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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Innovation, Household Finance

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Columbia University	2016 – 2022 (Expected)
M.A. in Economics, Columbia University	2015 – 2016
Ph.D. in Cell and Developmental Biology, Rutgers University	2009 – 2015
B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science, Peking University	2005 – 2009

REFERENCES

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JOB MARKET PAPER

Innovation and Concentration: Theory and Evidence from Decomposing Top Sales Share Growth

Abstract: I study the causes and implications of the rise in firm sales concentration by inferring the underlying innovation process that drives firm dynamics. To achieve this, I first use an accounting decomposition to identify two sources of top share growth: (i) incumbent top firms grow bigger; (ii) new top firms replace old top firms. When individual firms grow in response to an own innovation shock and shrink at the impact of a creative destruction shock, the growth of top share can result either from an increase in own innovation or a decrease in creative destruction. I then build an analytical framework and show that own innovation and creative destruction have differential impact on the two components of top share growth. Via this mechanism, I use the two sources of top share growth obtained from the accounting decomposition to identify the rates of own innovation and creative destruction that drive firm dynamics. I find that the rise in annualized top share growth rate from -1.21% over the 1980-1990 period to 0.95% over the 1990-2010 period are mainly due to increase in own innovation, while the increase in creative destruction offsets a small amount of the rise in top share growth. Both the increases in own innovation and creative destruction contribute to the increase in aggregate productivity growth.

OTHER WORKING PAPERS

Employment during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Collapse and Early Recovery with Tam Mai, SSRN download link

Abstract: We use monthly Current Population Survey data to document employment changes during the COVID-19 pandemic at the occupation, industry, and metropolitan statistical area (MSA) levels. Over March-April 2020, jobs losses are larger for occupations with higher physical proximity or lower work-from-home feasibility, especially for lower-paying occupations. Non-essential industries also see greater declines in employment. Such occupational and industrial susceptibility to COVID-19 contributes to the variation in employment changes across MSAs: Employment shrinks more for MSAs with larger pre-crisis fractions of workers employed in occupations with higher infection risk. Over April-June 2020, occupations and industries that are hit harder recoup more jobs, but the recovery is

only partial. Moreover, the gains are concentrated in lower-paying occupations and a few industries. Taken together, these abrupt changes in employment following the COVID-19 outbreak are unprecedented and potentially have long-term implications for occupational inequality and regional disparity.

Income Inequality and Mortgage Credit Allocation

Abstract: This paper studies how income inequality at the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) level affect mortgage credit allocation along the income distribution of households within MSAs. I find that MSA-level income inequality has heterogeneous effect on household-level mortgage debt accumulation. Two measures of inequality, the ratio of 95th-to-80th percentile (p95/p80) and the ratio of 80th-to-50th percentile (p80/p50) of household income, exhibit significant impact. With respect to credit approval along the income distribution, high p95/p80 inequality works more in favor of low-income households while high p80/p50 inequality benefits high-income households more.

PUBLICATIONS (IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE)

- 1. Shi A, Liu O, Koenig S, Banerjee R, Chen CC, Eimer S, Grant BD RAB-10-GTPase-mediated regulation of endosomal phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences** 2012 Aug 28; 109(35): E2306-15.
- **2**. Sun L, **Liu O**, Desai J, Karbassi F, Sylvain MA, Shi A, Zhou Z, Rocheleau CE, Grant BD *CED-10/Rac1 regulates endocytic recycling through the RAB-5 GAP TBC-2 PLoS Genetics* 2012;8(7):e1002785.
- **3. Liu O**, Grant BD (2015) Basolateral Endocytic Recycling Requires RAB-10 and AMPH-1 Mediated Recruitment of RAB-5 GAP TBC-2 to Endosomes, **PLoS Genetics** 2015, 10.1371/journal.pgen.1005514
- 4. Wang P, Liu H, Wang Y, Liu O, Zhang J, Gleason A, Zhang H, Yang Z, Wang H, Zhou X, Shi A, Grant B, *RAB-10 Effector EHBP-1 Promotes Bridging of Tubular Recycling Endosomes and Filamentous Actin*, *PLoS Genetics* 2016 Jun 6;12(6):e1006093. doi: 10.1371/journal.pgen.1006093.
- **5.** (In Chinese.) Li XT, Yuan YL, Xia YY, Yu BZ, Zhang TJ, **Liu O**, Lv XZ, Zhan SY. Genetic polymorphism of glutathione-S-transferase M1 and T1: a systematic review in Chinese population and a pilot study in smear-positive pulmonary tuberculosis cases of Jilin province **Chinese Journal of Epidemiology** 2009 May; 30(5):502-6.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TEACHING FELLOW

Columbia University

Finance and the Real Economy (Undergraduate) Spring 2019, Spring 2020

Instructor: Matthieu Gomez

Corporate Finance (Undergraduate) Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020

Instructors: Olivier Darmouni and Ethan Namvar

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Instructors: Irasema Alonso and Jón Steinsson

Rutgers University

Genetics (Undergraduate) Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

INSTRUCTOR

Institute of Industrial Economics of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Macroeconomics (1st-year PhD level, equiv. 1.5 credit minicourse) Summer 2018

LAB MENTOR

Rutgers University

Mentored pre-med, master and PhD students during their lab rotations 2011-2015

FELLOWSHIPS

Dissertation Fellowship, 2021-2022, Columbia University

Dean's Fellowship, 2016 – 2021, Columbia University

Anne B. and James B. Leathem Fellowship, Summer 2011 – 2014, Rutgers University

Excellence Fellowship, 2009 – 2010, Rutgers University

PERSONAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGES:

Chinese (native) English (fluent) French (intermediate) German(basic)

- French: Diplôme de Français professionnel-Affaires B2 awarded by the Paris Chamber of Commerce

- German: Goethe-Zertifikat B1

PROGRAMMING: Python, Stata, Matlab

CITIZENSHIP: Chinese

Date of Birth: Oct. 24th, 1988

SPORT: player on Table Tennis women's team at Peking University (2005 – 2008) and

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