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**EDUCATION** 

University of Houston, Ph.D., Economics, 2020 (expected)

Job Market Paper: Entrepreneurship and Self-employment in Developing Countries:

Evidence From Indonesia

Dissertation Committee: Chinhui Juhn, Aimee Chin, Elaine Liu

National Taiwan University, M.A., Economics, 2011

National Taiwan University, B.A., Economics (Summa Cum Laude), 2009

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Entrepreneurship, Health Economics

**PUBLICATIONS** 

Kang, Chi-Hung, Nan-Kuang Chen and Hung-Jen Wang. 2017. "The Communication Effect of the Central Bank of Taiwan on Interest Rates and Exchange Rates." *Taiwan Economic Review*, 45(3): 421-452.

WORKING PAPERS "Entrepreneurship and Self-employment in Developing Countries: Evidence From Indonesia" [Job Market Paper]

Abstract: Using the detailed definition of self-employment in Indonesia, I decompose self-employment into two types: "Employers", who are self-employed with permanent employees, and "non-employers", who are self-employed with temporary employees or own-account. I show that the educational characteristics associated with selection into different types of self-employment are differentiated: non-employers are less educated, while employers have similar education level as wage workers. Moreover, using the module of Big Five Personality Traits, I find that openness is positively associated with sorting into both employers and non-employers, while extraversion positively predicts the sorting into employers but not into non-employers. The transitions from wage workers into employers and non-employers have the similar sorting patterns. For each percentile of the earning distribution, employers always earn more than wage workers and non-employers, and non-employers earn the least beyond the first quintile.

Works in Progress "School's out, Lunch's out? The Effect of Summer Break on Student's Body Size." (with Shreya Bhattacharya, draft available upon request)

"How Does Social Capital Affect Household Finance? An Investigation of Thai Villages."

"Marital Status and Mental Health: Are Married People Less Depressed, Divorced People More Depressed?"

## Relevant Experience

#### **Professional Experience**

- Research Assistant for Professor Chinhui Juhn, University of Houston, Summer 2017
- Research Assistant for Professor Elaine Liu, University of Houston, Winter 2015
- Research Assistant for Professor Ming-Ching Luoh, National Taiwan University, 2012
- Research Assistant for Professor Nan-Kuang Chen, National Taiwan University, 2011-2012
- Intern, Manulife Asset Management (Taiwan), 2009 2010

# Teaching Experience

- Lecturer, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, University of Houston, Summer 2018
- Lecturer, Principles of Microeconomics, University of Houston, Fall 2017 & 2018
- Teaching Assistant, Econometrics (Master's level, lead the lab session for Stata), University of Houston, Fall 2016 & 2019

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Dean's Fellowship, University of Houston, 2015 - 2019

Honorable Mention for Master Thesis, Taiwan Economic Association, 2011

Scholarship for students in Economics and Finance, Shanghai Commercial & Savings

Bank, 2011

Jia-Fan Lin Memorial Scholarship, National Taiwan University, 2008

PRESENTATIONS

Missouri Valley Economic Association, October 2019

AND SEMINARS Poster Session at Stata Texas Conference, September 2019

NBER Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp, July 2019

Computer

SKILLS

Stata, R, Matlab, LATEX

LANGUAGES

English (Advanced), Mandarin (Native), French (Beginner)

CITIZENSHIP / VISA

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References

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