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Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis

EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis, U.S.

2021 - present

- Ph.D. in Economics (Prime) & A.M. in Economics (Joint)

Yonsei University, Republic of Korea

2014 - 2020

- B.A. in Economics, Applied Statistics

RESEARCH AREAS

AI, Education, Health, Industrial Organization, Auction, Applied Microeconomics

WORKING PAPERS

“Buyer-Initiated Auctions: Nominations in Oil & Gas”. Job Market Paper | [[pdf](#)], [[IIOC Slides](#)]

“AI and the Labor Market: A Worker’s-Eye View”, with Nathan Mester and Gregory Sun. Awarded Weidenbaum Center Small Grant. | [[SSRN](#)], [[Media Coverage](#)]

“Market Responds the Morning After: How Abortion Regulation Changes and Age-Limit-Reduction of Emergency Contraceptive Pills Affected Market of the Morning-After Pills”, with Cecilia Diaz-Campo. Awarded the 2024 Charles Leven Memorial Prize

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Auction Bundling Under Interdependent Cost”. Contact author for paper.

“Learn or Produce? Skill Development in the Age of AI”, with Nathan Mester and Gregory Sun. Awarded Kenneth C. Griffin Applied Economics Incubator “Incubator: AI in the Workplace 2025-2026” and Schmidt Sciences “AI at Work” research funding.

“Labor Market Implications of Nurse Burn-Outs During COVID”, with Yongseok Shin and Rana Mohie-eldin.

“Healthcare Market Pre- and Post- Roe”, with Cecilia Diaz-Campo.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Kenneth C. Griffin Applied Economics Incubator “Incubator: AI in the Workplace 2025-2026”, with Nathan Mester and Gregory Sun **2026**
- Weidenbaum Center Small Grant, with Nathan Mester and Gregory Sun **2025**

- Schmidt Sciences “AI at Work” Proposal Development Award, with Nathan Mester and Gregory Sun **2025**
- Charles Leven Memorial Prize **2024**
- Travel Fund for Econometric Society Summer School in Dynamic Structural Econometrics **2024**
- Travel Fund for 3rd Highland Health Economics Symposium (Scotland) **2024**
- Health Economics & Health Policy Mentoring Workshop *With Support from AEA-CSWEP and ASHEcon* **2023**
- Price Theory Summer Camp at University of Chicago **2023**

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **2026** Dissertation Proposal, Kenneth C. Griffin Applied Economics Incubator “Incubator: AI in the Workplace 2025-2026” Workshop, WashU Jamboree, International Industrial Organization Conference (IIOC), Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting (NASM), Yonsei Emerging Researcher Forum, European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Uchicago Experimental Economics Brownbag Seminar, Economics Graduate Student Conference (EGSC)
- **2025** Advances with Field Experiments (AFE) 2025 Conference, WashU Olin Brownbag, WashU Applied Microeconomics Research Group by George-Levi Gayle
- **2024** 3rd Highland Health Economics Symposium, WashU Applied Microeconomics Research Group by George-Levi Gayle, WashU GSA Breakfast Seminar
- **2023** WashU Applied Microeconomics Research Group by George-Levi Gayle, WashU GSA Breakfast Seminar
- **2022** WashU Microeconomics Reading Group, WashU GSA Breakfast Seminar

TEACHING

Co-Instructor Washington University in St. Louis

Auction Theory and Practice (Econ 4320/6430) *Fall 2026, AI-assisted auction data analysis sessions*

Assistant Instructor Washington University in St. Louis

Microeconomics I (Ph.D. Core, Econ 503), Microeconomics II (Ph.D. Core, Econ 504), Game Theory (Econ 467), Industrial Organization (Econ 452 & 555), Auction Theory and Practice (Econ 4567), Competitive Industry Analysis (MEC 5920), Health Economics and Policy (MEC 321 & 564), Empirical Techniques for Industry Analysis (MEC 471)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Organizer: 2025 WashU Econ Virtual Alumni Panel, 2023 Economics Graduate Student Conference

Referee: 2022, 2023, 2024 Economics Graduate Student Conference

Graduate Student Association: Representative & Website Manager *2022 - present*

Lab Manager: Center for Research in Experimental and Theoretical Economics, Yonsei University
2019 - 2020