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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2011-Present. Department of Public Administration, University of La Verne
Director, Master of Public Administration Program, Jan. 2023-2025
Professor, 2022- Present
Associate Professor, 2017-2021
Assistant Professor, 2011-2016

2024-Present Editorial Board. *The Annals of Regional Sciences*
2023-Present Homeless Policy Research institute, University of Southern California
2019 Visiting Scholar, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague
2019 Visiting Research Fellow, Dep. of Economics, University of California, Irvine
2016-2019 Research Fellow, College of Business Research Center, University of La Verne
2011-2014 Research Fellow, Claremont Institute of Economic Policy Studies

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. "The Cost of Basic Income: Beyond the Prototype, Towards the Varieties of Basic Income Experiences." in Roberto Merrill & Catarina Neves (eds.), *Foundations of Basic Income: Research Landscape, Political Feasibility and Ecological Impact*. Chapter 7. London: Palgrave Macmillan. Forthcoming.

Soomi Lee. 2025. "Land Use: Green and Blue Areas," In Peter Nijkamp, Kingsley Haynes, and Karima Kourtiti, eds., *Thematic Encyclopedia of Regional Science*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Soomi Lee and Adam Eckerd. 2024. "[Mitigating Displacement from Green Gentrification: Examining the Role of Housing Cost Control Measures](#)." In Heather Campbell, Yushim Kim, and Adam Eckerd, eds., [Green Gentrification and Environmental Injustice: A Complexity Approach](#). Chapter 8, pp. 157-181. Springer Nature.

- Soomi Lee. 2021. "[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 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* 19(1): 31-49.
- Soomi Lee. 2023. "[Banking Infrastructure and the Paycheck Protection Program during the Covid-19 Pandemic.](#)" *Regional Studies* 57(1): 84-96.
- Soomi Lee and Shu Wang. 2022. "[Impacts of Political Fragmentation on Inclusive Economic Resilience: Examining American Metropolitan Areas.](#)" *Urban Studies* 60(1): 26-45.
Finalist for the 2023 Best Paper Award in *Urban Studies*.
- Soomi Lee. 2021. "[Politics of Universal and Unconditional Social Benefits: Examining Attitudes toward Basic Income.](#)" *Basic Income Studies* 16(2): 191-208.
- Soomi Lee. 2020. "[Parcel Tax in California: Findings from New Data Sources.](#)" *Cityscape: Journal of Policy Development and Research* 22(2): 63-73. [Invited]
- 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. Best paper award, Western Social Science Association Annual Conference – Public Finance and Budgeting Section.
- 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.

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.

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.

Book Reviews

Soomi Lee. 2020. "[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.

Working Papers (Manuscript Available)

Shanghai's Residential Property Tax Pilot on Housing Prices. With Weijie Yang. Under Review.

Welfare Consequences of Mobility Restrictions in the Tiebout Model: An Agent-Based Modeling Approach. With Yuri Mansury.

"Effect of the Paycheck Protection Program on Small Businesses." With Yong Chen.

Identifying Effective Programs to Exit Homelessness: A System-wide Perspective Using Machine Learning. With Minjae Yun.

Work in Progress

"Governance Structure and Inclusive Recovery of the U.S. Metropolitan Areas: Comparisons between the Great Recession and the COVID-19 Pandemic." With Shu Wang.

“Rob Peter to Pay Paul? A Natural Experiment of Charter School Proliferation in Michigan.”
With Shu Wang

“Tax Revolt and Neighborhood Change: How Property Tax Limits Affect Neighborhoods.”

“The Saliency of Stimulus Checks during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from Google Trends.” With Jekyung Lee and Taeyong Park.

“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 the Regional Studies Association]

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

- 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

- 2025. North America Regional Science Council Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2025. Public Management Research Conference, Seoul, Korea.

2025. Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Henderson, NV.
 2024. North America Regional Science Council Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
 2024. Pacific Conference of the Regional Science Association International, South Korea.
 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 Island, 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. Denver, CO.
 2015. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
 2014. Public Choice Society Annual Meeting. Charleston, SC.
 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/TALKS

- 2025. Martial Law Crisis in South Korea, International Studies Institute, University of La Verne, CA.
- 2025. Book Workshop: Basic Income Plan for South Korea, Seoul, Korea.
- 2025. National Tax Association Annual Spring Symposium, Washington, D.C.
- 2024. Workshop on Guaranteed Income Experiments. New Orleans, LA.
- 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 FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025. Economic Mobility and Opportunity Program. International City/County Management Association.
- 2024. Provost Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
- 2023. Provost 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. Provost Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
- 2020. Provost Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
- 2019. Provost 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. Provost Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
- 2016. Research Fellowship, Center for Research, University of La Verne.

- 2015 Provost Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
- 2015 Lincoln Young Scholars, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Cambridge, MA.
- 2014 Provost Research Grant, La Verne Academy, University of La Verne.
- 2013 Provost 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 Department 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 Young 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

- 2025. Agent-Based Modeling. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.
- 2024. Site Visit Training, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration.
- 2024. Data Scraping and Management for Social Scientists with R. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.
- 2023. Accreditation Institute. The Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA). Pittsburgh, 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

Programs and departments: Graduate and Undergraduate in Economics, Public Policy, Urban Studies, Public Administration, and Political Science.

Courses Taught

- Nature of Inquiry
 - Quantitative Research Methods
 - Microeconomics for Public Policy
 - Public Economics
 - Public Finance and Budgeting
 - Fiscal Policy
 - Policy Analysis
 - Public Policy Formation
 - Foundations of Political Economy
 - Urban Studies
 - Dissertation Seminar
 - Graduate Seminar (Capstone Course for MPA)
 - 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](#).

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

University

- Faculty Promotion Appeals Committee. 2025.
- La Verne Academy, 2024-Present.
- Faculty Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, Jan. 2023-Present. (Co-chair, 2025 Fall)
- Graduate Council, 2023-2025.
- Graduate Appeals Committee, 2023.
- 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

- ICMA (International City/County Management Association) University of La Verne Student Chapter Faculty Advisor, 2023-present.
- Department Search Committee, 2023-present.
- Admissions Committee, Master of Public Administration Program, 2021-present.
- Admissions Committee, Doctor of Public Administration, 2017-2025.
- 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.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2024-present. Editorial Board, *Annals of Regional Science*.

2024-present. Guest editor, *Regional Science Policy and Practice*.
Special Issue, "Public Finance in Regional Development and Sustainability."

Homelessness Policy Research Institute, University of Southern California.
2024. Symposium Moderator, [Guaranteed Income](#). ([Video](#))
2023-present. Research Committee.

Western Regional Science Association (WRSA)

2023-present. Board Member, Mentorship program coordinator and mentor
2022-present. Strategic Planning Committee.
2020-present. Program Committee, WRSA Annual Meetings.

North American Regional Science Council (NARSC)

2023. Program Chair, 70th NARSC Annual Meetings.
2021. Program Chair, 68th NARSC Annual Meetings.
2020. Program Chair, 67th NARSC Annual Meetings.

National Tax Association.

2023. Mentor, Women, and Non-Binary Mentoring Program.

United States Basic Income Guarantee Network

2022-present. Advisory board member, blog series editor.

2020. Program Committee, Annual Congress.
 2019. Organizing Committee Chair, Annual Congress.
 2018-2021. Board member.

Public Choice Society Annual Meeting.

2015. Session Organizer, “The Legacy of Thomas Borchering (1939-2014).”

Referee Service

National Science Foundation, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Urban Affairs, Annals of Regional Science, International Journal of Urban Sciences, Journal of Organizational and Behavioral Economics, 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 Politics, Public Choice, Review of Economics of the Household, Social Science Journal, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Asian Journal of Political Science, Ethics, Politics, & Society, Palgrave-USA, Taylor & Francis.

Membership

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

VOLUNTEERING

2025-Present	City of Long Beach Animal Care Service
2025	Los Angeles Homeless Count
2025	Long Beach Homeless Count
2022	Poor People’s Campaign, Kairo Center, New York, NY.
2017-2020	Long Beach Rescue Mission, Long Beach, CA.
2015-Present	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 Rights Division, Los Angeles, CA.

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