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APPOINTMENTS

International Monetary Fund

Economist (Economist Program)

From September 2024

EDUCATION

Cornell University

Ph.D. in Economics

May 2024

Master of Arts in Economics

2021

Dissertation: Labor Demand and the Macroeconomy

Research fields: Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Trade and Spatial Economics

New York University

Master of Public Administration

2017

Specialization: Public Finance and Financial Management

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Optimal Skill Mixing Under Technological Advancements.” *Latest draft*

Seminars: SaM Asia-Pacific (NUS), Wake Forest University, Norwegian School of Economics, Amherst College, Monash University, Tilburg University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, DUFÉ IAER, Labor Firms Macro (UPenn) 2024

Conferences: Midwest Macro 2023, European Economic Association (EEA) Annual Congress 2023, ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting 2023, Southern Economics Association (SEA) 2022, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) 2022, Economics Graduate Student Conference (EGSC) at WUSTL 2021, Cornell Labor Work-in-Progress 2021

OTHER WORKING PAPERS

“E-commerce and Regional Inequality: A Trade Framework and Evidence from Amazon’s Expansion.” *Latest draft*

Presentations: Southern Economics Association (SEA) 2024, Urban Economic Association (UEA) 2023, Eastern Economic Association 2023, Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (Philadelphia Fed) 2022, Midwest Macroeconomics 2022, Midwest International Trade 2022, Cornell Macroeconomics Lunch 2022, CIREQ Graduate Student Conference 2022

“The Quantity-Quality Tradeoff of Employment and Labor Share Effects of Monetary Policy.”

“Learning, Inertia and Outcomes of Student School Search,” with Jesse Margolis

Presentations: ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting 2018, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) 2018, Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) 2018

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Rise of Dollar and Decline of Business Dynamism,” with Wentong Chen

“Student Debt, Firm Mark-up and Mark-down.”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistanships

Prof. Philipp Kircher (Cornell University)	2022
Prof. Pauline Leung (Cornell University)	2021
Prof. Warren Brown (Cornell University) and Prof. Sarah Hamersma (Syracuse)	2019 - 2020
Prof. Julieta Caunedo (Cornell University)	2020

Research Institutions

Research Fellow, NYC Mayor’s Office for Economic Opportunity	2017 - 2018
Graduate Researcher, NYU Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy	2016 - 2017
Summer Analyst, United Nations Development Programme	Summer 2016

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

Laura Bassi Publication Accelerator Grant, Bassi Foundation	2023
AEA, CIREQ Meetings Travel Grants	2022-2023
Small Grant in Labor Economics, Cornell University	2020
Maltby, Lucy Fellowship, Cornell University	2018
Human Service Studies Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University	2018
Eastwood, Ruth Ada Birk Scholarship, Cornell University	2018
Rollins, Mabel Scholarship, Cornell University	2018
Association for Education Finance and Policy Travel Grant	2018
Department of Economics & Brooks School Travel Awards (\times 5), Cornell University	2018-2024
Ellen Schall Summer Grant, New York University	2016
First National Award in English Public Speaking, Ministry of Education of China	2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Cornell University

Intermediate Microeconomics Theory, TA for Prof. Philipp Kircher	Spring 2023
Introductory Macroeconomics, TA for Prof. Jennifer Wissink	Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Multiple Regression Analysis, TA for Prof. Nicolas Bottan	Spring 2022
Behavioral Economics and Public Policy, TA for Prof. Brandon Tripp	Fall 2020, Spring 2021
Intermediate Policy Analysis, TA for Prof. Rick Geddes	Spring 2020
Economics of the Public Sector, TA for Prof. Brandon Tripp	Fall 2019

New York University

Microeconomics, Tutor for Prof. Sewin Chen	Fall 2016
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SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Judge and Selection Committee Member, Cornell Undergraduate Research Board	Spring 2024
Mentor for DEI Program PhD students, Cornell Brooks School	Summer 2023

Mentor for Graduate Mentoring Program, Cornell Economics Department	Summer 2023
Graduate Field Representative, Cornell Graduate Student Association	2019 - 2020
Vice Chair, Wagner Economics and Finance Association	2016 - 2017
Mentor for Underrepresented Students, NYC Urban Assembly Academy	2015 - 2016

OTHER TRAININGS

Macro Finance Summer School, Princeton University	2024
Certificate of Data, Statistical Inference and Modeling, Duke University	2015
Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level I passed	2015
Certified Accounting Professional of China	2013
Summer Exchange Student, Hong Kong University	2013
Summer Exchange Student, Chinese Culture University (Taipei)	2012

MISCELLANEOUS

Programming: MATLAB, Stata, R, SAS, ArcGIS, Tableau; familiar with Python, SQL
 Languages: English (fluent), Chinese Mandarin (native)

Last updated: June, 2024