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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor of Management and Strategy, jointly appointed in Economics 2022-

*HKU Business School, University of Hong Kong*

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**Affiliated Researcher*,* HKU Jockey Club ESG Research Institute2024-

Fellow, HKU Centre on Contemporary China and the World2023-

Member, HKU Real Estate Lab2023-

Board Member, Citizen Action Design2023-

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**

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

**WORK-IN-PROGRESS**

1. “The Role of Redemption in Currency Circulation: Theory and Transaction-level Evidence” (with Baiyun Jing, Yang You, and Yulin Zhong)
2. “Commodity Money: Theory and Field Evidence” (with Baiyun Jing)
3. “The Effect(s) of Public Housing Rent Regulation on Private-sector Rents in Hong Kong” (with Zhongji Wei)
4. “Anatomy of a Housing Affordability Crisis: Hong Kong, 2006-2016” (with Jimmy Ho, Yulin Hong, and Lichen Zhang)

**POLICY ARTICLES**

1. “Hong Kong’s economic recovery hinges on having enough adequate housing” (South China Morning Post, August 2024)
2. “Hong Kong must stop letting the well-off hog public rental housing” (South China Morning Post, 2024)
3. “The Solution to Hong Kong’s Subdivided Housing Crisis” (Hong Kong Economic Journal, February 2024)
4. “Brain Drain, Brain Gain, and The Future of Hong Kong: Evidence from LinkedIn Profiles” (Hong Kong Economic Policy Green Paper, January 2024, joint with Alan Kwan and Heiwai Tang)
5. “Using Data and Algorithms to Reduce Public Housing Wait Times” (Hong Kong Economic Policy Green Paper, January 2024, joint with Shing-Yi Wang and Maisy Wong)
6. “What Caused Hong Kong’s Housing Crisis?” (Hong Kong Economic Policy Green Paper, 2022)

**RESEARCH 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

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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

**Invited Presentations:**

2024 HKU Faculty of Social Sciences; Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics; Summer Workshop on Money, Banking, Payments, and Finance

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

**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 SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

2009 Detur Book Prize

**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