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Academic Positions

Peking University HSBC Business School	
Tenured Associate Professor	2024–
Assistant Professor	2018–2024

Education

University of California, Berkeley	
Ph.D., Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics	2018
– Concentration: International Economics, Development Economics	
M.S., Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics	2013
Yale University	
M.E.Sc., Environmental Economics	2012
Shantou University	
B.S., Electrical Engineering	2008
University of Virginia	
Semester at Sea Program	2007

Publications

- [1] “Property Rights and Firm Scope,” with T. Tong and M. Xu.
Journal of Management, 2025, 51: 637-669.
 - [2] “The Agricultural Wage Gap Within Rural Villages,” with C. Baysan, M. Dar, K. Emerick, and E. Sadoulet.
Journal of Development Economics, 2024, 168: 103270.
 - [3] “Local Effects of Global Capital Flows: A China Shock in the U.S. Housing Market,” with L. Shen and C. Zhang.
Review of Financial Studies, 2024, 37: 761–801.
 - [4] “Political Connections, Competition, and Innovation: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Chinese Firms,” with L. Cheng.
Economic Development and Cultural Change, 2023, 71: 819–862.
 - [5] “Inferring Informal Risk-Sharing Regimes: Evidence from Rural Tanzania,” with E. Ligon.
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 2020, 177: 941–955.
 - [6] “What Do Private Firms Do after Losing Political Capital? Evidence from China,” with L. Cheng.
Journal of Corporate Finance, 2020, 60: 101551.
 - [7] “The Long-Run Effects of Government Spending on Structural Change: Evidence from Second World War Defense Contracts,” with D. Koustas.
Economics Letters, 2019, 178: 66-69.
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Working Papers

- [8] “Initial Conditions and the Biggest Push in U.S. History,” with D. Bartelme and D. Velásquez.
- [9] “The Impact of Trade Shocks on Vertical and Lateral Integration.”
- [10] “Structural Transformation in China: The Roles of Trade and Migration Cost Reductions.”

Pre-Doctoral Publications

- [11] “An Application of Behavioral Modeling to Characterize Urban Angling Decisions and Values,” with Bingham et al.
North American Journal of Fisheries Management, 2011, 31: 257-268.
- [12] “An Empirical Evaluation of the Accuracy of the Hartley and Rao (1962) Variance Approximation Following PPS Systematic Sampling,” with T. Gregoire.
Pakistan Journal of Statistics, 2011, 27(4): 555-566.

Note: The work for these papers was done while I was a master’s student in environmental science.

Awards and Grants

Awards

Teaching Excellence Award, Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School	2021, 24
Faculty Excellence Award, Peking University HSBC Business School	2019, 20, 23, 24
Overseas High-Caliber Personnel, Shenzhen Municipal Government	2019
Student Marshall, Yale University	2012
First Prize Winner in “21 st Century Cup” National English Speaking Competition, China Daily	2008
University Medal Nominee, Shantou University	2008
Li Ka Shing Foundation Semester at Sea Scholarship, Shantou University	2006

Grants

Natural Science Foundation of Guangdong Province, General Project	2022
Centre of Excellence for Development Impact and Learning, Small Projects (Co-I)	2019
Innovations for Policy Action Peace & Recovery Program, Pilot Study (Co-I)	2019
Giannini Foundation Mini-Grant, University of California	2017, 18
Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley	2014
Travel Grant, UC Berkeley	2013
Jubitz Family Endowment for Research Fund, Yale University	2012

Teaching

Peking University HSBC Business School

- International Economics (PhD), 2019–2020, 2024–2025
- Macroeconomics (master’s), 2022–2025
- Applied Microeconomics (master’s), 2018–2020, 2022–2023, 2024–2025
- Advanced Macroeconomics (master’s), 2018–2022, 2023–2024
- Research Methodology (master’s), 2019–2024

UC Berkeley (Graduate Student Instructor)

- Macroeconomic Theory (undergraduate), Department of Economics, 2017–2018
- International Trade (undergraduate), Department of Economics, 2015–2017
- Development Economics (undergraduate), Department of Ag. and Resource Economics, 2014–2016
- Macroeconomics in the Global Economy (undergraduate), Haas School of Business, 2014–2015

Stanford University Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes

Introduction to Economics (Methodist Girls' School, Singapore), Summer 2015

Conference Papers

Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Los Angeles, 2025
 Firm and Industrial Dynamics Workshop, University of Hong Kong, 2024
 Uncertainty in International Trade Workshop, Shenzhen University, 2023
 North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Toronto, 2023
 Minneapolis Fed Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute Research Conference, 2022
 Theories and Methods in Macroeconomics "T2M" Conference, King's College London, 2022
 American Finance Association Annual Meeting, online, 2021
 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2020
 Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Berkeley, 2020
 Northern Finance Association Annual Conference, online, 2020
 Urban Economics Association Meeting, Philadelphia, 2019
 China Conference on Growth and Development, Wuhan University, 2019
 PHBS Workshop in Macroeconomics and Finance, Shenzhen, 2019
 New Structural Economics Symposium, Peking University, 2019
 International Monetary Fund and Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Workshop "China in the Global Economy," Washington D.C., 2018
 UC Berkeley Trade Workshop, 2017
 UC Berkeley Graduate Economics Mini Symposium, 2017
 Chinese Economist Society Conference, Guangzhou, 2015
 American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, 2012

Invited Seminars

School of Banking and Finance, University of International Business and Economics, 2023
 Department of Economics and Finance, City University of Hong Kong, 2023
 School of Accounting and Finance, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, 2023
 Department of Economics, University of Macau, 2021
 School of Economics and Management, Harbin Institute of Technology–Shenzhen, 2020
 Peking University HSBC Business School, 2018
 Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley, 2017
 Department of Economics, UC Berkeley, 2017

University Service

PhD Supervisor (2020–present), Master's Supervisor (2018–present), PHBS Think Tank Expert Committee (2022–present), PHBS PhD Committee (2019–2021), PHBS Seminar Coordinator (2019–2020), UC Berkeley Trade Workshop Coordinator (Spring 2016), UC Berkeley ARE PhD Admissions Committee (student member, 2015–2016)

Referee Service

Journal of Public Economics, China Economic Review, Journal of Business Ethics, Oxford Economic Papers, Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting & Economics, Economics & Politics, Journal of Transport Economics and Policy, Journal of African Economies, China Economic Quarterly (经济学季刊)

Media

Op-Eds

“China Must Rethink Free Float for the Yuan, as US Border Tax Looms,” with W. Zhong, *South China Morning Post*, Mar. 2017.

“China Needs Reform Not Another Investment Splurge,” with W. Zhong, *Financial Times*, Feb. 2016.

- Translated version in Chinese appeared in *FTChinese* (FT中文网).

Interviews

China Global Television Network, Global Watch program on Shenzhen’s economy, Aug. 25, 2020.

Coverage

Macro Musings, National Affairs

Industry Experience

Associate Analyst, Veritas Economic Consulting, Cary, North Carolina, USA, 2008–2010

Miscellany

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese

References available upon request

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