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**Current Position:** Assistant Professor, Harvard Business School, BGIE Unit

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**Fields:** Development Economics, Political Economy

### Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, 2019

M.Phil., Economics, Yale University, 2015

M.A., Economics, Yale University, 2014

B.A., Economics, Yale University, 2012

### Appointments and Work Experience:

Director of Research, China Econ Lab, 2020-

Postdoctoral Fellow, Northwestern University, 2019-2020

Research Analyst, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 2012-2013

### Affiliations:

The Center for International Development, 2021-

The Weatherhead Research Cluster on Business and Government, 2022-

### Publications:

“Refugees Are Hosted in Highly Vulnerable Communities” with Austin Davis, Paula Lopez-Pena, and A. Mushfiq Mobarak. *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, vol. 114. 2024.

“Technological Adoption and Taxation: The Case of China’s Golden Tax Reform” with Haichao Fan, Yu Liu, and Nancy Qian. *Tax Policy and the Economy*, 38. Forthcoming.

“Financial Education and the Debt Behavior of the Young” with Meta Brown, John Grigsby, Wilbert van der Klaauw, and Basit Zafar. *Review of Financial Studies*, 29(9). 2016.

“Industry-Level Supply-Side Market Concentration and the Price of Military Conflict,” *Journal of Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 29(1): 79-92. 2012.

### Conditionally Accepted Publications:

“State Employment as a Strategy of Autocratic Control in China,” April 2024.

Conditionally Accepted at the *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

“The Causes and Consequences of Ethnic Conflict in Myanmar” with Austin Davis, Paula Lopez-Pena, and A. Mushfiq Mobarak, May 2024.

Conditionally Accepted at the *Economic Journal*.

**Working Papers:**

“Trust and Democracy: Political Stability in Times of Economic Crisis” with Nathan Nunn and Nancy Qian, April 2024. *NBER Working Paper No. 24187*.  
R&R at the *Economic Journal*.

“The Dynamic Effects of Computerizing VAT Invoices in China” with Haichao Fan, Yu Liu, and Nancy Qian, December 2023.

“The Party and the Firm” with Joris Mueller and Cheryl Wu, December 2023.

“Exports in Disguise: Trade Re-Routing During the US-China Trade War” with Ebehi Iyoha, Edmund J. Malesky, Sung-Ju Wu, and Bo Feng, May 2024.

**Work In Progress:**

“Under Control: Do Export Controls Work as Intended?” with Xueyue Liu and Yu Liu, 2024.

“Fiscal Shortfalls, Financialization, and the Private Sector” with Haichao Fan, Guanchun Liu, Huanhuan Wang, 2024.

“Civil Wars and Strategic Subsidies” with Yulu Tang and Cheryl Wu, 2023.

**Fellowships, Honors and Awards:**

Chinese Economists’ Society Gregory Chow Best Paper Award, 2020  
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2014-2019  
Yale Economic Growth Center Fellowship, 2013-2019  
Annie G. K. Garland Memorial Fellowship 2018-2019  
Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship 2013-2018  
Charles V. Hickox Fellowship 2014-2015  
Yale University Graduate Fellowship, 2013-2014

**Research Grants:**

J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative, 2018, “Improving Education through Bureaucrat Autonomy in Bangladesh,” \$34,281.41  
DFID Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund, 2018, “Improving Education through Bureaucrat Autonomy in Bangladesh,” \$99,987  
MacMillan Center Development Research Initiative, 2018, “Combating Poverty through Migration in China,” \$25,000  
Yale Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration Grant, 2019, “Combating Poverty through Migration in China,” \$5,000

**Teaching Experience:**

Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Business, Government, and the International Economy, HBS Required Curriculum  
Spring 2016, Teaching Assistant to Prof. Naomi Lamoreaux, American Economic History,

Yale College  
Fall 2015, Teaching Assistant to Prof. Nancy Qian, Economics of Developing Countries,  
Yale College  
Summer 2015, Instructor, EMERGE Future Scholars Institute, Yale Summer session

**Seminar and Conference Presentations:**

Society for Economic Dynamics Conference, June 2024; Columbia Political Economy Seminar, April 2024; University of Chicago Development Seminar, April 2024; University of Chicago-Northwestern China Afternoon Workshop, April 2024; Meeting of the American Economic Association, San Antonio, January 2024; Université du Québec à Montréal Department Seminar, October 2023; NBER Tax Policy and the Economy Conference, September 2023; Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics, June 2023; UCSD Political Economy Seminar (PELG), May 2023; NBER China Working Group Meeting, Discussant, February 2023; Harvard Political Economy Seminar, October 2022; NBER Political Economy Program Meeting, October 2022; Barcelona School of Economics Political Economy Conference, June 2022; NBER China Working Group Meeting, April 2022; ASSA 2022 Annual Meeting, the Economics of Culture, January 2022; Stanford Graduate School of Business Political Economy Seminar, November 2021; Harvard-MIT Joint Development Economics Seminar, November 2021; Berkeley Political Economy Seminar, November 2021; NBER China Working Group Meeting, Discussant, October 2021; Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, Chengdu, September 2021; China Economics Summer Institute, Beijing, August 2021; Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Miri Sarawak, June 2021; Fudan University Microeconomics Seminar, Shanghai, June 2021; Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics, June 2021; Advances in Micro Development, Barcelona, June 2021; African Meeting of the Econometric Society, Abidjan, June 2021; NBER Political Economy Program Meeting, Discussant, April 2021; STEG Annual Conference, CEPR, January 2021; University of Hong Kong, November 2020; Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, October 2020; University of California Santa Cruz Micro Seminar, October 2020; Yale Political and Economic Development Conference, May 2019; University of Chicago Development Workshop, Chicago, November 2018; BRAC Economics Development Conference, Dhaka, March 2018; Nankai Visiting Scholar Workshop, Tianjin, March 2018; Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries, Zurich, December 2017; TCD/LSE/CEPR Development Workshop, Dublin, September 2017; IEA World Congress, Mexico City, June 2017; Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Hong Kong, June 2017

**Referee Service:**

*American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics; American Economic Review: Insights; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Labor Economics; American Economic Review: Insights; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Journal of Politics; Economics Letters; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; The World Bank Economic Review; Financial Services Review; Mathematics; Journal of Environmental Economics and Management; 2021 NEUDC Scientific Committee; 2022 Institute for Public Finance Annual Congress Scientific Committee; 2024 Society for Economic Dynamics Scientific Committee*