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## EMPLOYMENT

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**The University of Sydney, Australia** July 2023 –  
*Lecturer* (equivalent to an assistant professor in the U.S.), School of Economics

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Economics, Texas A&M University	2023
Committee: Sarah Zubairy (Chair), Dennis Jansen, Yoon Jo, Hagen Kim	
M.A. in Economics, Seoul National University, South Korea	2016
B.B.A. joint major in Finance and Economics, Simon Fraser University, Canada	2013

## FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Macroeconomics, Monetary and Fiscal policy, Household Finance

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Consumption Response to Anticipated Income Changes: Evidence from the Magnitude Effect” with [Sang-yoon Song](#) (Bank of Korea)

“Household Debt and the Effects of Fiscal Policy” with [Sami Alpanda](#) (University of Central Florida) and [Sarah Zubairy](#) (Texas A&M University). R&R at *International Economic Review*.

“Policy Uncertainty and the Term Structure of Market Volatility” with [Seongjin Kim](#) (Texas A&M University) [Tatevik Sekhposyan](#) (Texas A&M University)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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“Distributional Effects of Fiscal Policy over the Business Cycle”

“Market Volatility and the Effects of Monetary Policy” with [Tatevik Sekhposyan](#) (Texas A&M University)

## HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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College of Liberal Arts (CLLA) Graduate Summer Research Grant, Texas A&M University	2022
College of Liberal Arts (CLLA) Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Texas A&M University	2022
Fasken Graduate Student Teaching Award, Texas A&M University	2022
Gail Frey Monson Memorial Scholarship, Texas A&M University	2021
S. Charles Maurice Graduate Fellowship in Economics, Texas A&M University	2021
Graduate Student Research and Presentation Travel Award, Texas A&M University	2021
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University	2020
Department Research Fellowship, Texas A&M University	2020
Private Enterprise Research Center Summer Scholarship, Texas A&M University	2019
Departmental Assistantships, Texas A&M University	2017 – Present
Tae Sung Kim Brain Korea 21 Plus Scholarship, Seoul National University	2013 – 2016
Dean's Honor roll, Simon Fraser University	2012

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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Research Assistant, Sarah Zubairy, Texas A&M University	2018 – 2019
Research Associate, Bank of Korea (BOK)	2016 – 2017
Project Intern, Korea Institute of Public Finance (KIPF)	2014

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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### Texas A&M University

<b>Main Instructor</b> , <i>Macroeconomic Theory</i> (400 level UG)	Spring 2022, Summer 2020
<b>Main Instructor</b> , <i>Macroeconomics Qualifier Camp</i> (Ph.D)	Summer 2020, Summer 2019
Teaching Assistant, <i>Financial Economics</i> (UG, G)	Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020
Teaching Assistant, <i>Macroeconomic Theory II</i> (Ph.D core)*	Spring 2020, Spring 2019
Teaching Assistant, <i>Macroeconomic Theory</i> (UG)	Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant, <i>Public Finance</i> (UG)	Spring 2018, Fall 2017

\* denotes classes for which I prepared and led recitation sessions

## SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (\* Denotes Scheduled)

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2023	Bank of Canada (Ottawa, Canada); SUNY-Binghamton University (Virtual); University of Arkansas (Virtual); Hamilton College (Clinton, NY); Kent State University (Kent, OH); Wayne State University (Detroit, MI); Smith College (Virtual); Trinity University (San Antonio, TX); University of Queensland (Virtual); University of Sydney (Sydney, Australia); Reserve Bank of Australia (Sydney, Australia); Bank of Korea (Virtual); Hanyang University (Virtual); Grand Valley State University (Virtual);
2022	SNDE 29 <sup>th</sup> Symposium (Virtual); CEF 28th International Conference (Dallas, TX); WEAI 97 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Virtual); SETA 16th International Symposium (Virtual); NBER Heterogenous-Agent Macro Workshop (Boston, MA); Texas Job Market Conference (College Station, TX); KAEA Job Market Conference (Virtual); Midwest Macro Meeting (Dallas, TX); SEA 92 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting (Fort Lauderdale, FL);

2021 CEF 27th International Conference (Virtual); WEAI-KAEA Conference (Virtual);  
KER International Conference (Virtual); SEA 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting (Houston, TX);

## **SKILLS**

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Programs: Python, MATLAB, Dynare, Stata, Eviews, Latex  
Languages: English (Fluent), Korean (Native)

## **PERSONAL**

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Citizenship: Republic of Korea (South Korea)  
Legal Name: Hyunji Song

## **REFERENCES**

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