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Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Rochester, 2025 (expected)

M.A., Economics, Tsinghua University, 2019

B.A., Economics, Peking University, 2016

B.B.A., Management Information Systems, Beijing Technology and Business University, 2015

Research Fields

Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Firm Dynamics

Working Paper

Earnings Dynamics, Transitions, and Stepping-stone Employers *(Job Market Paper)*

A Simple Search Model with Employer Network

Work-in-Progress

Human Capital, Career Choice, and the Hours Profile Over the Life-Cycle, *with Paulo Lins*

Anatomy of Motivations for Transitions

Research Experience

Special Sworn Status Principal Investigator (PI), U.S. Census Bureau, 2022-present

Research Assistant for Prof. Narayana Kocherlakota, University of Rochester, 2021

Research Assistant, Tsinghua University 2017-2019

Research Assistant, Peking University 2014

Teaching Experience

University of Rochester

Instructor:

Intermediate Macroeconomics, 2022 Summer

Teaching Assistant:

Intermediate Macroeconomics by Prof. Hamid Firooz, 2023 Fall
Economics of Globalization by Prof. Gaston Chaumont, 2023 Spring
Money, Credit, and Banking by Prof. Narayana Kocherlakota, 2022 Spring/Fall
Pricing Policies by Prof. Greg Shaffer, 2022 Spring/Fall
Economic Statistics by Prof. Nese Yildiz, 2021 Fall

Honors and Fellowships

Conference Travel Grant, University of Rochester, 2024

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2023, 2024

Conibear Prize for the best third-year paper, 2022

Data Research Grant, University of Rochester, 2022, 2023

Summer Research Grant, University of Rochester, 2021

McKenzie Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2019-2024

Tachiki Graduate Scholarship, Tsinghua University, 2017, 2018

Miscellaneous

Language: English (fluent), Mandarin (native)

Programming: Julia, MATLAB, Python, Stata, R, EViews, SAS