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Education

Aug. 2024 –	Syracuse University , NY, USA Ph.D. Student in Human Development and Family Science Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) in Population Health and Aging
Mar. 2022 – Feb. 2024	Seoul National University (SNU) , Seoul, Republic of Korea M.A. in Child Development and Family Studies Thesis Trends and characteristics of four types of familial financial support among Korean sandwiched middle-aged adults
Mar. 2018 – Feb. 2022	Seoul National University (SNU) , Seoul, Republic of Korea B.A. in Child Development and Family Studies Minor in Psychology Thesis Influence of COVID-19 on high school students' stress and communication with parents

Research Interests

Grandparenting, Intergenerational relationships and transfers, Gerontology, Aging and life course, Family policies, Family demography, Late-life employment, Quantitative analysis

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

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- Kim, N., **Cho, H.**, & Kim, K. (2024). The role of social media communication in the association between widowhood and depressive symptoms. *OMEGA– Journal of Death and Dying*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00302228241307774>
- Cho, H.**, & Chin, M. (2024). Trends and characteristics of four types of familial financial support among Korean sandwiched middle-aged adults. *Korea Journal of Population Studies*, 47(3), 93–115. <https://doi.org/10.31693/KJPS.2024.09.47.3.4> (Written in Korean)
- Cho, H.**, & Chin, M. (2024). Relationship between fathers' employment characteristics at first childbirth and having a second child: Family-friendly policies and job satisfaction. *Journal of Family Policy*, 4(1), 25–44. <https://doi.org/10.52946/jfp.2024.4.1.25> (Written in Korean)
- Cho, H.**, Kim, N., & Kim, K. (2024). The role of late-life work among widowed adults in Korea: A buffer or burden for widow(er)s' health? *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 43(11), 1621–1629. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648241249619>
- Kim, Y., **Cho, H.**, & Chin, M. (2023). Big data analysis on news article of Korean one-person households: Before and after the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Families and Better Life*, 41(4), 25–36. <https://doi.org/10.7466/JFBL.2023.41.4.25> (Written in Korean)
- Cho, H.**, & Chin, M. (2023). Characteristics and life satisfaction of young adults living with their parents by relative income status. *Journal of Families and Better Life*, 41(3), 81–93. <https://doi.org/10.7466/JFBL.2023.41.3.81> (Written in Korean)

Book Chapters

García, C., **Cho, H.**, & Crowe, M. (2027). "Social Relationships and Health Among Oldest-Old Puerto Ricans: Networks, Support, and Well-Being Under Structural Adversity." Forthcoming in *Cambridge Handbook of Relationships in Later Life*, edited by J. Stokes: Cambridge University Press.

Public Scholarship and Other Publications

Barbano, L., Choi, H., Park, J., **Cho, H.**, You, H., & Jeon, S. (2025). The Korean Case: Understanding Declining Fertility and Family Size. *IFFD Papers*. 152. <https://familyperspective.org/2025/05/04/iffd-papers-152-the-korean-case/>

Cho, H. (2025). Younger Grandparents Provide Less Support to their Grandchildren Now than in the Past, but Support among Older Grandparents Has Remained Stable. *Population Health Research Brief Series*. 273. <https://doi.org/10.14305/rt.lerner.2025.8>

Academic Presentations

Cho, H., & Kim, N. (Jun, 2026). Beyond need: How prior care expectations shape formal care service uptake among older adults.

- Paper presentation at the 2026 Employment Panel Survey Academic Conference

Choi, H., Barbano, L., Park, J., **Cho, H.**, You, H., & Jeon, S. (Nov, 2025). A Scoping Review of Fertility Behaviors in South Korea: Re-centering Sociocultural Determinants.

- Paper presentation at the "National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)" 2025 Annual Conference

Cho, H., & García, C. (Nov, 2025). Grandparenting Styles in the U.S.: Patterns of Intergenerational Support and Their Predictors.

- Paper presentation at the "Gerontological Society of America (GSA)" 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting

Cho, H., Chin, M., & García, C. (Nov, 2024). Four Types of Financial Support among "Sandwiched" Middle-Aged Adults: Life and Family Relationship Satisfaction.

- Poster Presented at the GSA 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting

Cho, H., Kim, N., & Kim, K. (Nov, 2023). The Role of Late-Life Work Among Korean Widowed Adults.

- Poster Presentation at the GSA 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting

Kim, N., Kim, Y., **Cho, H.**, & Kim, K. (Nov, 2023). The Role of Social Media Communication in the Association Between Widowhood and Depressive Symptoms.

- Poster Presentation at the GSA 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting

Chin, M., Noh, S., & **Cho, H.** (Nov, 2023). Family Center Users' Program Needs: Differences by Gender, Age, and Family Structure.

- Poster Presentation at the "Korean Association of Family Relations" 2023 Fall Conference

Cho, H., & Chin, M. (Jun, 2023). Longitudinal effects of family-friendly policies in the workplace and job satisfaction on the second childbirth: Focusing on the PPCT model.

- Poster Presentation at the "Society for the Study of Family Policy" 2023 Spring Conference

Seo, W., & **Cho, H.** (Nov, 2022). Experience of families affected by adverse reactions to the COVID-19 vaccine: Qualitative content analysis of the media coverage.

- 2022 COVID-19 Student Essay Contest (organized by Institute of Health & Environment, SNU)
- Won 3rd prize

Cho, H., & Chin, M. (Oct, 2022). The heterogeneity in relative income status among young adults living with parents.

- Poster Presentation at the "Association of Families and Better Life" 2022 Fall Conference

- Won Excellence Award in Poster Session

Kim, Y., **Cho, H.**, & Chin, M. (Oct, 2022). Analysis of one-person household issues during the COVID-19 pandemic using big data.

- Poster Presentation at the “Association of Families and Better Life” 2022 Fall Conference

Cho, H., & Chin, M. (May, 2022). Three types of young adults living with parents, and their psychological well-being.

- Poster Presentation at the “Society for the Study of Family Policy” 2022 Spring Conference
- Won Excellence Award in Poster Session

Research Experiences

Jan. 2026 – Korean Aging Policy Research Team

- Projects in Progress:
 - (1) How Prior Care Expectations Shape Formal Care Service Uptake Among Community-Dwelling Older Adults in South Korea
 - (2) Factors Associated with Place of Death among Older Adults in South Korea: An 18-Year Analysis of the Korean Longitudinal Study of Ageing
 - (3) Trajectories of Subjective Expectations of Old-age Security Among Korean Middle-Aged and Older Adults: The Role of Cohort and Caregiving
- Role: Co-investigator

Jan. 2025 – Dr. Catherine Garcia’s RAICES (Research on Aging, Identity, Culture, and Equity Studies) Research Lab

- Projects in Progress:
 - (1) Place Matters: Assessing Neighborhood Environments for Puerto Rican Aging Research
Funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) (Grant #: U24AG077012, R01AG064769)
- Role: Co-investigator/research assistant

Sep. 2024 – Korean Fertility Research Team

- Projects in Progress:
 - (1) A Scoping Review of Fertility Behaviors in South Korea: Re-centering Sociocultural Determinants
- Role: Co-investigator

Apr. 2023 – Oct. 2023 Research of Needs and Satisfaction in Family Policy, SNU Research Assistant | Advisor: Dr. Meejung Chin

- Funded by Seoul Family Center
- Report title “Research on family policy needs and satisfaction levels, 2023” (100+ pages)
- Used mixed-method research—conducted on-line surveys among 500+ Family Center users and 200+ Family Center employees, and focus-group interviews among 8 Family Center employees

Mar. 2022 – Dec. 2022 HumEc Inno-Edu 2031, SNU Research Assistant | Advisor: Dr. Jaerim Lee

- Conducted an on-line survey among 200 undergraduate students majoring in Child Development and Family Studies and analyzed the data to identify their satisfaction in major, expected career paths, college adjustment etc.

Mar. 2022 – Feb. 2024 Family Policy Lab, SNU Research Assistant | Advisor: Dr. Meejung Chin

- Thesis title “Changes in characteristics of “Sandwich Generation” in Korea: Family structure and financial burden”, using 9th wave and 24th wave of *Korean Labor and Income Panel Study*

Sep. 2021 – Dec. 2021 University of Maryland (UMD) Extension, Family & Consumer Sciences

Research Assistant | Advisor: Dr. Heejung Song

- Conducted a literature review about food insecurity
- Involved in project titled “2021 DASH Plus”, and analyzed the pre-session survey and post-session survey data using paired *t*-tests with Python
- Participated in regular on-line meetings with Dr. Song and UMD students

Mar. 2019 – Sep. 2019 50th Anniversary Academic Symposium College of Human Ecology, SNU**Researcher | Advisor: Dr. Grace H. Chung**

- Research title “Effects of individual, family, and social factors on university students’ attitude towards marriage: moderating effect of gender” (70+ pages)
- Used mixed-method research—conducted an on-line survey among 900+ university students and interviewed 7 university students
- Especially contributed on quantitative analysis using hierarchical regression models
- Presented on 50th Anniversary Symposium of the College of Human Ecology, SNU

Teaching Experiences

Spring 2026, SU	[HFS487] Critical Incidents in Family Development Teaching Assistant Instructor: Dr. Ambika Krishnakumar
Fall 2025, SU	[SOC 400] Global Aging and Health Guest Lecturer (“Aging in South Korea”) Instructor: Dr. Haowei Wang
Fall 2025, SU	[HFS 388] Human Sexuality Teaching Assistant Instructor: Dr. Ashleigh Jones
Spring 2025, SU	[HFS 363] Midlife Development and Gerontology Teaching Assistant Instructor: Dr. Merrill Silverstein
Fall 2024, SU	[HFS 201] Family Development Teaching Assistant Instructor: Dr. Matthew Mulvaney
Fall 2023, SNU	[357.421A] Practicum in Family Studies Teaching Assistant Instructor: Dr. Meejung Chin
Spring 2023, SNU	[357.424] Family Policy Teaching Assistant Instructor: Dr. Meejung Chin
Fall 2022, SNU	[M2808.002500] Quantitative Research in Child and Family Studies Teaching Assistant Instructor: Dr. Meejung Chin
Spring 2022, SNU	[045.029] Marriage and Family Teaching Assistant Instructor: Dr. Young Joo Nam

Service to Profession

Apr. 2025 –	Abstract Reviewer for Gerontological Society of America
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Scholarships and Prizes

Scholarship	
Nov. 2025	BSS (Behavioral Social Science) Student Travel Stipend, GSA
Fall 2023	Seoul National University Foundation Scholarship, SNU

Prize

Jun.	2026	Student paper award from the 2026 Employment Panel Survey Academic Conference hosted by the Korea Employment Information Service (KEIS): “Beyond need: How prior care expectations shape formal care service uptake among older adults”
Feb.	2023	Excellent Graduate Student Award, Department of Child Development and Family Studies
Nov.	2022	3rd Prize in 2022 SNU COVID-19 Student Essay Contest
Oct.	2022	Excellence Award in Poster Session, Association of Families and Better Life
May.	2022	Excellence Award in Poster Session, Society for the Study of Family Policy
Nov.	2021	First Prize in the Bachelor’s Degree Graduation Thesis, Division of Consumer and Child Studies

Qualifications

Survey Analyst, Junior (23202013937Z): Certified by Statistics Korea, Republic of Korea

Professional Affiliations

Gerontological Society of America

- Behavioral and Social Sciences Section