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Academic Appointment and Affiliations

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Miami, July 2016 - present
Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group, 2016 - present

Previous Employment and Affiliations

Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for the Economics of Human Development, University of Chicago, 07/2014-06/2016
Postdoctoral Scholar, Becker Friedman Institute for Research in Economics, University of Chicago, 05/2013-06/2014
Summer Research Fellow, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 06/2012-08/2012
Short Term Consultant, Office of Chief Economist, The World Bank, 12/2008-01/2009

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2013.
M.A. Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2010
M.A. in Economics, China Center for Economic Research, Peking University, China, 2007
B.A. in Economics, Fudan University, China, 2004

Research Interests:

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Household Finance, Health Economics

Honors and Awards

International Economic Review Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2007-2012; CSWEP Dissertation Fellowship, 2012; Xinmei Zhang Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, 2011-2012; Judith Rodin Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, 2009-2010; University of Chicago Price Theory Summer Camp, 2010; PEW Presidential Prize Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2008; Freshman Scholarship (for Excellent Performance in China's National Higher Education Entrance Examination), Fudan University, 2000

Working Papers

1. [*The Determinants of Rising Inequality in Health Insurance and Wages*](#). Latest Version: July 2015. **Revision Requested by Review of Economic Studies.**
2. [*Inequality in Human Capital and Endogenous Credit Constraints*](#), with James J. Heckman (University of Chicago). Latest Version: April 2016. **Revision Requested by Review of Economic Dynamics.**
3. [*Income Inequality, Tax Policy, and Economic Growth*](#), with Siddhartha Biswas (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Indraneel Chakraborty (University of Miami). Latest Version: April 2016. **Revision Requested by Economic Journal.**
4. [*The Real Effects of Financial \(Dis\)integration: A Spatial Equilibrium Analysis of Europe*](#), with Indraneel Chakraborty (University of Miami), Hans Holter (University of Oslo), and Serhiy Stepanchuk (Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne). Latest Version: March 2016. **Revision Requested by Journal of Monetary Economics.**

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5. [*A Dynamic Model of Health, Education and Wealth with Credit Constraints and Rational Addiction*](#), with James J. Heckman (University of Chicago). Latest Version: December 2015.
6. [*On the Welfare Cost of Consumption Fluctuations in the Presence of Memorable Goods*](#), with Dirk Krueger (University of Pennsylvania) and Andrew Postlewaite (University of Pennsylvania). Latest Version: January 2015. *Under Revision*.
7. [*The Impact of an Early Career Recession on Health and Health-Related Behaviors*](#), with Naijia Guo (Chinese University of Hong Kong). Latest Version: June 2015. *Under Revision*.

Invited Presentations

2017 (including scheduled): University of Oslo

2016 (including scheduled): Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; University of Iowa; University of Rochester; Washington University in St. Louis; Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Conference on Public Policy*; Royal Economic Society Conference at University of Sussex; Cowles Summer Conference at Yale University; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE)

2015: University of Chicago Economics; University of Chicago Harris; University of Miami Economics; University of Miami Finance; Chinese University of Hong Kong; Peking University; Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society at The University of Manchester ($\times 2$); Fourth SOLE/EALE World Meeting; 11th World Congress of Econometric Society ($\times 2$); National Tax Association's Annual Meeting; Human Capital and Inequality Conference at UChicago

2014: University of Cornell; University of Miami; Annual Health Econometrics Workshop at UToronto; Cowles Summer Conference: Structural Microeconomics at Yale; Conference on the Affordable Care Act and the Labor Market at Fed Chicago; Fifth Biennial Meeting of the American Society of Health Economists at USC (presenter & discussant); Launch Event of the Center for the Economics of Human Development at UChicago; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (presenter & discussant)

2013: Ohio State University; Syracuse University; University of Chicago; University of South Florida; North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

2012: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Experience

Econometrics, Instructor, Summer 2010

Public Finance, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Francesca Acacia, Spring 2012

Advanced Microeconometrics, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Petra Todd, Fall 2009 and 2010

Econometrics (Ph.D), Recitation Instructor for Prof. Francis Diebold, Spring 2009 and 2010

Introductory Economics for Business Students, Recitation Instructor for Dr. Uriel Spiegel, Fall 2011

International Finance, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Wilfred Ethier, Spring 2011

Labor Economics, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Kenneth Burdett, Fall 2010

Statistics for Economists, Review Session Instructor for Prof. Aureo de Paula, Fall 2008

Statistics for Economists, Review Session Instructor for Dr. Suleyman Ozmucur, Fall 2008

China Economy (Undergraduate/Graduate), Teaching Assistant for Prof. Justin Yifu Lin, 2005

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Professional Activities

Ad-hoc Referee: Journal of Political Economy; Review of Economic Studies; Journal of the European Economic Association; International Economic Review; European Economic Review; Journal of Human Capital; LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations

Co-Organizer of Asian Family in Transition Conference, 2016

Invited Attendee: NBER Summer Institute Aggregate Implications of Microeconomic Consumption Behavior (2015-2016); NBER Summer Institute Macro Public Finance (2014-2015); NBER Summer Institute Labor Studies, Health Economics, Health Care, Aging (2015); University of Chicago Price Theory Summer Camp (2010)

Other Services

Co-organizer of Econometrics Lunch, University of Pennsylvania, 2009-2010

Coordinator at Graduate Student Housing Community Services, University of Pennsylvania, 2009-2012

Computer Skills

C++ (including MPI & OpenMP), Fortran, Matlab, SAS, Stata, R, Eview, L^AT_EX