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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Management and Strategy, jointly appointed in Economics      July 2022-  
*HKU Business School, University of Hong Kong*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Fellow, Centre on Contemporary China and the World, University of Hong Kong      2023-  
Board Member, Citizen Action Design      2023-  
Consultant, Hong Kong Jockey Club      2023-

## EDUCATION

PhD, Economics, *MIT*, 2022.

AB, Physics, *Harvard*, 2012. Minor in Computer Science. *Magna cum laude with highest distinction.*

## PUBLICATIONS

- (1) “Ideological Bias and Trust in Information Sources” (joint with Matthew Gentzkow and Allen T. Zhang) *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*.

## WORKING PAPERS

- (2) “The Employment Effects of Domestic Outsourcing” (joint with Mayara Felix)
- (3) “Domestic Outsourcing and Employment Security” (joint with Naijia Guo and Duoxi Li)
- (4) “A Theory of the Visible Hand: Intermediation and Coordination in Markets for Relational Contracts” (joint with Duoxi Li)
- (5) “Money and Barter in the Field: Evidence from the Life and Death of a Digital Currency”
- (6) “Targeting Housing Assistance: Evidence from a Subsidized Sale of Public Housing in Hong Kong”

## WORK-IN-PROGRESS

- (7) “The Role of Redemption in Currency Circulation: Theory and Transaction-level Evidence” (joint with Baiyun Jing, Yang You, and Yulin Zhong)
- (8) “Commodity Money: Theory and Field Evidence” (joint with Baiyun Jing)

- (9) “The Effect(s) of Public Housing Rent Regulation on Private-sector Rents in Hong Kong” (joint with Zhongji Wei)
- (10) “Anatomy of a Housing Affordability Crisis: Hong Kong, 2006-2016” (joint with Jimmy Ho, Yulin Hong, and Lichen Zhang)

## **POLICY PAPERS**

- (11) “Hong Kong must stop letting the well-off hog public rental housing” (South China Morning Post, 2024)
- (12) “The Solution to Hong Kong’s Subdivided Housing Crisis” (Hong Kong Economic Journal, 2024)
- (13) “Brain Drain, Brain Gain, and The Future of Hong Kong: Evidence from LinkedIn Profiles” (Hong Kong Economic Policy Green Paper, 2024, joint with Alan Kwan and Heiwai Tang)
- (14) “Using Data and Algorithms to Reduce Public Housing Wait Times” (Hong Kong Economic Policy Green Paper, 2024, joint with Shing-Yi Wang and Maisy Wong)
- (15) “What Caused Hong Kong’s Housing Crisis?” (Hong Kong Economic Policy Green Paper, 2022)

## **TEACHING**

- 2022- Economics of Organization and Strategy, HKU, Instructor
- 2022- Global Management from Economics Perspective, HKU, Instructor
- 2022 Industrial Organization II (PhD), MIT, TA
- 2022 Principles of Microeconomics (undergrad), MIT, TA
- 2018-2020 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (undergrad), MIT, TA
- 2019 Applied Economics for Managers (EMBA), MIT, TA
- 2018 Organizational Economics (PhD), MIT, TA
- 2011-2012 Introduction to Computer Science II (undergrad), Harvard, TF

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

- 2023 Hong Kong RGC General Research Fund: “Price Spillovers from Large-scale Public Housing: Evidence from Hong Kong”
- 2022 Seed Fund for Basic Research, the University of Hong Kong
- 2018-2022 George and Obie Shultz Fund at MIT
- 2017-2020 Kuok Foundation Scholarship
- 2015-2018 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2009 John Harvard Scholar

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## **OTHER EXPERIENCES**

2013-15        University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Research Professional

2012-13        Applied Predictive Technologies, Business Consultant

2011            The Greatest Good Consulting, Summer Consultant

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Reviewer:** *Quarterly Journal of Economics; Journal of Economic Theory; Journal of Law, Economics and Organization; Management Science*

### **Invited Presentations:**

2024            HKU Faculty of Social Sciences

2023            Canadian Economics Association; GWU; Econometric Society, Beijing; Asian Real Estate Society; Econometric Society, Singapore; Workshop on Relational Contracts; Asian & Australasian Society of Labor Economics; Hong Kong Economic Association

2022            Search and Matching Workshop in Asia Pacific; Virtual East Asia Macroeconomics Seminar; Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Finance); University of Hong Kong; City University of Hong Kong

2021            Facebook (Novi); Hong Kong Baptist University