science
- MA in Economics

Graduate Courses

- Microeconomics for Public Policy
- Policy Analysis
- Public Policy Formation
- Public Finance and Budgeting
- Public Economics
- Quantitative Research Methods
- Foundations of Political Economy

Undergraduate Courses

- Urban Studies, University of La Verne
- Universal Basic Income: Visions and Policies, Honors Program, University of La Verne
Media coverage: [University of La Verne Offering One of Nation's First Universal Basic Income Courses.](#)
- Public Finance and Fiscal Policy, University of La Verne
- Public Choice, Claremont McKenna College

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

University

- Faculty Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, 2023-Present

- Graduate Appeals Committee, 2023-Present.
- Graduate Council, 2023-Present.
- Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, 2020-2022.
- Faculty experts' group for COVID-19 scenario planning, 2020.
- Faculty Senate, 2017-2020.
- Institutional Review Board, 2017-2020. (College Lead Reviewer, 2017-2018)
- Men of Color Initiative Data Analysis Team, 2015.
- Faculty Engagement Committee, 2015.
- Library Committee, 2013-2015.

College and Department

- Co-chair, Department of Public Administration Search Committee, 2023-2024.
- Admissions Committee, Master in Public Administration Program, 2021-present.
- Admissions Committee, Doctor in Public Administration, 2017-present.
- Doctor of Public Administration Program Curriculum Task Force, 2013.
- Co-chair, Department of Public and Health Administration Search Committee, 2013.
- Department of Public and Health Administration Faculty Committee. 2011-present.
- Master of Public Administration Program Committee. 2011-present.
- Doctor of Public Administration Program Committee. 2011-present.

REFEREE SERVICE

Acta Sociologica; Basic Income Studies; Forum for Social Economics; Journal of European Social Policy; Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved; Journal of Organizational and Behavioral Economics; Journal of Politics; Journal of Urban Affairs; Palgrave-USA; Public Choice; Review of Economics of the Household; Social Science Journal; Annals of Regional Science; International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Journal of Urban Sciences, Ethics, Politics, & Society, Journal of Housing Economics

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2023- Board Member, Western Regional Science Association.
- 2023. Mentor, Women, and Non-Binary Mentoring Program, National Tax Association.
- 2023. Program Chair, 70th North American Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, San Diego. CA.
- 2023. Program Committee, 62nd Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Big Islands, HI.
- 2022- Strategic Planning Committee. Western Regional Science Association.
- 2022. Program Committee, 61st Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ.
- 2021. Program Chair, 68th North American Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Denver. CO.

- 2021. Program Committee, 60th Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual.
- 2020. Program Chair, 67th North American Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Virtual.
- 2020. Program Committee, Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Waikiki, HI.
- 2020. Program Committee, North American Basic Income Guarantee Annual Congress, Hamilton, Canada.
- 2019. Chair, Organizing Committee, 18th North American Basic Income Guarantee Annual Congress, New York, NY.
- 2015. Session Organizer, "The Legacy of Thomas Borcherding (1939-2014)." Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

VOLUNTEERING

- 2022 Poor People’s Campaign, Kairo Center, New York, NY.
- 2022-present Editor, United States Basic Income Guarantee Network’s Blog
- 2022-present Advisory Board, United States Basic Income Guarantee Network.
- 2018-2021 Board member, United States Basic Income Guarantee Network.
- 2017-present Long Beach Rescue Mission, Long Beach, CA.
- 2015-2017 Los Angeles Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2015 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- 2015 Data Analytics Committee, Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority.
- 2011-2013 Human Rights Watch, Children’s Right’s Division, Los Angeles, CA.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Economic Association
- National Tax Association
- Regional Science Association International
- Western Regional Science Association
- American Society for Public Administration

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