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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, The University of Hong Kong, 2023-

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Long-Term Fiscal Policy, NBER, 2022-2023

Consultant, Population Wellbeing Initiative at University of Texas at Austin, 2022

Professional Affiliation

2021- Affiliated Researcher, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group (HCEO), Markets Network

2024- Affiliated Researcher, HKU Jockey Club ESG Research Institute

2025- Affiliated Researcher, Rockwool Foundation Berlin

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022

M.A., Economics, New York University, 2016

Bachelor of Economics and Finance, University of Hong Kong, 2014

Working Papers

"The Macroeconomic Consequences of Family Policies" ([link](#)), Revise and Resubmit, *Review of Economic Studies*

"The Fertility, Marriage, and Gender Equality Quandary" ([link](#))

"Asymmetric Fertility Elasticities" ([link](#)), with [Sam Engle](#) and [Chong Pang](#)

"The Fertility Race Between Technology and Social Norms" ([link](#)), with [Xican Xi](#), accepted at *PHBS-IER Conference*

"Teachers and Inequality: A General Equilibrium Perspective" ([link](#))

Publications

"Bounding Fertility Elasticities", *Economics Letters*, Volume 228, July 2023 ([link](#))

"Intergenerational Mobility Begins Before Birth", with [Ananth Seshadri](#), *Journal of Monetary Economics*, Volume 129, 1-20, July 2022 ([link](#))

"Staying at Home: Mobility Effects of Covid-19", with [Sam Engle](#) and [John Stromme](#), *Covid Economics: Vetted and Real-Time Papers*, Issue 4, 86-102, April 2020 ([link](#))

Presentations

2026	Richmond Fed (scheduled), UNC-Chapel Hill (scheduled)
2025	ASSA, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, Fudan, PKU-GSM, LAEF-Fed-Albany Workshop, United Nations, RNIM, Shandong U, Wuhan U, U Chicago CEHD, China Economics Summer Institute, Families in Macroeconomics, USC (scheduled), UC-Irvine (scheduled), International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics (scheduled), PHBS-IER (scheduled)
2024	Shanghai Macro Workshop, HKU Macro Workshop, CUHK-Shenzhen, EEA, ES-ESM, PKU-HSBC, Iowa State University
2023	Hong Kong Junior Macro Group, PKU-HSBC
2022	SED, Midwest Macro Spring, ES-NASM, Singapore Management University, National University of Singapore, U Texas-Austin, CUHK-Shenzhen, The University of Hong Kong, Peking University
2021	ES-EWM, UW Milwaukee, Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Conference on Public Policy, Iowa State University, EGSC, Family Macro Seminar Series, Minnesota-Wisconsin International/Macro Workshop, WEAL, ASSA
2020	UW Madison Macro Student Workshop, Minnesota-Wisconsin International/Macro Workshop, Southern Economic Association Conference
2019	Midwest Macro Fall Meeting, Minnesota-Wisconsin International/Macro Workshop, UW Madison Alumni Conference, UW Madison Macro Student Workshop

Fellowships and Awards

2025-27	Principle Investigator, Early Career Scheme Grant, Hong Kong Research Grants Council
2023-25	Seed Fund for Basic Research, University of Hong Kong
2022	Post-Doctoral Fellowship on Long-Run Fiscal Policy, NBER
2021	Juli Plant Grainger Outstanding Dissertator Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2021	University Student Research Grants Competition, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2020	Donald D. Hester Dissertation Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2019, 20	Summer Research Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2019	Travel Funds Scholarship, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2015	Master's Excellence Award in Macroeconomics, New York University
2012	Worldwide Exchange Scholarship, The University of Hong Kong

Services

Referee	Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Political Economy: Macroeconomics, Quantitative Economics, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Economics Letters
2023-24	Co-organizer of the economics department brownbag series, The University of Hong Kong
2019-20	Co-organizer of the Finance, Macro, and International (FMI) Student Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2018-19	Co-organizer of the Student Research Group (SRG), University of Wisconsin-Madison

Teaching

2024-	Ph.D. Field course, The University of Hong Kong
2023-	Ph.D. Macro Theory, The University of Hong Kong
2023-	Advanced Macroeconomics (graduate), The University of Hong Kong
2023-	Advanced Macroeconomics (undergraduate), The University of Hong Kong
2018	Ph.D. Macroeconomics I, teaching assistant to Prof. Dean Corbae and Prof. Rasmus Lentz
2018	Ph.D. Macroeconomics II, teaching assistant to Prof. Noah Williams and Prof. Enghin Atalay
2017	Ph.D. Macroeconomics I, teaching assistant to Prof. Dean Corbae and Prof. Rasmus Lentz
2017	Principles of Economics, teaching assistant to Prof. Korinna Hansen
2016	Principles of Economics, teaching assistant to Prof. Geoffrey Wallace