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EDUCATION

Seoul National University College of Medicine

M.D. (Doctor of Medicine)

March 2017 - Feb 2021

Seoul, South Korea

- Overall GPA: 3.71/4.3 (Cum Laude)

KAIST

B.S. in Bio and Brain Engineering

March 2013 - Feb 2017

Daejeon, South Korea

- Overall GPA: 4.20/4.3 (Summa Cum Laude)
- Dean's List (1st place in the department)

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Seoul National University Hospital

Residency, Department of Psychiatry

March 2022 - Feb 2026

Seoul, South Korea

Seoul National University Hospital

Medical Intern

March 2021 - Feb 2022

Seoul, South Korea

ADVANCED CLINICAL TRAINING

Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy for Residents

Korean Psychoanalytic Society (KPS)

March 2024 – Feb 2025

- Completed training in foundational psychoanalytic psychotherapy approaches tailored for psychiatric residents, focusing on clinical applications and case conceptualization.

Advanced Treatment Program for Anxiety Disorders

Korean Academy of Anxiety Disorders

June 2022 – Dec 2022

- Completed a structured program focused on in-depth treatment approaches for anxiety disorders.

AWARDS AND HONORS

KAIST Graduation Ceremony

Prize by the President of the General Alumni Association (4th place among all undergraduates)

2017

18th Samsung Human-Tech Paper Award

Silver Award, among 1,462 applicants

2012

*\$5000 Prize, \$2000*8/semester scholarship*

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Y. H. Kim, J. Jang, N. Kang, J. H. Jeong, J. Kim, Y. M. Ahn, Y. S. Kim, S. H. Kim. "Revealing differential psychotic symptoms in schizophrenia and bipolar I disorder by manifold learning and network analyses". *Translational Psychiatry* 15.1 (2025), pp. 1–10.
- [2] K. S. Lee, T. Lee, M. Kim, E. Ignatova, H.-J. Ban, M. K. Sung, Y. H. Kim, Y. J. Kim, J. H. Han, J. K. Choi. "Shared rare genetic variants in multiplex autism families suggest a social memory gene under selection". *Scientific Reports* 15.1 (2025), p. 696.
- [3] Y. C. Lyoo, S. Park, S. Ju, K. S. Shin, J. Hwang, S. Yoon, J. Kim, H. B. Cho, Y. H. Kim, J. H. Kim. "A performance comparison between the two language versions of the Affective Go/No-Go test: A randomised crossover study". *International Journal of Psychology* 53 (2018), pp. 81–88.

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- [1] Y. H. Kim, H. Joo, S. W. Lee. “Optimal Markov decision tasks for simulating human reinforcement learning”. *Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making (RLDM)*. Poster Presentation. 2025.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

KAIST Brain & Machine Intelligence Lab

Internship

Dec 2017 - Feb 2026

Daejeon, South Korea

- Analyzed fMRI data obtained from participants while playing a two step Markov decision task, using multi-voxel pattern analysis tool
- Currently working on optimization of Markov decision task in human reinforcement learning. Concepts used in the project includes environment parameterization, genetic algorithm.

Seoul National University Radiology Physics Lab

Student Intern

Oct 2018 - Dec 2018

Seoul, South Korea

- Created a semantic segmentation model based on U-net to automatically draw contours of the bladder, rectum and prostate from CT images
- Combined different neural net modules (i.e. boundary refinement modules) to the original U-net structure to develop a novel neural net model
- Learned how to evaluate the quality of segmentation with a clinical aspect: original metrics such as jaccard similarity does not solely represent the quality of segmentation when it serves as a contour for radiation therapy planning

KAIST OMICS Lab

Student Intern

June 2015 - Jan 2017

Daejeon, South Korea

- Learned genome sequencing and analysis workflow using bowtie, tophat and cufflinks
- Analyzed Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP), confirming the fact that SNPs from patients with autism are mapped in an enriching manner in a novel gene

Massachusetts General Hospital Bouma's Lab

HST-MGH Internship

June 2016 - Aug 2016

Boston, USA

- Created the workflow to make mesoscale connectivity map from a 3D image of a mouse brain, obtained from a technology called CAST (optical coherence tomography imaging of a transparent brain by using CLARITY)

Ewha Brain Institute

Student Intern

Jan 2014 - Feb 2016

Seoul, South Korea

- Learned fundamental physics of MRI, and different types of imaging techniques including T1, T2 enhanced images, proton density, FLAIR, and diffusion tensor imaging
- Learned how to design cognitive tasks (i.e. how to set inter-stimuli intervals) and to scientifically discuss and interpret results

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages

Python, R, MATLAB

Tools

PyTorch

RESEARCH OF INTERESTS

- I study how humans learn and make decisions, and how we can use computational models to better understand both the healthy and disordered mind. By combining neuroscience and machine learning, I explore the principles that make biological learning systems flexible, efficient, and adaptive—especially the ways our brains simplify and prioritize information in complex environments.
- I plan to apply these ideas to psychiatry, building models that simulate how different mental disorders might emerge from disrupted learning or decision-making processes. My goal is to use these models to generate insights that are both scientifically rigorous and clinically meaningful, helping to bridge the gap between abstract theories of the mind and real-world mental health care.