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RESEARCH FIELDS

Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, National Tsing Hua University 2024-Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Rice University	2024
MPhil Economics, University of Oxford	2016
B.A. Economics, National Taiwan University	2013

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

Preference Heterogeneity in Admission to Universities and the Effects of Reserve Seats: Improving Gender Balance in STEM Programs
Brief Juvenile Detentions: Effects on Recidivism among Low-Risk Youths, with Diego Amador

WORK IN PROGRESS

Labor Market Shifts for University Graduates
Gender Differences in Role Model Effects of Majoring in STEM

POLICY BRIEFS

Examining the Importance of the Second Stage in Personal Application for University Admissions, with Wan-Chi Chen
Issue Report for the National Education Research Data Archive, 2022 (in Chinese)
Evaluation of Teach for Taiwan's Program Effectiveness, with Stacey Chen and Huey-Min Wu
Annual Report for Teach for Taiwan, 2018 (in Chinese)

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (PLANNED)

2025: (ESWC, CRETA, National Dong Hwa University, Tunghai University)
2024: AASLE, AMES E/SE Asia Meeting, TER, ES NASM, Academia Sinica, National Tsing Hua University
2023: National Academy of Education Research (Taiwan), National Taipei University, Taipei School of Economics
2022: University of Houston
2021: National Taiwan University
2019: Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Annual Conference

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

George R. Zodrow Award for Best Performance in a Workshop, Rice University	2020 & 2022
Graduate Fellowship, Rice University	2017-2023
Post Graduate Researchers Funding, Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods	2016
Ministry of Education Study Abroad Scholarship, Taiwan	2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

NTHU: Statistics, Labor Economics
Rice University: Graduate Seminar Workshop (Instructor), International Economics and Finance (TA), Macroeconomics (TA), Microeconomics (TA)

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Research and Evaluation Lead , Teach for Taiwan	2016-2017
Research Assistant	
Dr. Diego Amador and Professor Kenneth I. Wolpin, Texas Policy Lab, Rice University	2019-2023
National Education Research Data Archive, National Academy for Educational Research	2021-2023
Professor Stacey H. Chen, Academia Sinica	2015
Dr. Damian Clarke, University of Oxford	2014

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