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EDUCATION

- 2025– **University of Wisconsin–Madison**, Wisconsin School of Business
 Ph.D. in Finance
- 2021–2025 **University of Wisconsin–Madison**
 B.S. in Economics, *with Honors*
 B.S. in Mathematics

FIELDS OF INTEREST

International Economics, Finance

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Work in Progress

"Trade Exposures in Local Retail Pricing"

"Elasticities of Related-party Trade" [Slide]

Abstract: I explore how the import demand of multinational enterprises (MNEs) responds to a short-term tariff shock given the heterogeneity in shares of related-party imports. In particular, I focus on estimating the trade elasticities of MNEs during the 2017-18 Trump tariff period. Building on Amiti et al. (2019) and Fajgelbaum et al. (2020), I estimated the elasticities of related-party imports to be between -1.578 and -1.955 and more elastic than their arms-length counterparts. The preliminary finding of MNE importers/industry being more responsive to tariff changes than non-MNE counterparts may reflect their profit shifting process in a very short run.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2025–2026 **Finance Fellowship**, *Wisconsin School of Business*
- 2025– **Dean's Naming Fund Scholarship**, *Wisconsin School of Business*

- 2023, 2024 Grainger Academic Excellence Scholarship, *Department of Economics, UW-Madison*
- 2021–2025 The College of Letters & Science Dean’s List, *UW-Madison*
- 2022–2024 Undergraduate Scholarship for Summer Study, *UW-Madison*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024– Research Assistant for Lydia Cox, *UW-Madison*
- Fall 2023 Research Assistant for Reka Sundaram-Stukel, *UW-Madison*
- 2023–2024 Research Assistant for CALL–ECL Project (PI: Richard Halverson; Main supervisor: Christopher Saldaña), *Wisconsin Center for Education Research*

OTHER SERVICES

- 2022-2024 Editor-in-Chief of UW Equilibrium: The Undergraduate Journal of Economics, Vol.13 & 14
- 2023 Board Member of the Inaugural Economics Inclusion Board, *Department of Economics, UW-Madison*
- 2022 Board Member of the International Student Advisory Board, *UW-Madison*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Software Skills** Python, Stata, R; \LaTeX
- Languages** English (Fluent), Mandarin Chinese (Native)
- Citizenship** Taiwan, born 2001
- National Service** R.O.C. Marine Corps (Taiwan), 2021

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