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## Education

PhD, Ohio State University, 2013

Master of Arts, Ohio State University, 2008

Bachelor of Arts, Sogang University, 2007

## Current Employment and Positions

Associate Professor of Economics, School of Economics, SMU, Jan 2022 - Present

Deputy Director, Centre for Research on Successful Ageing, Singapore Management University, Jul 2020 - Present

Amazon Scholar, JP Prime & Marketing, Amazon, April 2025 – Present

## Other Affiliation

Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Germany, Jan 2022 - Present

## Past Employment and Positions

Amazon Visiting Academic, JP Prime & Marketing, Amazon, Dec 2024 – March 2025

Senior Economist, Amazon, Dec 2022 – Dec 2023

Big Data Research Fellow, National Health Insurance Service, South Korea, Apr 2022 - Mar 2023

Visiting Scholar, United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), Finland, May 2018 - Jul 2018

Research Affiliate, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Germany, Jan 2017 - Dec 2021

Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Economics, SMU, Jul 2013 - Dec 2021

## Awards and Honors

Lee Kong Chian Fellowship, Singapore Management University, 2017 - 2021

Dissertation Fellowship, Boston College Centre for Retirement Research and Social Security Administration, 2012

## RESEARCH

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### Research Interests

Health Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

### Publications

#### Journal Articles [Refereed]

Learning camp, language of instruction, and education outcomes: Evidence from a field experiment in Malawai, by KIM Seonghoon; KIM Hyuncheol. (2025). *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1086/739150> (Published)

Short-term mortality and healthcare utilization consequences of pension income receipt: Evidence from South Korea, by JEON, Mimi; KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock. (2025). *Journal of Public Economics*. 250.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2025.105490> (Published)

Strategic thinking skills: A key to collective economic success, by CHOI, Syngjoo; KIM, Seonghoon; LIM, Wooyoung. (2025). *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, 17(2): 1-29. <https://doi.org/10.1257/mic.20220259> (Published)

Is subjective well-being insured against income shocks? Evidence from 20-year panel data in South Korea, by AN, Jiyeon; AHN, Taehyun; KIM, Seonghoon. (2025). *The Review of Income and Wealth*, 71(2), 1-16.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/roiw.70018> (Published)

Consumption responses to income shocks through lottery winning, by KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock. (2025). *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 87(1), 1-25. <https://doi.org/10.1111/obes.12629> (Published)

The effects of patient cost-sharing on adolescents' healthcare utilization and health: Evidence from South Korea, by KIM Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock; LYOU, Wonjun. (2025). *Economic Inquiry*, 62, 1009–1023. (Published)

The association of nationwide trainee doctor mass resignations in South Korea with hospital utilization, expenditure, and patient outcomes, by KIM Seonghoon; AHN, Sangnam; KOH Kanghyock; LEE, Donghyun. (2025). *Frontiers in Public Health*, 13. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2025.1718795> (Published)

Weight misperceptions and health management via information nudges, by WANG, Lanjie; ZHANG, Xuan; KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock. (2024). *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 222332-353. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2024.04.029> (Published)

Health shocks, health and labour market dynamics, and the socioeconomic-health gradient in older Singaporeans, by Cheng, Terence C.; Kim, Seonghoon; Petrie, Dennis. (2024). *Social Science & Medicine*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.116796> (Published)

Life satisfaction changes and adaptation in the COVID-19 pandemic: Evidence from Singapore, by CHENG, Terence C.; KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock. (2024). *Singapore Economic Review*, 69(1), 1-34. <https://doi.org/10.1142/S0217590822500370> (Published)

Lifetime adversity predicts depression, anxiety, and cognitive impairment in a nationally representative sample of older adults in the United States, by AHN, SangNam; KIM, Seonghoon; ZHANG, Hongmei; DOBALIAN, Aram; SLAVICH, George. (2024). *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 80(5), 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jclp.23642> (Published)

Tackling misperceptions about immigrants with fact-checking interventions: A randomized survey experiment, by CHOI, Syngjoo; CHOI, Chung-Yoon; KIM, Seonghoon. (2023). *Labour Economics*, 841-12. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2023.102428> (Published)

Spend as you were told: Evidence from labeled COVID-19 stimulus payments in South Korea, by KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock; LYOU, Wonjun. (2023). *Journal of Public Economics*, 2211-17. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2023.104867> (Published)

Associations of the COVID-19 pandemic with older individuals' healthcare utilization and self-reported health status: a longitudinal analysis from Singapore, by AHN, Sangnam; KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock. (2022). *BMC Health Services Research*, 22(1), 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-021-07446-5> (Published)

Labor market institutions and the incidence of payroll taxation, by KIM, Jinyoung; KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock. (2022). *Journal of Public Economics*, 2091-18. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2022.104646> (Published)

The effects of the affordable care act dependent coverage mandate on parents' labor market outcomes, by KIM Seonghoon; KOH Kanghyock. (2022). *Labour Economics*, 751-16. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2022.102128> (Published)

Heterogeneous health effects of medical marijuana legalization: Evidence from young adults in the United States, by CHAY, Junxing; KIM, Seonghoon. (2022). *Health Economics*, 31(2), 269-283. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.4452> (Published)

Short-term impact of COVID-19 on consumption spending and its underlying mechanisms: Evidence from Singapore, by KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock; ZHANG, Xuan. (2022). *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 55(SI), 115-134. <https://doi.org/10.1111/caje.12538> (Published)

Health insurance and subjective well-being: Evidence from two healthcare reforms in the United States, by KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock. (2022). *Health Economics*, 31(1), 233-249. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.4448> (Published)

Economic impact of targeted government responses to COVID-19: Evidence from the large-scale cluster in Seoul, by KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock; SHIN, Jinwook. (2021). *Journal of Economic Behaviour & Organization*, 192, 199-221. (Published)

The Evolution of Income Risk and Consumption Insurance in South Korea over the Last Two Decades, by AHN, Taehyun; CHEE, Chung Gu; KIM, Seonghoon. (2021). *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 83(2), 328-351. <https://doi.org/10.1111/obes.12404> (Published)

The effects of income on health: Evidence from lottery wins in Singapore, by KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock. (2021). *Journal of Health Economics*, 76, 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhealeco.2020.102414> (Published)

The Role of Career and Wage Incentives in Labor Productivity: Evidence from a Two-Stage Field Experiment in Malawi, by KIM, Hyuncheol; KIM, Seonghoon; KIM, Thomas. (2020). *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 102(5), 839-851. [https://doi.org/10.1162/rest\\_a\\_00854](https://doi.org/10.1162/rest_a_00854) (Published)

Does early access to pension wealth improve health? by KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock. (2020). *Economic Inquiry*, 58(4), 1783-1794. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ecin.12903> (Published)

Happy Lottery Winners and LT Bias, by KIM, Seonghoon; OSWALD, Andrew J. (2021). *The Review of Income and Wealth*, 67(2), 317-333. <https://doi.org/10.1111/roiw.12469> (Published)

Potential crime risk and housing market responses, by KIM, Seonghoon; LEE, Kwan Ok. (2018). *Journal of Urban Economics*, 108, 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jue.2018.09.001> (Published)

The Long-term Health Effects of Foetal Malnutrition: Evidence from the 1959-1961 China Great Leap Forward Famine, by KIM, Seonghoon; FLEISHER, Belton; SUN, Ya Jessica. (2017). *Health Economics*, 26 (10), 1264-1277. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.3397> (Published)

Changes in Depressive Symptoms among Older Adults with Multiple Chronic Conditions: Role of Positive and Negative Social Support, by AHN, Sangnam; KIM, Seonghoon; ZHANG, Hongmei. (2017). *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 14(1), 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph14010016> (Published)

Long-Term Health Effects of Malaria Exposure around Birth: Evidence from Colonial Taiwan, by CHANG, Simon; FLEISHER, Belton; KIM, Seonghoon; LIU, Shi-Yung. (2014). *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 62(3), 519-536. <https://doi.org/10.1086/675434> (Published)

The Lasting Impact of Parental Early Life Malnutrition on Their Offspring: Evidence from the China Great Leap Forward Famine, by KIM, Seonghoon; DENG, Quheng; FLEISHER, Belton; LI, Shi. (2014). *World Development*, 54232-242. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.08.007> (Published)

Economic transition, higher education, and worker productivity in China, by FLEISHER, Belton; YU, Yifan; LI, Haizheng; KIM, Seonghoon. (2011). *Journal of Development Economics*, 94(1), 86-94. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jdeveco.2010.01.001> (Published)

### **Book Chapters**

Retirement preparedness in Singapore, by CHAY, Junxing; KIM, Seonghoon. (2021). In Hian Teck Hoon (Ed.), *The Singapore Economy: Dynamics and Inclusion* (pp. 310-334) New York: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429266584-10> (Published)

### **Working Papers**

Strategic sophistication and collective action: Theory and evidence, by JEON, Mimi; KIM, Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock; SHIN, Euncheol. (2025).

Navigating unemployment without unemployment insurance: Evidence from Singapore, by KIM, Seonghoon; WANG, Lanjie. (2024). *R&R at Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*.

Panels as partitions: How the design of a business plan influences startup financing, by KIM, Seonghoon; XU, Ge; KOTHA, Reddi.

When the economy slows, so does crime? Lasting impact of the Great Recession on crime, by KIM Seonghoon; KOH, Kanghyock; LEE, Jaeha.

The Unintended Consequences of International Student Shortage: Evidence from a Policy Reform in South Korea, by CHOI, Syngjoo; CHOI, Chung-Yoon; KIM, Seonghoon; LEE, Jongkwan. (2023). *R&R at Education Finance and Policy*.

**Research Grants****Singapore Management University**

Measuring the Flexibility Gap: Employer and Employee Valuations of Flexible Work Arrangements in Singapore, SMU Resilient Workforce Institute Grant, PI (Project Level), 2026 – 2027, S\$90,000

The Impact of Pioneer Generation Package (PGP) and Merdeka Generation Package (MGP) on Health, Healthcare Utilisation, and Financial Well-being among Older Adults in Singapore, SMU Internal Grant, Ministry of Education (MOE) Tier 1 , PI (Project Level): KIM Seonghoon, 2024 - 2026, S\$32,770

The Effects of Hospital Payment Reform on Treatment Choice and Healthcare Costs, SMU Internal Grant, Ministry of Education (MOE) Tier 1 , PI (Project Level): KIM Seonghoon, 2021 – 2022, S\$27,770

Dynamic and Holistic Monitoring of the Well-Being of the Older Singaporean Population, Academic Research Fund (AcRF) Tier 3, Ministry of Education (MOE) , PI (Project Level): Paulin Tay STRAUGHAN, Co-PI (Project Level): KIM Seonghoon, Denis LEUNG, PHANG Sock Yong, William TOV, YANG Hwajin, YU Jun, 2020 - 2025, S\$9,951,910

Short-term Impacts of COVID-19 on Consumption, Labour Market Outcomes, and Health: Evidence from Singapore, IZA Coronavirus Emergency Research Thrust, Institute of Labor Economics , PI (Project Level): KIM Seonghoon , Co-PI (Project Level): ZHANG Xuan, 2020, S\$11,517

Growth and Income Distribution in the New Normal Era, Social Sciences Korea (SSK), Korean Ministry of Education , Co-PI (Project Level): KIM Seonghoon, 2020, S\$1,068,173.82

Economic Security and the Ageing Demographic - Centre for Research on the Economics of Ageing, Academic Research Fund (AcRF) Tier 3, Ministry of Education (MOE) , PI (Project Level): YU Jun , Co-PI (Project Level): Peter C. B. PHILLIPS, Denis LEUNG, PHANG Sock Yong, Benedict KOH, TSE Yiu Kuen, 2019, S\$2,017,200

Research Capacity Building Fund, Singapore Management University, PI (Project Level): KIM Seonghoon, 2018, S\$20,489

The Effects of Unearned Income on Labour Supply, Saving and Intergenerational Transfer: Evidence from Singapore, SMU Internal Grant, Ministry of Education (MOE) Tier 1 , PI (Project Level): KIM Seonghoon, 2017 – 2018, S\$22,074

Measuring Strategic Sophistication: A Large-scale Experiment, SMU Internal Grant, Ministry of Education (MOE) Tier 1 , PI (Project Level): KIM Seonghoon, 2016 - 2017, S\$40,000

An Application of Spatial Analysis Technique to Urban Economics: Measuring Crime Risk and Estimating Effects of Political Parties on Policy Outcomes, NUS AcRF Tier-1, National University of Singapore (NUS) , PI (Project Level): KIM Seonghoon, 2015, S\$5,200

Selection and Incentive Effects of Financial and Career Incentives on Labor Productivity: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Malawi, SMU Internal Grant, Ministry of Education (MOE) Tier 1 , PI (Project Level): KIM Seonghoon, 2015, S\$40,000

## TEACHING

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### Singapore Management University

Introductory Economics (Undergraduate)

Health Economics (Undergraduate; SMU-X)

Health Economics (Ph.D.)

Tech Economics (Master's)

### Other Institutions

Principles of Microeconomics, Undergraduate, The Ohio State University (Undergraduate)

## THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

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### Singapore Management University

Committee Member, Dissertation by Xiaofan Zhu, PhD, Singapore Management University, 2025

Chair, "Essays on aging, health, and labor market", Dissertation by WANG, LANJIE, PhD, Singapore Management University, 2024

Committee Member, "Three Essays on Development Economics and Human Capital", Thesis by ARPITA KHANNA, PhD, Singapore Management University, 2022

Committee Member, "Essays on Economic Development and Environmental Sustainability", Thesis by ROHAN RAY, PhD, Singapore Management University, 2021

Chair, "Policy impact evaluations on labour and health", Dissertation by CHAY JUNXING, PhD, Singapore Management University, 2020

Chair, "Three essays on social insurance", Dissertation by Jessica SUN Ya, PhD, Singapore Management University, 2018

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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### **Singapore Management University**

Committee Member, Director Search Committee for the Longevity Societies and Economics Institute, Nov 2025 - Present

Committee Member, Reading Evaluation Committee, Jan 2024 - Present

Committee Member, School Evaluation Committee, Jan 2024 - Present

Committee Member, Economic Policy and Influence Committee, Jan 2024 - Present

Committee Member, Health Economics and Management Curriculum Committee, School of Economics, Jan 2019 - Present

Committee Member, Institutional Review Board, Jan 2019 - Dec 2020

Committee Member, SOE Dean Search Committee, Jan 2018 - Dec 2019

Committee Member, Health Economics and Management Interdisciplinary Curriculum Committee, Jan 2018 - Dec 2018

Committee Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, School of Economics, Jan 2015 - Jun 2020

Committee Member, Seminar Series, Jan 2015 - Dec 2020

Committee Member, Recruitment Committee, Jan 2015 – Jan 2024

Interviewer, Admission Interviews, Jan 2014 - Present

Committee Member, Research Workshop Committee, School of Economics, Jan 2013 - Dec 2015

## **EXTERNAL SERVICE – PROFESSIONAL**

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Ad hoc reviewer for American Economic Review, BMC Public Health, BMC Health Service Research, Canadian Journal of Economics, China Economic Review, Economic Inquiry, Economics and Human Biology, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, Food Policy, Health Economics, Health Policy, International Journal of Health Economics and Management, Journal of Asian Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal

of Economic Behaviour and Organization, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Kyklos, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Population and Environment, Review of Economics of the Household, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Income and Wealth, Scientific Reports, Southern Economic Journal, Singapore Economic Review, World Development

Guest Editor (special issue), Healthcare, Sep 2025–present.

Editorial Board Member, BMC Health Services Research, 2024–present.

Editorial Board Member, Applied Economics (a Korean journal), 2021–present.

Editorial Board Member, Korean Economic Review, 2022–2023.

#### **EXTERNAL SERVICE – PUBLIC SECTOR AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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Member, Research Advisory Panel, Singapore National Employers Federation, Aug 2025 - Present

Ad hoc reviewer, Health Services Research New Investigator Grant, Singapore Ministry of Health, 2021 - Present