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EMPLOYMENT University of Pittsburgh

Assistant Professor of Economics: 2023 – present

EDUCATION University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D. in Economics, 2023

Dissertation: Essays on Learning in Economic Theory

Committee: George Mailath (co-chair), Aislinn Bohren (co-chair), Kevin He

Peking University, Guanghua School of Management B.A. in Economics and B.S. in Mathematics, 2017

Publications The Role of Representational and Computational Complexity in Belief Formation

(with J. Aislinn Bohren and Alex Imas), AEA Papers & Proceedings 115 (2025): 631–636.

A Multi-Agent Model of Misspecified learning with Overconfidence (with Alice

Gindin), Games and Economic Behavior 142 (2023): 315-338.

WORKING PAPERS Over- and Underreaction to Information: Belief Updating with Cognitive Con-

straints (with J. Aislinn Bohren and Alex Imas), August 2025, revise & resubmit at the

Quarterly Journal of Economics.

Robust Misspecified Models, June 2025, revise & resubmit at the American Economic

Review.

FELLOWSHIPS, The William Polk Carey Prize, UPenn, 2024

HONORS, AND Paview of Economic Studies European Tour, 20

HONORS, AND Review of Economic Studies European Tour, 2023 AWARDS VSET-WiET Best Paper Award, 2022

The Maloof Family Dissertation Fellowship in Economics, UPenn, 2022 Sidney Weintraub Memorial Fellowship in Economics, UPenn, 2021

Distinction in Econometrics, UPenn, 2018

University Fellowship, UPenn, 2017

Graduate with Distinction, Peking University, 2017

Presentations AY 2025-2026 (including scheduled)

Seminars: UT Austin, University of Georgia, PSE/Sciences Po, Michigan State, UCLouvain,

LSE, UNC/Duke

AY 2024-2025

Seminars: University of Bonn (applied micro), Cornell Johnson, University of Iowa, Luohan Webinar, UCSD, UC Riverside, Northwestern, UChicago, Georgetown, UC Berkeley, University

sity of Toronto, Brown University

Conferences: SAET, ASSA, SEA 94th Annual Meeting, SITE experimental

AY 2023-2024

Seminars: UCLA, Ohio State, WashU, Harvard/MIT, Zhejiang University, University of Waterloo, Penn State, Princeton

Conferences: Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference, NYU Women in Theory Conference, LEG Seminar, NSF/NBER/CEME Conference, ASU Economic Theory Conference, SEA 93rd Annual Meeting, 27th Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE), Workshop on Beliefs Narratives & Memory

AY 2022-2023

Seminars: Stanford, REStud Tour (Oxford, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, CEMFI), Boston University, Western University, NYU Shanghai, Bocconi University, LMU Munich, Virginia Tech, London School of Economics, University of Pittsburgh, University of Hong Kong, Simon Fraser University, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Columbia University, New York University, Purdue University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, CUHK Shenzhen, Jinan University

Conferences: North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, briq Beliefs Workshop, George Mailath's 65th Birthday Conference, Conference on Web and Internet Economics (WINE), Virtual Seminars in Economic Theory (VSET), Women in Economics Theory Student Conference (WiET), Economics Graduate Student Conference (ESGC)

AY 2021-2022

Conferences: Young Economist Symposium (YES), Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society China (AMES), Pennsylvania Economic Theory Conference (poster session), Midwest Trade and Theory Conference

AY 2020-2021

Conferences: North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, briq Summer School in Behavioral Economics, Pennsylvania Economic Theory Conference (poster session)

AY 2019-2020

Conferences: Weorg Mentoring Workshop, Young Economist Symposium (YES), European Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society

Professional Activities

Referee for American Economic Review, AEJ: Micro, AER: Insights, Econometrica, Economic Theory, Experimental Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, Humanities and Social Sciences, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Theory, Management Science, Review of Economic Studies, The Economic Journal

Granter Reviewer for National Science Foundation

Reviewer for Young Economist Symposium (2020), CES North America Conference (2024)

Co-organizer for Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (2024-)

Teaching

University of Pittsburgh

ECON 1200: Game Theory (undergraduate), Spring 2025

ECON 3001: Introduction to Mathematical Methods, Summer 2024, 2025

ECON 3710: Information, Beliefs, and Learning (Ph.D. topics course), Spring 2024

Guest presentations for ECON 3220: Research Methods in Economics \times 3

University of Pennsylvania

ECON 212: Game Theory (undergraduate): Summer 2019

Advising: Mengxi Sun, Jun-Hyun Ji

Ph.D. Second Year Paper Advisor: Siyuan Fan

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE Workload Policy Committee member, 2025 Ph.D. Admissions Committee member, 2025

Recruiting Committee member, 2024

Theory Seminar & Theory Brown Bag Seminar Co-organizer, 2023-2024

PERSONAL Citizenship: China