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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

- 2023-present Associate Professor,  
*Department of Economics, University of North Texas.*
- 2016-2023 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, Fewer Babies? Bank Credit Expansion, Housing Price, and Fertility"
2. "More Credit, More Homeowners? Bank Credit Expansion, Homeownership, and Housing Wealth Accumulation (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.

### 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

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| 2023 | AREUEA-ASSA Conference, UNT Seminar, Census SIPP Virtual Conference, Texas Christian University, Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School, NBER Fertility Conference (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

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| 2023-2024 | UNT Research Seed Funding with Lauren Fischer and Yang Zou (\$10000) |
| 2022-2023 | 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-present Committee Member, UNT Aspire IChange Network Team  
 2020-present Committee Member, Department Personnel Affairs Committee (PAC) Committee  
 2019-present Committee Member, Department Academic Integrity Appeals Committee  
 2019-2020 Committee Member, Department Faculty Search Committee  
 2018-2023 Department Coordinator, *We Care We Count*-UNT Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign  
 2017-2023 Department Coordinator, State Employee Charitable Campaign  
 2017-present Grader for Department Comprehensive Exams  
 2016-2023 Committee Member, Department Awards Committee

## Professional Services and Activities

2023-present    Research Advisor, Texas Zoning Atlas, Collaborative of the National Zoning Atlas

2023-present    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-present    American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists, American Real Estate Urban Economics Association, Urban Economics Association, and Chinese Economists Society

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