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EDUCATION

- 2016 – 2024 **University of Illinois at Chicago** (Chicago, Illinois)
Ph.D. in Public Policy, Management, & Analytics (Financial Management)
- Dissertation: Making Budget Stabilization Funds Work: Indicators of BSF Rule Stringency and Their Impact on State Savings
 - Committee: Drs. Yonghong Wu (Chair), Rebecca Hendrick, David Merriman, Michael D. Siciliano, and Kenneth Kriz
- 2019 **University of Michigan** (Ann Arbor, MI)
Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR),
Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research
- Causal Inference
 - Longitudinal Analysis
- 2011 – 2013 **Georgetown University** (Washington D.C.)
Master of Arts in Government (comparative politics and political economy)
- 2000 – 2005 **Sogang University** (Seoul, S. Korea)
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and English Literature

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Positions

- August 2024 – Current **Assistant Professor**, Murray State University (Murray, Kentucky)
- POL 673 Public Budgeting and Finance
(Graduate students, on-campus)
 - POL 671 Public Policy Analysis
(Graduate students, on-campus)
 - POL 670 Foundations of Public Administration
(Graduate students, online)

- 2023 – 2024 **Adjunct Faculty**, Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago, Illinois)
- PS 408 Methods of Policy Analysis and Evaluation
(Undergraduate students, on-campus)
 - PS 306 Politics and Public Policy
(Undergraduate students, online)
 - PS 497 Directed Readings in Political Science
(Undergraduate students, on-campus)
 - PS 313 Comparative Public Policy
(Undergraduate students, on-campus)
- July 2022 **Guest Lecture**, Seoul National University (Seoul, S. Korea)
- Public Administration Reform Workshop
(Master’s students in the Global Master of Public Administration program
of the Graduate School of Public Administration)
- 2016 – 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Public Policy, Management, &
Analytics, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Economics for Management and Policy (PA 403)
 - Evaluating Public Policies and Programs (PPOL 405)
 - Public Budgeting and Financial Management (PA 309)
 - Introduction to the Policy Process (PPOL 210)
 - Nonprofit Organizations in Civil Society (PPOL 230)
 - Comparative Politics (POLS 130)
- 2016 – 2021 **Research Assistant**, Department of Public Policy, Management, &
Analytics, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Conducted research on “Municipal Spending on Infrastructure in the U.S.”
and “The Impact of Federal Tax Deductibility on State and Local Tax
Structures and Spending” working with Dr. Yonghong Wu.
 - Conducted research for the Volcker Alliance on state budget policies and
transparency (<https://www.volckeralliance.org/programs>), working with Dr.
Rebecca Hendrick

Other Professional Experience

- 2013 **Research Specialist**, Korean Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA),
Washington D.C., USA
- Researched and wrote reports on domestic and international political and
economic issues impacting Korea’s economy.
- 2005 – 2009 **Journalist and Singapore Correspondent**, The Hankyoreh Newspaper and
Hankyoreh 21 (Seoul, S. Korea)
- Covered Social Affairs, Political Affairs as a Parliamentary Journalist, and
International Affairs as a Singapore Correspondent

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Publications and Works Under Review

Choi, Eunjoo. 2022. Do Budget Stabilization Funds Invite Transparent Budget Reporting? Budget Stabilization Funds and Fiscal Behavior of States. *Journal of Policy Studies* 37(3), 65-82.
<https://jps.scholasticahq.com/article/38414-do-budget-stabilization-funds-invite-transparent-budget-reporting-budget-stabilization-funds-and-fiscal-behavior-of-states>.

Choi, Eunjoo, and Yonghong Wu. 2004. Impact of Stringent Budget Stabilization Fund Rules on U.S. State Savings: Generalized Synthetic Control Method and Panel Data Analysis. Manuscript submitted for publication to *Public Budgeting and Finance* and currently under review.

Manuscripts in Progress

Choi, Eunjoo, and Brian An. The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Fiscal Decision-Making. Manuscript will be submitted for publication to *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.

Choi, Eunjoo, and Seeun Ryu. The Impact of Budget Stabilization Fund on U.S. State Pension Funding. Manuscript will be submitted for publication to *American Review of Public Administration*.

Ryu, Seeun, Eunjoo Choi, and Kilkon Ko. Fiscal Slack and Resilience in the Context of COVID-19. Manuscript will be submitted for publication to *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.

Lee, Jongseong, and Eunjoo Choi. Social Pension and Fiscal Health in South Korea. Manuscript will be submitted for publication to *International Journal of Public Administration*.

Choi, Eunjoo, and Yonghong Wu. The Effects of State and Municipal Fiscal Capacity on Municipal Capital Spending: A Multilevel Mixed-Effects Analysis. Manuscript will be submitted for publication to *State and Local Government Review*.

Choi, Eunjoo. Stringency of Immigration Laws and Law Enforcement Spending in U.S. States. Manuscript will be submitted for publication to *Public Administration Review*.

Choi, Eunjoo. The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on State Unemployment Insurance Trust Funds. Manuscript will be submitted for publication to *State and Local Government Review*.

Book Project

Choi, Eunjoo. Budget Stabilization Funds: Insights into Implementation and Fiscal Management. Manuscript will be submitted for publication to *Springer*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Eunjoo Choi, Seeun Ryu, and Yonghong Wu (2023). The Impact of Fiscal Rules and Cutback Strategies on State Pension Funding in the U.S. Paper presented at the 35th annual conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 26-28, 2023; Denver, CO.
- Ryu, Seeun and Eunjoo Choi (2023). Fiscal Slack, Rules, and Resilience. Paper presented at the 35th annual conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 26-28, 2023; Denver, CO.
- Choi, Eunjoo. (2022). Fiscal Condition, State Savings, and Pension Funding in the U.S. States: A panel vector autoregressive analysis. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference, Washington D.C.
- Choi, Eunjoo. (2022). Budget Stabilization Funds and Fiscal Behavior of State in Times of Fiscal Stress. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Choi, Eunjoo and Rebecca Hendrick. (2020). What Rainy Day Fund Policies Matter? Indicators of RDF Stringency and Their Impact on State Fiscal Performance. Paper presented at the Association for Budgeting & Financial Management (ABFM) Job-market showcase.
- Choi, Eunjoo. (2019). Does the Stringency of Rainy-Day Fund Rules Matter? Principal Component Regression Analyses of RDF Policies. Paper presented at the Midwest Public Affairs Conference (MPAC), Indianapolis, IN.
- Hendrick, Rebecca, Eunjoo Choi, and Mingyue Kan. (2019). The Structural Features of Rainy-Day Fund Enabling Legislation.” Paper presented at the 31st annual conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), September 26-28, 2019; Washington, DC.

AWARDS

Best Student Paper Award, 2019 Midwest Public Affairs Conference (MPAC) for “Does the Stringency of Rainy-Day Fund Rules Matter? Principal Component Regression Analyses of RDF Policies”

GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Scholarship (Summer 2019), University of Illinois at Chicago

Department of Public Administration Scholar Award (DPASA) (2016 – 2021), Tuition and Stipend, University of Illinois at Chicago

Academic Excellence Scholarship (2004), Sogang University (GPA 4.10/4.3)

Travel Grant for the 2022 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

Travel Grant for the 2019 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) conference, University of Illinois at Chicago

Travel Grant for the 2019 Midwest Public Affairs Conference (MPAC) conference, University of Illinois at Chicago

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Manuscript Reviewer, International Review of Public Administration (IRPA)

Member, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM)

Member, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)

Member, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

DISTINCTIONS

Volunteer: Hannuri Institution (Taught Mathematics and English to young North Korean defectors), 2004

Language: Korean (Native)

Computer Skills: R, STATA, Excel, PowerPoint, Word