

Rowan Shi

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Academic Positions

Assistant professor. Toronto Metropolitan University

2020–

Visitor. Cowles Foundation, Yale University

April 2025

Education

PhD in Economics. Princeton University

2014–2020

Thesis title: International trade with heterogeneous firms and reallocation

Committee: Steve Redding, Eduardo Morales, Oleg Itskhoki

BA in Mathematics and Economics. University of California, Berkeley

2009–2014

Highest Honors in Economics, Distinction in General Scholarship

Working papers

Combinatorial discrete choice, Revise and Resubmit, *American Economic Review*

with Costas Arkolakis, Fabian Eckert

Non-traded gains from trade: Evidence from Brazil

with Rafael Parente

Solving combinatorial discrete choices in heterogeneous agent models: theory and an application to corporate tax harmonization in the European Union

with Kathleen Hu

Works in progress

Place-based policy for national welfare

with Paula Donaldson, Fabian Trottner

The role of cities: shopping time and inequality in amenities

with Hannah Rubinton

Presentations and invited talks (including upcoming)

University of British Columbia Sauder School of Business

2026

ASSA meetings (invited discussant), University of Wisconsin Madison, University of Toronto, Canadian

Macro Study Group (invited discussant)

ASSA meetings, McMaster University, Queen's University, SED, UCSB/LAEF Junior Macro

2024

Conference, Annual Workshop of Southern Ontario Macro Economists (invited discussant), Canadian

International Trade Study Group Meeting

Federal Reserve Bank at St. Louis, Canadian Economics Association meetings, EEA-ESEM, UCB-UofT

Summer Trade Workshop, NBER International Trade and Investment Program Fall Meeting

Global Economics Networks, Georgetown University

2022

European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, North American Summer Meeting of the

2021

Econometric Society

Refereeing

Journals. Journal of International Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, International Economic Review

Grants. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Awards and fellowships

Summer Fellowship. International Economics Section, Princeton University 2016–2019

Doctoral Fellowship. Princeton University 2014–2020

Students

PhD. Busra Ariduru (committee), Alfonso Oviedo (committee), Jason Chen (committee)

Masters. Nesub Abdi

Teaching

Professor (TMU). Undergraduate trade 2023–

Professor (TMU). Masters trade I 2025–

Professor (TMU). PhD trade I 2020–2022, 2025–

Professor (TMU). Mathematics for economics II 2020–

Course organizer (Princeton University). Introduction to microeconomics, Prof. Kelly Noonan 2018–2020

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Course organizer (Princeton University). Introduction to microeconomics, Prof. Henry Farber 2019

Teaching assistant (Princeton University). Introduction to microeconomics, Prof. Kelly Noonan 2018

Teaching assistant (Princeton University). Ethics and economics, Prof. Thomas Leonard 2017

Teaching assistant (Princeton University). Introduction to macroeconomics, Prof. Elizabeth Bogan 2016–2017

Research experience

Research assistant. Prof. Oleg Itskhoki 2015

Research assistant. Prof. Mark Aguiar 2014

Research assistant. Prof. Yuriy Gorodnichenko 2013