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EMPLOYMENT

Claremont McKenna College Assistant Professor of Economics	Claremont, CA, USA 2026 -
National Bureau of Economic Research Postdoctoral Research Associate, Startup Cartography Project Supervisors: Jorge Guzman, Scott Stern, Catherine Fazio	Cambridge, MA, USA 2025 - 2026

EDUCATION

Cornell University Ph.D. Applied Economics and Management M.Sc. Applied Economics and Management Advisor: Prof. Ivan Rudik	Ithaca, NY, USA 2026 2022
Yale University IvyPlus Exchange Scholar, Department of Economics Advisor: Prof. Samuel Kortum	New Haven, CT, USA 2023 - 2025
Yale-NUS College B.A. Environmental Studies, minor in Economics (summa cum laude)	Singapore 2018
Yale University Visiting International Student Program	New Haven, CT, USA Spring 2017

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: International and Spatial Economics; Urban Economics; Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Secondary: Macroeconomics; Environmental Economics

DATA ACCESS

US Census Special Sworn Status (since Jan 2023)

REFERENCES

Prof. Samuel Kortum
James Burrows Moffatt Professor of Economics,
Yale University
Chair, Department of Economics
Email: samuel.kortum@yale.edu

Prof. Peter Schott
Juan Trippe Professor of Economics,
Yale University
Executive Director, Yale Branch of the New York
Federal Statistical Research Data Center
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Prof. Scott Stern
David Sarnoff Professor of Management,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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Prof. Ivan Rudik
Associate Professor, Cornell University
Director of Graduate Studies, Dyson School
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WORKING PAPERS

1. Tan, Weiliang (2025). The Geography of Innovation in the United States. [[Link](#)] **Job Market Paper**.
 - Research question: What drives the rising spatial concentration of innovation from 1990 and what are the aggregate consequences?
 - Methodological contribution: Introduce endogenous, directed, and microfounded innovation in a dynamic spatial model
2. Rudik, Ivan, Gary Lyn, **Weiliang Tan**, and Ariel Ortiz-Bobea (2022). The Economic Effects of Climate Change in Dynamic Spatial Equilibrium. [[Link](#)] **Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Political Economy: Macroeconomics**
 - Research question: What are the welfare effects of general equilibrium adaptation via trade, migration, and capital accumulation in response to climate change?
 - Methodological contributions: (i) Model-consistent estimating equations to identify climate impacts on productivity and amenities from temperature shocks; (ii) Quantitative decomposition of general equilibrium adaptation channels (trade, migration, industry switching, capital accumulation) to shocks in fundamentals in a dynamic spatial model

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

3. The Geography of Technology Vintages (with Bernardo Ribeiro and Anh Tran)
 - Research question: Why are newer technology vintages disproportionately created in high-skill regions?
 - Methodological contribution: Introduce technology vintages in a dynamic spatial model with endogenous innovation
4. The Geography and Spatial Networks of Innovation
 - Research question: What drives the rising intensity and changing geography of cross-region coinventor collaborations, and what are the implications on local and aggregate innovation in the United States?

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

1. Addicott, Ethan, Alhasan Badahdah, Luke Elder and **Weiliang Tan** (2019). Internal Carbon Pricing: Policy Framework and Case Studies. Yale Center for Business and the Environment: Research. [[Link](#)]

REFEREE SERVICE

Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (x2)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Cornell University

Research Assistant to Prof. Ivan Rudik
Research Assistant to Prof. Todd Gerarden

Fall 2020 – Spring 2021, Spring 2022
Summer 2020

Yale University

Herb-Scarf Summer Research Assistant to Prof. Mushfiq Mobarak

Summer 2017

Yale-NUS College

Participant, Summer Research Program
Research Assistant to Prof. Lei Yu-Hsiang
Research Assistant to Prof. Guillem Riambau
Participant, EnviroLab Asia (joint with Claremont Colleges)

Summer 2017
Winter 2016
Winter 2016
Jan 2016, May 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Yale University

Teaching Assistant, ECON 184 International Economics (undergraduate)

Spring 2023

Cornell University

Teaching Assistant, AEM 6510 Environmental Economics (masters)

Fall 2021

Teaching Assistant, AEM 4500 Resource Economics (upper-level undergraduate)

Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant, AEM 7010 Applied Microeconomics (first-year Ph.D.)

Fall 2019

Yale-NUS College

Peer Tutor, Economics

Spring 2018

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Yale-NUS Overseas Graduate Scholarship	2018
Yale-NUS Outstanding Capstone Prize in Environmental Studies	2018
Singapore National Environment Agency EcoFriend Award	2017
Santander International Experience Scholarship	2016
Yale-NUS Social Impact Fellowship	2015

VOLUNTEERING

Co-founder & Chairman, Singapore Sustainable Solutions Network	2015 – 2016
President, I'dECO: Yale-NUS Sustainability Movement	2014 – 2016
Poster Session Presenter, UNFCCC COP 21 Global University Climate Forum	2015

MISCELLANEOUS

Programming	R, STATA, Julia, Python, Matlab
Languages	English (native), Standard Chinese (limited), Spanish (basic)
Other	World Chess Federation (FIDE) Candidate Master

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