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Interests Empirical Industrial Organization

Employment University of Toronto

Assistant Professor of Economics

2020 - Present

Education Duke University, Durham, North Carolina USA

Ph.D., Economics 2020

Dissertation: "Efficiency Gain from Mergers: Evidence from the U.S. Railroads"
Committee: Daniel Yi Xu (Co-Chair), Allan Collard-Wexler (Co-Chair), Christopher Timmins, James Roberts, Bryan Bollinger

M.A., Economics 2014

The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

B.A., Economics, Mathematics 2012

Working Papers "Network Structure and Efficiency Gains from Mergers: Evidence from U.S. Freight

Railroads", 2023

Finalist, Young Economists' Essay Award, EARIE, 2023

"Driving the Drivers: Algorithmic Wage-Setting in Ride-Hailing" (joint with Yao Luo

and Zhe Yuan), 2023, under review

"Collateral Damage: The Impact of Shale Gas on Mortgage Lending" (joint with

James Roberts, Christopher Timmins and Ashley Vissing), 2020

Work in Progress "Platform of Platforms in Ride-Hailing" (joint with Yao Luo and Zhe Yuan), 2023

"Consumer Search with Picture Guidance" (joint with Lu Fang, Chiara Farronato,

and Zhe Yuan), 2023

"Platform-Generated Quality Ratings: Theory, Empirics and Welfare Implications"

(joint with Jie Bai, Daniel Yi Xu, and Zhe Yuan), 2023

"Long-Term Contracts and Secondary Markets: Theory and Evidence from Natural

Gas Pipelines" (joint with Adam Wyonzek and Emmanuel Murray Leclair), 2023

Publication "A Structural Empirical Model of R&D, Firm Heterogeneity, and Industry Evolution"

(joint with Daniel Yi Xu), (2023), Vol. 71(2), pp. 323-353, The Journal of Industrial

Economics (lead article).

Other Publications

"Mortality decline, retirement age, and aggregate savings" (joint with Sau-Him Paul Lau), *Macroeconomic Dynamics* 20, no. 3 (2016): 715-736.

"Economic incentives to target species and fish size: prices and fine-scale product attributes in Norwegian fisheries" (joint with Frank Asche and Martin D. Smith), *ICES Journal of Marine Science* 72, no. 3 (2014): 733-740.

"Optimizing the scale of markets for water quality trading" (joint with Doyle, Martin W., Lauren A. Patterson, Kurt E. Schnier, and Andrew J. Yates), Water Resources Research 50, no. 9 (2014): 7231-7244.

Teaching Experience

University of Toronto, Department of Economics Markets, Competition, and Strategy (UC)

2020 - Present

Markets, Competition, and Strategy (UG)

Industrial Organization I (G)

Duke University, Department of Economics

Introduction to R Programming (G)

2019

Awards and Grants

SSHRC IDG (as Co-PI, with PI: Y. Luo), CAD 58K	2023-2025
SSHRC Insight Grant (as PI, with Co-PI: Y. Luo), CAD 100K	2023-2025
Finalist, Young Economists' Essay Award, EARIE	2023
SSHRC Insight Development Grant, CAD 38K	2021-2023
SSHRC Institutional Grant, CAD 2K,	2021
NET Institute Summer Research Grant, USD 3K	2021
Graduate Student Training Enhancement Grants (GSTEG), USD 5K	2019
Duke Fellowship, Martina J. Bryant and Allen C. Kelley Endowment	2014-2019

Presentations

2024: ASSA (scheduled)

2023: Paris Conference on Digital Economics, IIOC, North American Summer Meeting of Econometric Society, Canadian Economic Association, International Conference on Empirical Economics at PSU, CES North America Conference, EARIE, BU Platform Strategy Symposium, University of Toronto (Summer Brownbag), Peking University, Stanford GSB (*scheduled*)

2022: Canadian Economic Association Conference, China-VIOS, NBER SI Digitization, Queen's University (Platforms and Data, discussant), University of Toronto, University of Western Ontario

2021: IOWW seminar, University of Toronto (IO Brownbag), Western University, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, IO Canada, Asian Meeting of Econometric Society, China Meeting of Econometric Society, European Summer Meetings

2020: National School of Development at Peking University; Microsoft Research, Office of the Chief Economist; Queen's University; Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; University of Minnesota; Tuck School of Business; University of Toronto; Indiana University, Kelley School of Business; Luohan Academy; Uber Technologies; Monash University; University of Western Ontario; CEPR Virtual IO Seminar; CES North America Virtual Conference; IIOC Rising Stars

2019: Triangle Microeconomics Conference (UNC), China Meeting of Econometrics Society

Referee Service

Review of Economics and Statistics, Economic Journal, Marine Resource Economics, Transport Policy, China Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Canadian Journal of Economics