

Wei Yang Tham

University of Toronto

Acceleration Consortium | Rotman School of Management

weiyang.tham@rotman.utoronto.ca

<https://weiyangtham.com/>

CITIZENSHIP Singapore

EDUCATION Ph.D. in Economics, The Ohio State University Aug 2019
M.A. in Economics, The Ohio State University Jun 2014
B.A. in Economics, Rice University Jun 2013

PUBLICATIONS Science, Interrupted: Funding Delays Reduce Research Activity but Having More Grants Helps. [PLOS ONE, 2023](#)
Unequal effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on scientists (with Kyle R. Myers, Yian Yin, Nina Cohodes, Jerry G. Thursby, Marie C. Thursby, Peter Schiffer, Joseph T. Walsh, Karim R. Lakhani, and Dashun Wang). [Nature Human Behaviour, July 2020](#)

WORKING PAPERS [Scientific Talent Leaks Out of Funding Gaps](#) (conditionally accepted, *Review of Economics & Statistics*)

with Joseph Staudt, Elisabeth Perlman, Stephanie Cheng
NBER SI 2022 (Innovation), NBER SI 2024 (Science of Science Funding)

Coverage: [Marginal Revolution](#); [Good Science Project](#); [Nature \(Career Feature\)](#); [Nature \(News\)](#); [STAT News](#)

Related policy memo in preparation: *The Talent Cost of Funding Delays*

[Money, Time, and Grant Design](#) (conditionally accepted, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*)

with Kyle Myers
NBER SI 2023 (Science of Science Funding)
Coverage: [Nature](#)

[Productivity Beliefs and Efficiency in Science](#) (submitted)

with Fabio Bertolotti, Kyle Myers

[New facts and data about US research professors](#) with Kyle Myers, Nina Cohodes, Karim Lakhani, Rachel Mural, Jerry Thursby, Marie Thursby, Yilun Xu

Coverage: [Nature](#)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	Estimating the Scientific Production Function with Jeff Qiu and Bruce Weinberg	
	The Effect of Temporary Colocation on Knowledge Flows: Evidence from NIH Study Sections (slides)	
	Reproducibility and Automation in Science with Ilya Yakavets, Yimu Zhao, Mohammad Nazeri, Sheldon Mei, Daniel Lin, Sonia Azimi Dijvejin, Avi Goldfarb	
POLICY MEMOS & WHITE PAPERS	Measuring Innovation in Science (NBER-IFS White Papers on the Value of Medical Research)	
	The Talent Cost of Funding Delays (in preparation)	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Department of Economics, The Ohio State University	
	ECON 2367.02 Economic Issues in the United States Independent Instructor	Fall 2017
	ECON 2002.01 Principles of Macroeconomics Teaching Assistant	Fall 2016
	ECON 2001.01 Principles of Microeconomics Teaching Assistant	Fall 2014
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Postdoctoral Fellow (Harvard University) Research Assistant for Bruce Weinberg and David Blau, The Ohio State University	Fall 2019 - Fall 2022 Spring 2015 - Summer 2019
GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS	Fellow, NBER-IFS Value of Health Research Network (\$10,000) University Fellowship, Graduate School at The Ohio State University	2017 2013-2014
PRESENTATIONS <i>* indicates coauthor presented</i>	<p>2025 Accelerate Conference</p> <p>2023 NBER Innovation Information Initiative (I3) Technical Working Group* The Ohio State University Applied Micro Seminar The Growth Lab (Harvard Kennedy School) Advances with Field Experiments (AFE) 2023 Conference AIEA-NBER Conference 2023 NBER Summer Institute 2023, Science of Science Funding International Conference on the Science of Science and Innovation (ICSSI) UMass Amherst Applied Micro Workshop DRUID BSE Summer Forum, Economics of Science and Innovation*</p> <p>2022 NBER Summer Institute 2022, Innovation</p>	

DRUID
Midwest Economics Association Conference
NBER Investments in Early Career Scientists Meeting (April 2022)
Society of Labor Economists, 27th Annual Meeting

2021
Western Economic Association Conference
Evidence for Science Policy – UMETRICS in Action Series

2020
Panel on *Doing science in times of crisis:*
Science studies perspectives on COVID-19, 2nd edition
14th Workshop on the Organisation, Economics and Policy of Scientific Research
at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition
Eastern Economic Association Conference

2019
2nd Research on Innovation, Science and Entrepreneurship Workshop
at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition
MTEI Research Seminar, EPFL (École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne)

2018
Department of Economics, SUNY Albany
Department of Economics, The Ohio State University
Census ARIS Brown Bag
13th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
Value of Medical Research Network Meeting
Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting (poster)
Midwest Economics Association Conference

REFEREEING JPE Micro; Economic Inquiry; Industrial and Labor Relations Review; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Research Policy; Studies in Higher Education

LEADERSHIP Founder and President of Economics Graduate Student Society 2016 - 2018

SKILLS R, Git, Stata, SQL, MATLAB, Unix (basic)
Languages: English (native), Chinese (fluent), French (basic)

REFERENCES

Professor Kyle R. Myers Technology and Operations Management Unit Harvard Business School	E-mail: kmyers@hbs.edu
Professor Bruce A. Weinberg Department of Economics The Ohio State University	E-mail: weinberg.27@osu.edu
Professor Avi Goldfarb Rotman School of Management University of Toronto	E-mail: agoldfarb@rotman.utoronto.ca
Professor Karim Lakhani Technology and Operations Management Unit Harvard Business School	E-mail: klakhani@hbs.edu