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ACADEMIC POSITION

Oklahoma State University, Spears School of Business

- Assistant Professor of Management (Strategic Management), 2021–Current

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Gies College of Business

- Ph.D. in Business Administration (Strategy & Entrepreneurship), 2015-2021
 - Dissertation: Collaboration for Innovation through the Lens of Employee Mobility
 - Committee: Deepak Somaya (chair), Joseph Mahoney, Martin Ganco, Shinjae Won

Seoul National University, College of Business

- M.S. in Business Administration (Strategy & International Business), 2014
- Bachelor of Business Administration, *Summa Cum Laude*, 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Innovation, strategic human capital, employee mobility, knowledge creation and spillover, geography, stakeholder strategy

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

Publications

- Seo, E., Song, J., & Jin, C. (2023) Heterogeneity of optimal balance between exploration and exploitation: The moderating role of firm technological capability and industry alliance network position. ***Industry and Innovation***, 30(4): 423-451. [\[Link\]](#)
- Seo, E. & Somaya, D. (2022) Living it up at the Hotel California: Employee mobility barriers and inventor collaborativeness in firms. ***Organization Science***, 33(2): 766-784. [\[Link\]](#)
 - Winner, *Best Interdisciplinary Paper Award* (Strategic Human Capital IG), Strategic Management Society Annual Conference in Paris, 2018
 - Winner, *SERI Best Doctoral Student Paper Award*, Association of Korean Management Scholars, 2019
- Seo, E., Kang H., & Song, J. (2020) Blending talents for innovation: Team composition for cross-border R&D collaboration within multinational corporations. ***Journal of International Business Studies***, 51(5):851-885. [\[Link\]](#)
 - Winner, *AmorePacific Best Student Paper Award*, AIB Korea Chapter, 2019

Working Papers

- **Seo, E. & Dinkel, C. P.** [Title hidden for review: Knowledge protection and innovation]
 - Under 2nd Round Review at **Strategic Management Journal**
- **Park, M. D., Bylund, P. L., & Seo, E.** [Title hidden for review: Stakeholder strategy for startups]
 - Under 2nd Round Revise and Resubmit at **Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal**
- **Seo, E.** [Title hidden for review: Collaboration and interfirm knowledge spillovers]
 - Under 1st Round Revise and Resubmit at **Journal of Management Studies**
- **Seo, E.** [Title hidden for review: Collaboration and inventor mobility]
 - *AOM Best Paper Proceedings* (STR Division), Academy of Management, 2021
 - Under 1st Round Review at **Research Policy**
- **Seo, E., Park, M. D., & Dinkel, C. P.** [Title hidden for review: Employee mobility and misconduct]
 - Finalist, *SMS Annual Conference Responsible Research Paper Prize*, Strategic Management Society Annual Conference in San Francisco, 2025
 - Under 1st Round Review at **Administrative Science Quarterly**
- **Seo, E. & Somaya, D.** External knowledge sourcing and employee mobility barriers, *SSRN Working Paper* (No. 4016583) [[Link](#)]
 - Under *Reject and Resubmit* at **Strategic Management Journal**
- **Seo, E., Kang, H., & Kang, J.** Technological exploration under capital market pressure: A randomized policy experiment of short-selling constraint
 - Under *Reject and Resubmit* at **Research Policy**
- **Seo, E. Seo, H., Park, J., & Bundy, J.** The symbolic use of low-quality patents: Beyond value appropriation to impression offsetting after reputational shocks
 - Preparing submission to **Academy of Management Journal**

Works-in-progress

- Unleashing innovation: The impact of inventor mobility on exploratory value creation in firms (with Federico Aime)
 - *Manuscript writing in progress*
- Determinants to human capital redeployment (with Rosa Kim & Jimmy Dongwook Kim)
 - *Data analysis in progress*
- Trade secret protection and strategic positioning of firms (with Christopher Dinkel)
 - *Data collection in progress*

PRESENTATIONS

(* denotes presentation by coauthor)

2025	Consortium on Organizational Excellence	Dallas, TX
	Strategic Management Society Annual Conference	San Francisco, CA
	Wharton People and Organizations Conference	Philadelphia, PA
2024	Academy of Management Annual Meeting	Chicago, IL
2023	Workshop on Stakeholders, Property Rights & Entrepreneurship*	Syracuse, NY
	Sungkyunkwan University	Seoul, KR
	Strategic Management Society Annual Conference*	Toronto, ON
2022	Academy of Management Annual Meeting	Seattle, WA
2021	Academy of Management Annual Meeting	Online
	Oklahoma State University	Online
	University of Iowa	Online
2020	University of Texas at Austin	Online
	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Online
	Strategic Management Society Annual Conference	Online
	Wharton People and Organization Conference	Online
	Journal of Product Innovation Management Research Forum	Online
	Academy of Management Annual Meeting	Online
	Consortium for Competitiveness and Cooperation (CCC)	Online
	Labor & Employment Relations Seminar in UIUC	Champaign, IL
2019	Strategic Management Society Annual Conference*	Minneapolis, MN
	Wharton People and Organizations Conference	Philadelphia, PA
	Academy of Management Annual Meeting	Boston, MA
	Wharton Technology and Innovation Conference	Philadelphia, PA
	Academy of International Business Annual Meeting*	Copenhagen, DK
	Strategy Science Conference*	Salt Lake City, UT
2018	Strategic Management Society Annual Conference	Paris, FR
	Academy of Management Annual Meeting	Chicago, IL
2017	Academy of Management Annual Meeting	Atlanta, GA
	Strategic Management Society Special Conference*	Milan, IT
2015	Academy of Management Annual Meeting	Vancouver, CA

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- *Finalist*, SMS Annual Conference Responsible Research Paper Prize, Strategic Management Society, 2025
- AOM Best Paper Proceedings (STR division), Academy of Management, 2021
- *First Place Winner*, PDMA Dissertation Proposal Competition, Product Development and Management Association, 2020 (\$3,000)
- SRF Dissertation Research Grant, Strategic Management Society, 2019 (\$7,140)

- *Winner*, SERI Best Doctoral Student Conference Paper Award, Association of Korean Management Scholars, 2019 (\$1,000)
- *Winner*, AmorePacific Best Student Paper Award, AIB Korea Chapter, 2019 (\$1,000)
- List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, Gies College of Business, UIUC, 2019, 2021
- *Winner*, Best Interdisciplinary Paper Award (Strategic Human Capital IG), Strategic Management Society, 2018
- Richard A. Erley Fellowship Award, Gies College of Business, UIUC, 2019 (\$2,500)
- Block Summer Research Grant, Gies College of Business, UIUC, 2018 (\$1,380)
- Robert Ferber Award, Gies College of Business, UIUC, 2017 (\$2,500)
- Block Summer Research Grant, Gies College of Business, UIUC, 2017 (\$1,714)
- Zwisler Doctoral Fellowship, Gies College of Business, UIUC, 2016 (\$2,500)
- Caterpillar Fellowship, Gies College of Business, UIUC, 2015 (\$10,000)
- Block Grants, College of Business, Gies College of Business, UIUC, 2015 (\$1,500)
- Research Fellowship, Korea Student Aid Foundation, 2013 (\$6,000)
- Research Fellowship, Brain Korea 21, 2012 (\$10,000)
- Summa Cum Laude Honor, Seoul National University, 2012

TEACHING

- Strategic Management (Undergraduate Capstone)
 - Oklahoma State University: MGMT 4513 (Spring 2022–Current)
 - University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: BADM 449 (Fall 2018; Spring 2021)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Membership: Academy of Management; Strategic Management Society
- Ad-hoc Reviewer
 - Strategic Management Journal; Organization Science; Research Policy; Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal; Journal of Management Studies; Journal of Economics & Management Strategy; Long Range Planning
- Dissertation Committee
 - Myeongho (David) Park, Ph.D. in Business Administration (Entrepreneurship) at Oklahoma State University, Spring 2025 (Placement: Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship at Rowan University)
 - Akseli DeBlieck, Ph.D. Candidate in Economics (International Economics) at Oklahoma State University (expected Spring 2027)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Computational Skills: Stata, R, Python, MATLAB, MySQL
- Empirical Methods: Natural experiments, difference-in-differences, matching techniques, LDA topic modeling, social network analysis

(Last Update: January 2026)