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APPOINTMENTS

2025 – Principal Economist, Amazon.com
2022 – 2025 Senior Economist, Amazon.com
2021 – 2022 Economist II, Amazon.com
2020 – 2021 Economist, Amazon.com
2019 – 2020 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Princeton University
2016 Policy Research Intern, College Board
2012 – 2013 Senior Research Specialist, Princeton University
2011 – 2012 Research Associate, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

EDUCATION

2013 – 2019 Ph.D. Economics, Princeton University
2013 – 2015 M.A. Economics, Princeton University
2011 B.A. Mathematics and Economics (*with highest honors*),
Rutgers University – New Brunswick
2007 Cass City High School, Michigan

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2022 - present IZA Institute of Labor Economics Research Affiliate
2020 - 2024 U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status (SSS) Researcher

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

AI, Labor, Migration, Education, China, Causal Inference, Consumer Behavior

WORKING PAPERS

“The Impact of International Students on US Colleges: Higher Education as a Service Export”
(with Yanzun Yang) *Under Review*

Media Coverage: latitude(s), ungated higher education, Journal of International Students

“The Impact of Immigration on Workers and Firms: insights from the H-1B Lottery and US employer-employee data” (with Agostina Brinatti, Parag Mahajan, Nicolas Morales, and Kevin Shih) *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Political Economy*

“Job Characteristics, Gender Sorting, and Gender Pay Gap: Evidence from Online Job Postings”
(with Qinyue Luo)

“Income and Geographic Segregation Across Colleges in China” (with Ernest Liu and Yinshan Shang)

PUBLISHED PAPERS

“Best and Brightest? The Impact of Student Visa Restrictiveness on Who Attends College in the US” (with Jessica Howell and Jonathan Smith)

***Labour Economics**, Vol.84 (October 2023); Industrial Relations Section Working Paper No.640*
Media Coverage: latitude(s), South China Morning Post, FutureEd

The Value of US College Education in Global Labor Markets: Experimental Evidence from China

***Management Science**, Vol.70 (April 2023); Industrial Relations Section Working Paper No.627*
Media Coverage (Selected): INSIDE HIGHER ED, Chronicle of Higher Education, SupChina, Global Times, National Business Daily – received 200 million views on Weibo (Chinese “Twitter”), PIE News, Quartz, University World News

“Can a Summer Make a Difference? The Impact of the American Economic Association Summer Program on Minority Student Outcomes” (with Cecilia E. Rouse and Charles Becker)

***Economics of Education Review**, Vol.53 (August 2016)*
Media Coverage: Amazon Science

“Labor Mismatch in the Great Recession: A Review of Indexes Using Recent U.S. Data” (with Maria Canon and Elise Marifian)

***Review**, Vol.95(3) (May/June 2013)*

“Wearing New Shoes to Walk the Old Road: The Negotiation of Opposing Imperatives in High School New Curriculum Classes in China” (with Tanja Sargent, Shelley Wu, and Chentong Chen). In Huang and Wiseman (ed.)

***The Impact and Transformation of Education Policy in China** (International Perspectives on Education and Society, Volume 15), Emerald, pp.79-98, 2011*

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

“Okuns Law: A Meaningful Guide for Monetary Policy?” (with Yi Wen), *Economic Synopses*, 2012

“Oil Price Shocks and Inflation Risk” (with Yi Wen), *Economic Synopses*, 2011

“RMB Appreciation and U.S. Inflation Risk” (with Yi Wen), *Economic Synopses*, 2011

OPEN-EDS

“Dewey Defeats Truman: Be Aware of Data Revisions,” *Page One Economics*, 2012

“The Mismatch between Job Openings and Job Seekers” (with Maria Canon), *Regional Economist*, 2011

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2022	Early Career Research Award, Upjohn Institute
2020	Overdeck Education Innovation Fund (\$95,000, joint with Jennifer Jennings)
2017 - 2019	Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars
2013 - 2018	Graduate Fellowship with Economics Supplement, Princeton University
2010	Simon Prize for the Best Honors Thesis in Economics, Rutgers University
2010	Henry Rutgers Scholar, Rutgers University
2010	Phi Beta Kappa
2009 - 2010	Outstanding Achievement in Undergraduate Research, Rutgers University
2007	First Place in 14th Annual Michigan MATH Challenge

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2022 - 2023	Area Chair for Economics, Amazon Machine Learning Conference
2021 - 2023	Co-organizer (2021), Chair (2022, 2023), Amazon Economist Summit
2016	Co-organizer, EconCon Graduate Student Conference
2015 - 2016	Organizer, Third-Year Seminar, Princeton Economics
Referee for	<i>Amazon Machine Learning Conference 2021, Amazon Economist Summit 2021, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review: Insights, AERA Annual Meeting 2020, Cogent Economics and Finance, CIES Conference 2021, Demography, Higher Education, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Urban Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Science, Social Science Research, SREE Conference 2016, The World Economy</i>

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

2022-23	Peking University (Ed Finance), APPAM**, IZA*, UPenn (Wharton)*, NBER*
2021-22	Amazon Economist Summit, AASLE*, SOLE, European University Institute
2020-21	Rutgers (GSE), Northeastern Economics of Education Workshop, Princeton (ERS), E-conomics of Education, APPAM, NAFSA Research Symposium, Econometric Society North American Winter Meeting, University of Nottingham (Econ), AEF, PAA, SOLE, Boston College (CIHE)
2019-20	CUHK–Shenzhen (Business), Tsinghua (Growth and Institutions), CUNY–Queens (Econ), AEF, NBER High-Skilled Immigration, Chinese Education Finance & Policy Association, IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting for Labor Economists, APPAM International, Econometric Society World Congress, American Sociological Association, College Board
2018-19	Princeton (Econ; Labor, Education, China, Policy lunches), Cornerstone Research, Bates White, Northwestern (Kellogg–China Lab)
2017-18	Princeton (Labor, IO lunches), Western Economic Association International
2016-17	Princeton (Labor, PF lunches), UIBE, College Board

* *coauthor presented*; ** *canceled*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017 Spring	ECO 313, Econometric Applications Recitation lecturer for Professor Henry Farber Evaluation: 4.1/5.0 (department-wide average: 3.6)
2016 Spring	ECO 313, Econometric Applications Recitation lecturer for Professor Michal Kolesár and Professor Mark Watson Evaluation: 4.9/5.0 (department-wide average: 4.0)
2015 Fall	ECO 302, Econometrics Recitation lecturer for Professor Kirill Evdokimov Evaluation: 3.9/5.0 (department-wide average: 3.7)

STUDENT ADVISING

Letter writer for undergraduate research assistants. Initial placement in parenthesis.

1. Qianhui Ren (University of Chicago, MPP, 2019)
2. Huabin Yuan (Cornell University, ME in Operations Research, 2019)
3. Renjie Bao (Pompeu Fabra University, pre-doc for Jan Eeckhout, 2020)
4. Qixuan Sun (Notre Dame University, MS in Business Analytics, 2020)
5. Lan Wang (Northwestern University, pre-doc for Nancy Qian, 2020)
6. Yanzun Yang (Chinese University of Hong Kong, pre-doc for Zheng Michael Song, 2020)

MISCELLANEOUS

Softwares: Stata, Matlab, SQL, \LaTeX

Languages: Mandarin (native), English (fluent)

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