



**Kyoung Tae (KT) Kim**

**Candidate for President-Elect**

### **Current Position**

Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator at The University of Alabama

### **Academic Background**

PhD in Consumer Sciences at The Ohio State University

MS in Economics at Purdue University

BA in Economics at The Ohio State University

### **ACCI Activities**

I have actively participated in the American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI), our core professional organization, in various capacities. Since 2012, I have delivered numerous presentations, served on the Board of Directors from 2020 to 2023, and contributed to award committees and conference planning efforts.

### **Other Professional Activities and Honors**

I currently serve as an Associate Editor for three journals: *Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal* (FCSRJ), *Financial Planning Review* (FPR), and *Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning* (JFCP). Additionally, I am an editorial board member for six core journals in my research area, including the *Journal of Consumer Affairs* (JCA) and *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* (JFEI).

### **Memberships**

I have been an active member since 2012 and have not missed a single annual meeting since then.

### **Awards**

My research has been recognized with Best Paper Awards from both the American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS). I received both the Outstanding Paper Award and the Best Paper Award from the *Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal*. Additionally, I was honored with two National Financial Capability Study Research Paper Awards as a faculty mentor and coauthor in 2019 and 2020. As both an emerging and mid-career scholar, I was selected as the recipient of the Richard L. D. Morse Early-Career Award (2019 ACCI conference), the Richard L. D. Morse Mid-

Career Award (2024 ACCI conference), and the HES Leadership Board Excellence in Scholarly Research Award at the University of Alabama in October 2019.

**Research Interests**

My research focuses on the topics of household finance, investment decisions and financial planning. In particular, I am interested in three main areas: i) household financial decisions throughout the life course, ii) the effect of financial literacy and financial education on household decisions, and iii) various financial planning topics.

**Statement of Goals for Office**

As President of ACCI, my primary goal is to advance our mission of enhancing consumer and family economic well-being by fostering a dynamic community of scholars and professionals. Guided by our core values of scholarship, professional growth, community, and recognition, I aim to promote the creation and dissemination of policy-relevant research that informs education and practice. I am dedicated to supporting professional development opportunities that empower our members to produce impactful research and to cultivating an inclusive, collaborative environment that advances consumer well-being globally. Furthermore, I will prioritize celebrating and amplifying outstanding contributions to our field, ensuring that ACCI remains the premier consumer policy research and education organization.