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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Boston University, Questrom School of Business
Assistant Professor in Strategy & Innovation

2024 -

EDUCATION

University of Maryland

Ph.D., Economics

2024

Dissertation: "Essays on Competition and Innovation"

Committee: Ginger Zhe Jin (Chair), Andrew Sweeting,
Liad Wagman, Chenyu Yang and Rajshree Agarwal

M.A., Economics

2020

Bocconi University

M.Sc., Economics (DES)

2017

B.Sc., Economics (CLES)

2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Industrial Organization, Strategy, Economics of Innovation, Antitrust & Competition Policy, Venture Capital & Entrepreneurship.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Should We Expect Uncertain Synergies To Be Passed Through to Consumers? (with Andrew Sweeting and Xuezhen Tao). 2022. CEPR discussion paper #17059. **The Journal of Industrial Economics**, forthcoming.
- [2] Taxing Ride-sharing: Which Neighborhoods Pay More? **Journal of Regional Science**, forthcoming.
- [3] M&A and Technological Expansion (with Ginger Zhe Jin and Liad Wagman). **Journal of Economics & Management Strategy**, Vol. 3(2), pp. 338-359, 2024.
- [4] How Do Top Acquirers Compare in Technology Mergers? New Evidence from an S&P Taxonomy (with Ginger Zhe Jin and Liad Wagman). **International Journal of Industrial Organization**, Vol. 89, 2023.
- [5] M&A and Innovation: A New Classification of Patents (with Zhaoqi Cheng, Ginger Zhe Jin, Dokyun Lee and Liad Wagman). **American Economic Association: Papers & Proceedings**, Vol. 113, pp. 288-293, May 2023.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [6] The Draft Merger Guidelines Risk Reducing Innovation (with Ginger Zhe Jin and Liad Wagman). **ProMarket**, October 2023.
- [7] Public comments submitted to the DOJ/FTC Request for Information regarding the Draft Merger Guidelines (with Ginger Zhe Jin and Liad Wagman), July 2023. Available at: <https://www.regulations.gov/comment/FTC-2023-0043-1429>.
- [8] Public comments submitted to the DOJ/FTC Request for Information on Merger Enforcement (with Ginger Zhe Jin and Liad Wagman), March 2022. Available at: <https://www.regulations.gov/comment/FTC-2022-0003-0138>.

WORKING PAPERS

- [9] Strategic Investment in Competitors: Theory and Evidence from Technology Startups. 2023. *Job Market Paper*.
- [10] Asymmetric Taxation, Pass-through and Market Competition: Evidence from Taxis and Ride-sharing. 2022. *Revision resubmitted to Management Science*.
 - Peer-reviewed extended abstract published in the Proceedings of the 2022 ACM Conference on Economics and Computation.
- [11] Bargaining and Dynamic Competition (with Shanglyu Deng, Calvin Jia and Andrew Sweeting). 2023. NBER working paper #32360.
- [12] Do Startup Acquisitions Chill Venture Capital Investment? (with Ginger Zhe Jin and Liad Wagman). 2024.
- [13] Hiding a Flaw: A Lab Experiment on Multi-dimensional Information Disclosure (with Agata Farina). 2024.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED SEMINARS

2024:

USC Gould School of Law
University of Maryland Smith School of Business
BSE Summer Forum (Economics of Science and Innovation)
DRUID24
51st Annual Conference of EARIE

2023:

Boston University, Questrom School of Business
University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management
ESADE Business School
Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Georgia Institute of Technology, Scheller College of Business
WEFI Student Workshop
University of Maryland (Dept. of Economics)

University of Maryland Smith School of Business (Finance)
 University of Maryland Smith School of Business (Strategy)
 WEFI Student Workshop
 NFI-NBIM-Oxford Conference on Common Ownership, Governance and IO (Discussant)

2022:

NBER Conference on Megafirms and the Post-COVID Economy
 23rd ACM Conference on Economics & Computation
 Urban Economics Association North American Meeting
 JEMS Conference on The Business Revolution of Digital Transformation at USC
 GMU Law&Economics Center Research Roundtable on The Data-Competition Interface
 5th International Conference of China Development Studies

2021:

IIOC 19th Annual Conference
 MACCI Annual Conference

HONORS AND AWARDS

2024 Antitrust Writing Awards (Finalist) Concurrences	2024
University of Maryland BSOS Dean's Research Initiative Travel Grant (\$1,000)	2023
Washington Center for Equitable Growth Grant Doctoral Grant (\$15,000)	2022
Funding for Research Roundtable on Capitalism & the Rule of Law George Mason University, Grant (\$7,000), with Ginger Zhe Jin and Liad Wagman	2022
University of Maryland Faculty-Student Research Award Research Grant (\$10,000), with Ginger Zhe Jin	2022
Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant University of Maryland	2022
Best Third Year Paper Award (2 nd prize) Department of Economics, University of Maryland	2021
University of Maryland Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship Stipend to support research activities (\$5,000)	2021
University of Maryland BSOS Dean's Research Initiative Research Grants (\$1,500 and \$3,248, respectively)	2020, 2021
Graduate Research Assistantship Department of Economics, University of Maryland	2021-2023
Graduate Teaching Assistantship Department of Economics, University of Maryland	2019-2021
First-year Graduate Fellowship Department of Economics, University of Maryland	2018-2019

TEACHING

Intermediate Microeconomics – Instructor University of Maryland	2020-2021
Behavioral Economics – Teaching Assistant University of Maryland	2021
Intermediate Microeconomics – Teaching Assistant University of Maryland	2020
Principles of Microeconomics – Teaching Assistant University of Maryland	2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for: *RAND Journal of Economics, Metroeconomica*

Young Economist Representative of the Transportation and Energy Committee American Bar Association	2022-2023
Economics Ambassador American Bar Association	2021-2022

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

NBER Entrepreneurship Research Bootcamp Summer school in Entrepreneurship & Innovation	2023
Research Assistant for Ginger Zhe Jin University of Maryland	2022-2023
Research Assistant for Andrew Sweeting University of Maryland	2021-2022
NBER Digitization Tutorial Additional classes in Digital Economics	2021
Research Assistant for Marco Ottaviani Bocconi University	2017
Research Assistant at LEAR Economic Consulting	2018
IGIER Visiting Student Initiative, <i>Mentor</i> : Michele Polo Bocconi University	2015-2016

SKILLS&LANGUAGES

Languages: English (Fluent), Italian (Native), Spanish (Beginner)
Programming: Stata, MATLAB, R, Mathematica, Python, oTree, Latex

Last updated: May 16, 2024.