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Academic Appointments

2016 - present Assistant Professor, Rice University

Education

2010 - 2016 Ph.D. in Economics, New York University

2004 - 2008 A.B. in Economics with High Honors, Princeton University

Research Fields

Empirical Industrial Organization, Applied Microeconomics, Applied Microeconometrics

Published and Accepted Articles

- “Not Knowing the Competition: Evidence and Implications for Auction Design” (2020), *RAND Journal of Economics*, Vol. 51, No. 3, pp. 840-867
- “Sequential Auctions with Synergy and Affiliation Across Auctions” (2021), *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 129, No. 1, pp. 148-181
- “Multidimensional Auctions of Contracts: An Empirical Analysis” (2022), with Isabelle Perrigne and Quang Vuong, *American Economic Review*, Vol. 112, No. 5, pp. 1703-1736
- “Identification of English Auctions When Losing Entrants Are Not Observed” (2022), *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, Vol. 85, 102875

Working Papers

- “Risk and Information in Dispute Resolution: An Empirical Study of Arbitration,” with Bernardo Silveira and Xun Tang
- “Liquid Markets: An Empirical Analysis of a Water Exchange”

Seminars and Conference Presentations

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| 2022-2023 | Queen’s University, MIT, UC Berkeley environmental & energy economics, Harvard, Caltech, Northwestern, Seoul National University, Rice/Sciences Po IO conference, Cowles Conference on Models and Measurement. Scheduled: NBER SI IO |
| 2021-2022 | Cornell, SEA Meetings, AEA Meetings, WUSTL, IIOC, Queen Mary University of London, IAAE London, UBC Summer IO Conference |
| 2020-2021 | Colby College, Carnegie Mellon, KAEA virtual seminar series, Stanford, UBC Sauder, PUC-Rio, Cowles Conference on Models and Measurement, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, IO ² virtual seminar |
| 2019-2020 | DOJ, U of Toronto, Columbia, SEA Meetings |
| 2018-2019 | WUSTL Olin, Texas A&M, Lancaster Conference on “auctions, competition, regulation, and public policy,” IAAE Nicosia, SITE, Banff Empirical Microeconomics Conference |
| 2017-2018 | NYU Alumni Conference, Midwest Econometrics Group, UT Austin, Yonsei Young Economist Workshop, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (Seoul) |
| 2016-2017 | Yale, ASSA Meetings, Texas Camp Econometrics, IAAE Sapporo |

2015-2016 SITE, 11th World Congress of the Econometric Society, USC, Carnegie Mellon, Chicago Booth, Chicago Harris, Rice, U Penn, FDIC, U of Minnesota, FTC

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

2022 KAEA Young Scholar Award
2018 Malcolm Gillis Award for Distinction in Undergraduate Teaching in Economics
2010 - 2015 MacCracken Graduate Fellowship, NYU
2015 Dean's Student Travel Grant, NYU
2015 CV Starr Center Travel Grant, NYU
2011 Pass with distinction in the qualifying exam in Microeconomics
2008 Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University
2005 Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, Princeton University
2002 USAMO Qualification and Akamai Foundation AIME Scholarship

Teaching

Applied Econometrics, Undergraduate (Rice University): 2016-2023
Empirical Microeconomics, PhD (Rice University): Spring 2023
Seminar Workshop, PhD (Rice University): Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Refereeing

AJE: Microeconomics, American Economic Review, Applied Economics Letters, Econometrica, Empirical Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economic Review, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of the European Economic Association, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Design, Review of Economic Studies

Discussant

NBER IO spring meeting (2023), ASSA annual meeting (2023), IIOC (2022), SEA (2021), KWEN virtual seminar series (2020), Lancaster Conference on "auctions, competition, regulation, and public policy" (2019), ASSA annual meeting (2019)

Other Professional Service

Organizer, "Bringing Models to Data in Microeconomics" paper session, ASSA Annual Meeting 2023
Organizer, "KAEA Mentoring Workshop I – Microeconomics", ASSA Annual Meeting 2023
Organizer, Korean Women Economist Network (KWEN) Virtual Seminar Series, 2022

University and Department Service

Undergraduate Committee, 2022-2023
Graduate Program Committee, 2019-2020 to 2021-2022
Second Year Graduate Research Seminar Organizer, 2019-2020
Faculty Recruiting Committee, 2018-2019
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2016-2017 to 2018-2019

PhD Advising

- Chair/Co-chair for: Giovanni Aiello (2024), Shosuke Noguchi (2025)
- Committee member for: Yingying Xu (PhD 2019), Daniel Prudencio (2021), Igor Hernandez (2022), Suguru Otani (2024), Masoud Jabbari (2025)
- Third-year paper advisor for: Jingyun Huang (2027), Siyi Wang (2027)

Other Publications

Shub, Daniel E., Suzanne P. Carr, Yunmi Kong, and H. Steven Colburn (2008), "Discrimination and identification of azimuth using spectral shape," *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 124(5): 3132-3141.