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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*

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

"The Autumn of Patriarchy" ([link](#))

"The Fertility Race Between Technology and Social Norms" ([link](#)), with [Xican Xi](#)

"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](#))

Work in Progress

“A Theory of Equilibrium Gender Roles”

“Child-Related Uncertainties”, with [Julius Ilciukas](#) and [Mariia Kovaleva](#)

“Childcare Subsidies and Career Spillovers”

Presentations

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| 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 (scheduled), Families in Macroeconomics - Edesheim (scheduled), USC (scheduled), UC-Irvine (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, WEAI, 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

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| 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