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Education

- 2008 - 2014 Ph.D. Economics, Johns Hopkins University
Advisor: Dr. Robert A. Moffitt
Dissertation: "Essays on the Labor Market, Housing, and Children's Outcomes."
- 2005 - 2008 M.A. Economics, Beijing University
- 2001 - 2005 B.A. Economics and Mathematics, Wuhan University

Employment

- 2016–present Assistant Professor,
Department of Economics, University of North Texas.
- 2014–2016 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow,
Lusk Center for Real Estate, University of Southern California.

Research Fields

Labor Economics, Urban and Real Estate Economics, Household Finance, Chinese Economy

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. "Housing Wealth as Precautionary Savings: Evidence from Urban China," with Gary Painter and Ninghua Zhong, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 57(2), 761-789, 2022.
2. "Human Capital Externalities or Consumption Spillovers? The Effect of High-skill Human Capital across Low-skill Labor Markets," with Shimeng Liu, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 87, 2021.
3. "Land Use Regulations and Urban Growth of African Americans," *Economic Development Quarterly*, 35(4), 338-350, 2021.
4. "Impact of Land Use Regulation Across the Conditional Distribution of Home Prices: An Application of Quantile Regression for Group Level Treatments," with Tammy Leonard and Lei Zhang, *Annals of Regional Science*, 66, 655-676, 2021.
5. "Property Tax Limits and Female Labor Supply: Evidence from the Housing Boom and Bust," with Shimeng Liu, at *Journal of Housing Economics*, 50, 2020.
6. "Housing Demand and Household Saving in China: Evidence from a Housing Reform," with Binkai Chen and Ninghua Zhong, *Journal of Housing Economics*, 49, 2020.
7. "Impact of Property Tax Abatement Incentives on Economic Growth," with Tammy Leonard, Lei Zhang, and Connor Reed, *Economic Development Quarterly*, 34(2), 209-221, 2020.
8. "The Effect of Home Ownership on Post-unemployment Wages," *Regional Science and Urban Economics (lead article)*, 74, 1-17, 2019.

9. "Market Facilitation by Local Government and Firm Efficiency: Evidence from China," with Robert Cull, Lixin Xu, Li-An Zhou, Tian Zhu, *Journal of Corporate Finance*, 42, 460-480, 2017.
10. "Environmental Compliance and Firm Performance: Evidence from China," with Yang Yao, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 74(3), 397-424, 2012.

Working Papers

1. "More Credit, More Homeowners? Bank Credit Expansion, Homeownership, and Housing Wealth Accumulation (U.S. Census Research Data Center Project)."
2. "More Credit, Fewer Babies? Bank Credit Expansion, Housing Price, and Fertility (U.S. Census Research Data Center Project)."
3. "Does Rent Regulation Affect Tenant Unemployment? Evidence from New York City," with Hanchen Jiang and Luis Quintero.
4. "Property Division Law and Fertility: Evidence from China," with Ang Sun, Emma Zang and Zitong Wang.
5. "Parental Migration, Investment in Children, and Children's Non-cognitive Development: Evidence from Rural China," with Hanchen Jiang.

Selected Work In Progress

1. "Housing Wealth and Female Labor Supply: Evidence from Geographically Linked Microdata," (U.S. Census Research Data Center Project).
2. "SNAP Asset Limits and Households Wealth Accumulation." with Robert A. Moffitt.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- 2023 AREUEA-ASSA Conference, UNT Seminar, Census SIPP Virtual Conference, Texas Christian University, Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School(scheduled)
- 2022 UNT Seminar, Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference, Society of Labor Economist Annual Meeting (SOLE), Urban Economics Association (UEA), Texas A&M University
- 2021 AREUEA-ASSA Conference, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Jinan-SMU-ABFER Conference on Urban and Regional Economics
- 2020 Upjohn Researcher Workshop, AREUEA National Conference, Jinan University, CES North America Conference, UNT Seminar
- 2019 AREUEA National Conference, UNT Business School Seminar, CES North America Conference, Biennial Conference for China Development Studies
- 2018 Upjohn Researcher Workshop, UNT Public Administration Seminar
- 2017 AREUEA-ASSA Conference, Texas A&M University, Chinese Economists Society (CES) North America Conference
- 2016 University of North Texas (UNT) Seminar, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Tongji University, Central University of Finance and Economics
- 2015 Lusk Center Research Seminar (USC), American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) National Conference, Annual Urban Research Day Symposium (UC Irvine), Annual Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (UEA)

Grants

- 2023-2024 UNT Research Seed Funding with Lauren Fischer and Yang Zou and L (\$10000)
- Spring 2023 UNT Scholarly and Creativity Award (\$4000)

June 2022 UNT Creative and Research Enhancement for Engagement (CREATE) Program (\$5000)
 2021-2022 UNT Team Mentoring Grant (\$5000)
 June 2017 UNT Faculty Summer Research Grant (\$1000)

Fellowships, & Awards

2023-2024 NBER NSF Mentorship Program
 May 2021 Scholar at Proposal Development Summer Institute, Russell Sage Foundation
 2019-2020 Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Scholars Program Fellow
 July 2019 Homer Hoyt Institute Best Paper Award, Asian Real Estate Society
 2008-2014 Graduate Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University

Teaching Experience

University of North Texas:

Advanced Microeconomics (ECON 5340-Grad): Spring 2023-present
 Labor Economics (ECON 4290-UG/Grad): 2016-present
 Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 3550-UG): 2016-present
 Honors College Mentored Research Experience (ECON 3996-UG): Spring 2022
 Special Problems (ECON 5900-Grad): Spring 2018, Fall 2018

University of Southern California:

Economics for Policy, Planning and Development (MPP 501): Spring 2015

Service Activities

University of North Texas:

2022-2023 Committee Member, Department Lecture Search Committee
 2021 to present Committee Member, UNT Aspire IChange Network Team
 2020 to present Committee Member, Department Personnel Affairs Committee (PAC) Committee
 2019 to present Committee Member, Department Academic Integrity Appeals Committee
 2019-2020 Committee Member, Department Faculty Search Committee
 2018 to present Department Coordinator, *We Care We Count*-UNT Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign
 2017 to present Department Coordinator, State Employee Charitable Campaign
 2017 to present Grader for Department Comprehensive Exams
 2016 to present Committee Member, Department Awards Committee

Professional Services and Activities

2023-current AREUEA-Women in Real Estate Network Committee

2022-2023 AMIE Mentoring Team

Ad Hoc Referee:

Regional Science and Urban Economics (×2), *Journal of Regional Science*, *Journal of Housing Economics* (×2), *China Economic Review* (×4), *Empirical Economics* (×2), *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *PLOS ONE*, *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Economics of Transition and Institutional Change*, *Small Business Economics*, *Journal Economics of Governance*, *International Studies of Economics*

Professional Affiliations

2014 to present American Economic Association, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, Urban Economics Association, Chinese Economists Society, Society of Labor Economists

2020 to present U.S. Census Bureau, Special Sworn Status Researcher