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EMPLOYMENT Assistant Professor of Economics, Simon Fraser University 2020 – present

OTHER POSITIONS Visiting Scholar, University of Rochester Nov 2022
Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Oct 2022

EDUCATION Ph.D. in Economics, University of Rochester, NY, United States 2015 – 2020
References: Yan Bai, George Alessandria, Narayana Kocherlakota, Yena Park
M.A. in Economics, Renmin University, Beijing, China 2013 – 2015
B.A. in Economics, Renmin University, Beijing, China 2009 – 2013

RESEARCH FIELDS International Economics, Macroeconomics, Sovereign Debt and Default

PUBLICATIONS “Public Financing Under Balanced Budget Rules”
with Chang Liu | links: [journal link] [working paper] [online appendix] [codes]
Review of Economic Dynamics, Volume 56, April 2025
“A Note on Allowing State Bankruptcy”
sole author | links: [journal link] [working paper]
Macroeconomic Dynamics, Volume 29, e47 (pp. 1–14), 2025
“Sovereign Risk and Intangible Investment”
with Chang Liu | links: [journal link] [working paper] [online appendix] [codes]
Journal of International Economics, Volume 152, November 2024
“Inequality, Taxation, and Sovereign Default Risk”
sole author | links: [journal link] [working paper] [online appendix] [codes] | Featured
by Stone Centre at University College London
American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Volume 16 (pp. 217–49), April 2024

“Debt Maturity Heterogeneity and Investment Responses to Monetary Policy”
with Min Fang | links: [journal link] [working paper] [online appendix] [codes]
European Economic Review, Volume 144, May 2022

“Migration and Sovereign Default Risk”
with George Alessandria and Yan Bai | links: [journal link] [working paper]
Journal of Monetary Economics, Volume 113, August 2020

WORKING PAPERS

“From Diaspora Dollars to Default Risk: Remittances and Sovereign Spreads”
with Armen Khederlarian | link: [working paper] | IMF Best Paper Award, Armenian Economic Association Meeting (2025)

“Financing Innovation with Innovation”
with Zhiyuan Chen, Min Fang, and Yunzhou Shang | link: [working paper]

“Trade Barriers and Sovereign Default Risk”
with George Alessandria, Yan Bai and Chang Liu | link: [working paper]

“Redistribution in Indebted Economies”
sole author | link: [working paper]

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Sovereign Debt Crisis or Financial Crisis: Evidence from Exports”
with George Alessandria, Yan Bai, and Chang Liu

“Sovereign Default Risk and Wealth Inequality”
with Min Fang, Philipp Renner, and Simon Scheidegger

“Public Finance In Space: Mobile Workers Under Immobile Deficits”
with Min Fang, Zibin Huang, and Chang Liu

“World Financial Cycles and Global Trade”
with Yan Bai, Chang Liu, and Gabriel Mihalache

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

CES North America conference (Atlanta) 2026

Midwest Macro (Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City), Leuven Summer Event: Macroeconomics workshop (KU Leuven), SED Annual Meeting (Copenhagen), Canadian Macroeconomics Study Group Meeting (Western) 2025

Western Economic Association International Annual Conference (Seattle), Canadian Macro Study Group Meeting (HEC Montreal) 2024

The 2nd International Symposium on Frontiers of Theoretical Economics (Nanjing University) 2023

ASSA Annual Meeting, Midwest Macro (Logan, UT), Annual Meeting of Canadian Economics Association (Ottawa), SED Annual Meeting (Madison, WI), 3rd Women in International Economics conference (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and University of Minnesota) 2022

ASSA Annual Meeting, Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, RES Symposium, Annual Meeting of Canadian Economics Association, A. Stockman University of Rochester Alumni Conference, Canadian Macro Study Group Meeting (University of British Columbia), ES European Winter Meeting (University of Barcelona School of Economics), Winter School 2021 (Delhi School of Economics and The Econometric Society) 2021

CES North America Conference (MIT), Congress of EEA (Rotterdam), VMACS Junior Conference, INFER Conference (Paris), SFA Annual Meeting (Palm Springs), ES European Winter Meeting (University of Nottingham), Winter School 2020 (Delhi School of Economics and The Econometric Society) 2020

Midwest Macro (University of Georgia), SED Annual Meeting (Washington University in St.Louis), Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Conference (Carnegie Mellon University) 2019

Youth Economic Forum (Peking University), Undergraduate Economics Conference (SUFE) 2015

DISCUSSIONS

Discussion on “Domestic Policies and Sovereign Default” by Emilio Espino, Julian Kozlowski, Fernando M. Martin, Juan M. Sanchez, at the 3rd TWID International Finance Conference, University of Tokyo July 2022

Discussion on “Sovereign Default and Global Financial Shock” by JungJae Park, at the 1st International Macro/Finance and Sovereign Debt Workshop in East Asia, Sogang University Nov 2020

Discussion on “The Effects of Sector-Specific Credit Supply Shocks on the U.S. Economy” by Maximillian Littlejohn, at SFA annual meeting (Palm Springs) Nov 2020

INVITED SEMINARS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

National University of Singapore, Sogang University 2026

University of Victoria 2025

Binghamton University 2024

Villanova University 2023

Sovereign Debt Workshop at IMF, Jinan University IESR, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, CWEC Brownbag 2022

	Canadian Macro Study Group Virtual Seminar Series, National University of Singapore, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Bank of Canada	2021
	Georgia State University, Simon Fraser University	2020
	University of Rochester, Tsinghua University	2019
GRANTS	SSHRC Insight Grant, PI, \$93,308	2025
	SSHRC-SFU Institutional Grant, PI, \$7,000	2025
	SFU VPA Conference Fund, \$4,500	2023
	SSHRC Insight Development Grant, PI, \$52,910	2022
	SFU VPR Travel Grant	2022
	SSHRC-SFU Institutional Grant, PI, \$6,912	2021
	SFU Presidential Research Start-Up Grant, PI, \$20,000	2020
	PEPR Grant, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy	2017
	Summer Research Grant, University of Rochester	2017
TEACHING	Instructor, Simon Fraser University	2020 – present
	Directed Readings (Econ 921, Ph.D.) - Spring 2025, Fall 2025	
	Seminar in International Finance (Econ 446, Undergraduate) - 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025, 2026	
	Advanced Macro Theory (Econ 809, Ph.D.) - Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026	
	International Monetary Economics (Econ 842, Ph.D. & Master) - 2022, 2023, Spring 2025, Fall 2025	
	Teaching Assistant, University of Rochester	2017 – 2020
	Macroeconomics (Ph.D.)	
	Economics of Globalization (Undergraduate)	
	Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)	
STUDENT SUPERVISION	Ph.D. Student Supervision:	

Hossein Jalili Bolhassani (since 2026), Akakpo Domefa Konou (committee member, since 2025), Hau Pang Chow (committee member, since 2025), Samuel Basoah (committee member, since 2024)

Thesis Committee:

Marcos Grossi (Master thesis defense committee, 2026), Yang Li (Ph.D. dissertation defense examiner, 2022)

Research Assistants:

Hossein Jalili Bolhassani (2026) Hau Pang Chow (2025), Eric Fortier (2023), Yi-Shan Liu (SFU USRA, 2022), Anil Donmez (2021), Kyeongmin Park (Rochester, 2021-23)

SERVICE

Referee for *Review of Economic Studies*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *European Economic Review*, *IMF Economic Review*, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, *International Journal of Central Banking*

Grant Reviewer for *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)*

Committee (SFU):

Graduate Program Committee	2025 – 2026
Seminar Committee	2025 – 2026
Tenure and Promotions Committee	2024 – 2025
Tenure and Promotions Committee	2023
Ph.D. Macro Comprehensive Exam Committee	since 2021
Research Seminar Committee	2022 – 2023
Appointments Committee	2021 – 2022
Brown Bag Seminar Committee	2020 – 2021

Committee (Profession):

Organizing Committee, 9th West Coast Workshop in International Finance	2023
Program Committee, Southern Finance Association Meeting	2020

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

IMF Best Paper Award, Armenian Economic Association Meeting	2025
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Graduate Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship, University of Rochester	2015 – 2020
Beijing Outstanding Graduate Student, Beijing	2015
Outstanding Master Student Award, Renmin University of China	2015
Outstanding Undergraduate Award, Renmin University of China	2013

**PRE-PHD
PUBLICATIONS**

“Is Monetary Policy Effective During New Phase in China?”, with Zhengyan Xiao and Zhexi Liu, World Economic Papers, 2016(02) (in Chinese)

“Municipal Bond: A New Channel to Finance Urbanization in China”, with Chenyang Yu, Academic Forum, 2013(03) (in Chinese)

SKILLS

Python, MATLAB, Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Linux, Fortran