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VITA

Citizenship: P.R.China (U.S. Permanent Resident) Birthdate: 03/23/1980

EDUCATION

2001 - 2006 Ph.D., Economics, Southern Methodist University
 Dissertation : “Essays on The Economics of Family”
1997 - 2001 B. A., Intl. Finance, Jinan University

CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS & AFFILIATIONS

2018 - present Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma
2016 - present Chong K. Liew Chair in Economics, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma
2018 - present Member, MIP network, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity (HCEO) Global Working Group, University of Chicago
2018 - present Director, Young Scholars Program, Global Labor Organization (GLO)
2016 - present Director of Master’s Program in Managerial Economics with a Big Data Emphasis
2013 - present Special-term Professor, Department of Economics, Jinan University, China
2011 - present Research Fellow, IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor)

PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS & AFFILIATIONS

2016 - 2018 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma
2016 Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics, Finance, & Legal Studies, The University of Alabama
2013 - 2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Finance, & Legal Studies, The University of Alabama
2012 - 2013 Women and Public Policy Fellow, Harvard University
2008 - 2013 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of New Hampshire
2006 - 2008 Post-doctoral Research Associate, Population Center, University of Minnesota

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY

- 2014 – Associate Editor, *Econometric Reviews*
2017 – Associate Editor, *Journal of Labor Research*
2018 – Associate Editor, *China Economic Review*
2016 – 2017 Editorial Member & Guest Editor, *Journal of Labor Research*
2013 Guest Editor, *China Economic Review*

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- 2013 - 2015 Member, Planning Committee, China Health Policy and Management Society
2012 - 2013 Member, Board of Directors, Chinese Economists Society

GRANTS

[1] U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Employment Policy and Measurement (Total: \$4.25 million; PI: Andrew Houtenville), 2010-2014

Project Lead: *Returns to Education among Individuals with Early-Onset Disabilities* (\$200,000)

Research Interests:

1) Microeconometrics (both theoretical and applied); 2) Labor and Public Economics; 3) Growth Empirics; 4) Chinese Economy

PUBLICATIONS (Total Google Scholar Citations: 429)

[29] The Gender Gap Between Earnings Distributions (with E. Maasoumi), accepted in Nov 2017, *Journal of Political Economy*

[28] Crime on the field (with C. Kitchens and M. Makofske), forthcoming, *Southern Economic Journal*

[27] What Can We Learn About the Racial Gap in the Presence of Sample Selection? (with E. Maasoumi), *Journal of Econometrics*, 2017, Vol. 199(2) Pages 117-130

[26] The Robust Relationship Between US Food Aid and Civil Conflict (with Chi-Yang Chu and Daniel J. Henderson), *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2017, Vol 32, Issue 5, 1027-1032

[25] *Knot Yet: Minimum Marriage Age Law, Marriage Delay, and Earnings* (C. Wang), *Journal of Population Economics*, 2017, Vol. 30:771-804

[24] Informal Search, Bad Search?: The Effects of Job Search Method on Wages among Rural Migrants in China (with Y. Chen and M. Zhang), *Journal of Population Economics*, 2018, Volume 31, Issue 3, pp 837-876

[23] The Three *Is* of Public Schools: Irrelevant Inputs, Insufficient Resources and Inefficiency (with D.J. Henderson and L. Simar) *Applied Economics* 2017, Vol. 49(12), 1164-1184

[22] The Distribution of Returns to Education for People with Disabilities (with D.J. Henderson and A. Houtenville), *Journal of Labor Research*, 2017, Volume 38, Issue 3, pp 261-282

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- [21] The Inequality-Growth Plateau (with D.J. Henderson and J. Qian), *Economics Letters*, 2015, vol. 128, pages 17-20
- [20] Estimating Semiparametric Panel Data Models by Marginal Integration, (with J. Qian), *Journal of Econometrics*, 2012, Vol. 167, No. 2, page 483-493
- [19] How Does Education Affect the Earnings Distribution in China, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 2013, Vol 75, Issue 3, pages 435-454
- [18] Estimating Returns to Education when the IV Sample is Selective, *Labour Economics*, 2013, 21, 74-85
- [17] Economic Transition and College Premium in Urban China, *China Economic Review*, 2012, Vol. 23, No. 2, page 238-252
- [16] Heterogeneity in Schooling Rates of Return, (with D. J. Henderson and S. Polachek) *Economics of Education Review*, 2011, Vol. 30, No. 6, page 1202-1214
- [15] Party Politics, Governors and Economic Policy, (with P. G. Fredriksson and P. L. Warren) *Southern Economic Journal*, July 2013, Vol. 80, No. 1, pp. 106-126.
- [14] Sex and Environmental Policy in the U.S. House of Representatives (with P. G. Fredriksson) *Economics Letters*, 2011, Vol.113, Issue 3, page 228-230
- [13] The Oh-So Straight and Narrow Path: Can the Health Care Expenditure Curve Be Bent?, (with Bob. Woodward) *Health Economics*, 2012, Vol. 21, No. 8, page 1023-1029
- [12] Are Politicians Office or Policy Motivated? The Case of U.S. Governors' Environmental Policies (with P. G. Fredriksson and K. A. Mamun) *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 2011, Vol 62, Issue 2, pages 241-253
- [11] The Effects of 9/11 on Intermarriage between Natives and Immigrants to the U.S. (with C. Wang) *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2012, Vol. 10, No. 2, page 171-192
- [10] Is the Quantity-Quality Trade-off a Trade-off for All, None, or Some? (with D. L. Millimet), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2011, Vol. 60, No. 1, page 155-195
- [9] Fertility and the Health of Children: A Nonparametric Investigation (with D. J. Henderson, D. L. Millimet, and C. Parmeter), *Advances in Econometrics*, 2008, 21, 167-195.
- [8] Economic Reform, Growth and Convergence in China, (with E. Maasoumi), *Econometrics Journal*, 2008 vol. 11(1), pages 128-154
- [7] Fertility and Employment Choice: A Differential Game Approach (with J. Faria), *Economics Bulletin*, 2007, Vol. 10, No. 8 pp. 1-8
- [6] Language Skills and the Earnings Distribution Among Immigrants (with C. Wang), *Industrial Relations*, 2011, Vol. 50, No. 2, page 297-322

PUBLICATIONS

- [5] Time Series Analysis of Income Convergence in China (with H. Liu), *Applied Economics Letters*, 2010, vol. 17. no. 1
- [4] A Distributional Analysis of the Gender Earnings Gap in Urban China (with D. L. Millimet), *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy* (Contributions), 2006, vol. 5, no. 1, article 5
- [3] Debts on Debts (with J. R. Faria and Z. Wu), *North American Journal of Economics & Finance*, 2012, Vol. 23, No. 2, page 203-219
- [2] Do Central Banks Affect Tobin's q ?, (with Joao Ricardo Faria, Andre V. Mollick, and Adolfo Sachsida) *International Review of Economics & Finance*, 2012, Vol. 22, No. 1, page 1-15
- [1] Is there a risk-return trade-off? Evidences from Chinese stock markets, (with H. Liu and D. Kong), *Frontiers of Economics in China*, 2008, 3(1), 1-23

WORKING IN PROGRESS (EXAMPLES)

ECONOMETRICS

- [1] Your American Dream is Not Mine: A New Approach to Estimating Intergenerational Mobility Elasticity (with Y. An and R. Xiao), rejected and resubmitted to *Journal of Political Economy*
- [2] Hidden Group Patterns in Democracy Developments: Bayesian Inference for Grouped Heterogeneity (with J. Kim), revision requested, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*
- [3] A Bayesian Framework for Growth Empirics: Heterogeneity, High-Dimensional Variable Selection, and Convergence (with J. Kim)
- [4] Measurement of Mobility in the Presence of Heterogeneity (with D. Zhang)

APPLIED MICROECONOMICS

- [5] The Politics of Environmental Enforcement: The Case of the Resource and Conservation Recovery Act (with P. G. Fredriksson), revision requested, *Empirical Economics*
- [6] Empowering Women through Education (with Y. Chen)
- [7] Peer Effects among College Students (with Y. Zhou)
- [8] Human Capital and Economic Growth: A Multiple-Proxy Approach (with D. Henderson, S. D-hongde and R. Xiao)
- [9] Language Environment at Home and Student Achievement (with T. Ransom and J. Gao)
- [10] Merit-Based Scholarship and Female Labor Supply (with A. Sheehan)
- [11] Immigrant Labor Supply: Does Legal Status Matter (with J. Kim and C. Wang)
- [12] SNAP, Diet Quality, and Obesity: Some Answers to "Thorny Questions" (with Susan Chen)

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONOR

- [1] Invited Plenary Session Speaker, 10th International Conference on Human Capital and Labor Markets, Beijing Dec 2018
- [2] Kuznets Prize, Global Labor Organization and *Journal of Population Economics*, 2018
(*given to the best paper published in J Pop Econ in 2017*)
- [3] Outstanding Professor Award, University of New Hampshire, 2013
(*given to one faculty member per year chosen by the graduating class in MA economics*)
- [4] WSBE Outstanding Researcher Award, University of New Hampshire, 2012
(*given to one faculty member of Whittemore School of Business & Economics per year*)
- [5] Outstanding Professor Award, University of New Hampshire, 2011
(*given to one faculty member per year chosen by the graduating class in MA economics*)
- [6] Outstanding Professor Award, University of New Hampshire, 2009
(*given to one faculty member per year chosen by the graduating class in MA economics*)
- [7] Graduate Dean Dissertation Fellowship, SMU, 2005 – 2006
(*given to one Ph.D candidate in economics per year*)
- [7] Southern Economic Association Graduate Student Award, 2005

ADVISING (EXAMPLES)

Ph.D

U of Oklahoma

- [1] Lei He (member; in progress)
- [2] Si Chen (member; in progress; marketing)
- [3] Chen Xu (chair; in progress)
- [4] Zhengang Xu (chair; in progress)
- [5] Cheng Ma (chair; in progress)

U of Alabama

- [1] Alice Sheehan (co-chair, in progress)
- [2] Anne-Charlotte Souto (co-chair, in progress)
- [3] Xinyan Yan (member; completed; Dayton U)
- [4] Christopher Mann (member; completed; U of Nebraska-Lincoln)
- [5] Semhar Michael (member; completed; statistics department)
- [6] Ali Omar A. Jifri (member; completed; management department)
- [7] Rong Zheng (member; completed, statistics department)
- [8] Taylor Larkin (member; completed, interdisciplinary program)

ADVISING (EXAMPLES)

UNH

- [1] Shrawantee (Dora) Saha (member; completed; first job: College of St. Benedict, MN)
- [2] Aliya Sassi (member; completed; first job: Food and Drug Administration)
- [3] Onur Baycan (member; completed; first job: Anadolu University)
- [4] Josh Stillwagon (member; completed; first job: Trinity College)
- [5] Jing Ma (in progress)
- [6] Peter Sullivan (member; completed; University of Puget Sound)
- [7] Olesia Kozlova (member; completed; American University of Paris)
- [8] Jia Gao (member; completed; Union College)

Master

- [1] Onur Baycan (chair; completed; UNH Ph.D)
- [2] Jia Gao (chair; completed; UNH Ph.D)
- [3] Tim Wikert (chair; completed)
- [4] Shuo Wang (chair; completed; Bologna university Ph.D)
- [5] Mike Bedard (chair; completed; Brown University Ph.D; 2012 Bogan Prize winner)
- [6] Ben Brewer (co-chair; completed; 2012 Best MA paper winner)
- [7] Mingyue Zhang (co-chair; completed)

Undergraduate Advising at UA

- [1] Laura Yablecki (Emerging Scholar)
- [2] Siddhartha (Neil) Chakraborti (Faculty Scholar)

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2018 Hunan University, China June 2018
Yunan University, China June 2018
Jinan University, China July 2018

2017 Oklahoma State University, Feb 2017
West Virginia University, April 2017
HIT Shenzhen, China July 2017
U Dayton, Sept 2017
Emory U, Oct 2017
Georgia Tech, Oct 2017
UNLV, Dec 2017

2016 University of Oklahoma, Jan 2016
2015 Jinan University, China, May 2014
2014 Jinan University, China, May 2014

2013 Northern Illinois University, March 2013
The University of Alabama, Jan 2013

2012 Kansas State University, Nov 2012
2012 University of Sherbrooke, Oct 2012
Emory University, Oct 2012
Bowdoin College, April 2012

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2011** Bentley University, Nov 2011
Union College, Oct 2011
University of New Hampshire, Jan & April 2011
- 2010** University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, Oct 2010
University of New Hampshire, April 2010
- 2009** University of New Hampshire, April 2009
- 2008** University of Louisville, Nov 2008
SUNY-Binghamton, Oct 2008
University of Nevada - Las Vegas, April 2008
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Feb 2008
University of New Hampshire, Feb 2008
- 2006** Southern Methodist University, Feb 2006

CONFERENCES

- 2018** 2nd International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta 2018),HK, June 2018
- 2017** Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Hong Kong, June 2017
Southern Economics Association Annual Conferences , Tampa, FL, Nov 2017
- 2015** Chinese Economists Society Annual Meeting,Chongqing, China, June 2015
- 2014** The Society for Economic Measurement Inaugural Conference,Chicago, IL, August 2014
Southern Economics Association Annual Conferences , Atlanta Nov 2014
- 2013** Chinese Economists Society Annual Meeting,Chengdu, China, June 2013
- 2012** American Economic Association Annual Meeting , Chicago, Jan 2012
Chinese Economists Society Annual Meeting, Kaifeng, China, June 2012
Southern Economics Association Annual Conferences , New Orleans Nov 2012
- 2011** American Economic Association Annual Meeting , CO, Jan 2011
Chinese Economists Society Annual Meeting, Beijing, China, June 2011
Southern Economics Association Annual Conferences , DC Nov 2011
- 2010** Midwest International Development Economics Conferences , MN, April 2010
(presenter, invited session chair, and discussant)
Chinese Economists Society Annual Meeting, Xiamen, China, June 2010
Southern Economics Association Annual Conferences , Atlanta Nov 2010
(presenter and invited session chair)
- 2009** Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, DC, Feb 2009 (Discussant only)
Chinese Economists Society Annual Meeting, Guangxi, China, June 2009
Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Boston, May 2009
Southern Economic Association Annual, Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Nov 2009

CONFERENCES

- 2008** Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, DC, Nov 2008
- 2007** Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston
The 14th International Conference on Panel Data, Xiamen, China
Western Economics Association International Annual Conference, Seattle
Minnesota International Development Economics Conference
- 2006** Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, South Carolina
- 2005** Human Capital and Regional Development Intl. Conference, Zhejiang, China
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting
- 2004** The 4th China Economics Annual Conference, Tianjin, China
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor**, Department of Economics, OU, 2016-Present
Ph.D Level: Econometrics I
Masters Level: Statistics for Decision Making (with R for Data Science),
Managerial Economics II (Machine Learning and Causal Inference)
- Instructor**, Department of Economics, Finance, & Legal Studies, UA, 2013-2016
Ph.D Level: Microeconometrics
Masters Level: Economic Analysis and Forecasting, Capstone Project
Undergraduate: Principles of Micro, Computerized Management Info System (Forecasting)
- Instructor**, Department of Economics, UNH, 2008-present
Ph.D Level: Mathematical Economics, Time Series Econometrics, Research Skills
Undergraduate: Principles of Microeconomics
- Instructor**, Department of Economics, SMU, 2006
Undergraduate: Principles of Macroeconomics
- Teaching Assistant**, Department of Economics, SMU, 2002 - 2005
Ph.D Level: Econometrics, Mathematical Statistics
Master Level: Introductory Econometrics, Business and Economics Forecasting
Undergraduate: Labor Economics

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**Invited Referee for:**

China Economic Review [8],
Contemporary Economic Policy,
Econometric Reviews [7],
Economics of Education Review,
Economics of Transition,
Economics Letters,
Education Economics,
Empirical Economics [3],
Frontiers of Economics in China,
Health Economics,
Industrial & Labor Relations Review,
Journal of Applied Econometrics,
Journal of Business & Economic Statistics,
Journal of Comparative Economics [2],
Journal of Development Economics [2],
Journal of Econometrics [2],
Journal of Empirical Finance,
Journal of Labor Research ,
Journal of Population Economics [2],
Journal of Public Economics,
North American Journal of Economics & Finance,
Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics,
Population Studies,
Research in Labor Economics
Southern Economic Journal

Reviewer for: McGraw-Hill/Irwin

External Reviewer for: Tenure cases at Other Universities

University Service:

Member, College Search Committee for Data Scholarship, OU (2018-2019)
Member, Search Committee for Big Data Econometrics, OU (2016-2017)
Member, Ph.D Admission Committee, UA (2014 - 2016)
Member, MA Admission Committee, UA (2013 - 2014)
Faculty Marshall, UNH Graduation Ceremony, (2010 - 2013)
Member, UNH Dissertation Fellowship Committee, UNH (2011 - 2013)
Member, WSBE Scholarship Committee, UNH (2011 - 2013)
Member, Graduate Admission and Financial Aid Committee, UNH (2011 - 2013)
Member, Graduate Program Committee, UNH (2008 - 2011)
Member, Seminar Series Committee, Minnesota Population Center (2007 - 2008)

Other Professional Service:

Member, Best Paper Award Review Committee, Chinese Economists Society, U.S.A., 2015
Member, Best Paper Award Review Committee, China Health Policy and Management Society, U.S.A., 2013
Member, Scientific Committee, European Conference on Health Economics, Switzerland, 2012