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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Household Finance, Chinese Economy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland, 2017-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, 2012 - 2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), 2016 - present
Junior Affiliate, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), 2016 - present
Affiliated Professor, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), 2015 – present
Faculty Associate, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, 2014 - 2016
Faculty Associate, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, 2012 - 2016
Faculty Associate, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan, 2013 - 2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2012
M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Statistics, 2009
M.S. Peking University, Finance, 2006
B.S. Beijing Normal University, Computer Science, 2004

PUBLICATIONS

“Interfirm Relationships and Business Performance”, with Adam Szeidl, 2017. NBER Working Paper 22951. *Accepted, Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

“Do Disaster Experiences and Knowledge Affect Insurance Take-up?” with Changcheng Song. *Journal of Development Economics*, January 2017, 124: 83-94.

“The Impact of Insurance Provision on Household Production and Financial Decisions”, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, May 2016, 8(2): 44-88.

“Industrial Policy and Competition”, with Phillipe Aghion, Mathias Dewatripont, Luosha Du, Ann Harrison, and Patrick Legros, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, October 2015, 7(4): 1-32.

“Social Networks and the Decision to Insure”, with Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, April 2015, 7(2): 81-108.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Impact of Corporate Taxes on Firm Innovation: Evidence from Corporate Tax Collection Reform in China”, with Yuyu Chen and Xuan Wang, *Submitted*.

“Subsidy Policies and Insurance Demand”, with Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet, 2016. NBER Working Paper 22702. *Submitted*.

“Industrial Policy in China: Some Unintended Consequences?” with Ann Harrison, 2015. NBER Working Paper 17532, Policy Research Working Paper Series 5788, The World Bank, *Resubmitted, Industrial and Labor Relations Review*.

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“The Pattern of Protection and Economic Growth: Evidence from Chinese Cities”, with Ann Harrison and Justin Lin, 2015, *Revise and resubmit, Economic Development and Cultural Change*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Optimal Insurance Contract Design When Consumers Exhibit Choice-Set-Dependent Preferences”
“Formal Insurance and Informal Risk-sharing”

“Micro Effects of Financial Deepening”, with Adam Szeidl

“Empowering Workers: Evidence from Auto Manufacturing in China”, with Shing-Yi Wang

PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

“Inflation Rate and Inflation Uncertainty: Regime Switching Analysis for China Monthly Data” (in Chinese).
With Yiming Wang and Liuyan Zhao. *Economic Research Journal*, August 2005.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2018 The Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Research Grant
2017 Sun Yefang Prize (China’s highest award for economists)
2017 Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries Exploratory Research Grant
2016 Michigan Institute for Teaching and Research in Economics Faculty Research Award
2016 Chinese Studies Center Faculty Research Award (University of Michigan)
2015 Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries Exploratory Research Grant
2015 The University of Michigan Office of Research Faculty Research Award
2015 The University of Michigan Population Studies Center Research Grant
2015 Michigan Institute for Teaching and Research in Economics Faculty Research Award
2014 Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries Major Research Grant
2014 The Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Research Grant
2014 Competitive Research Fund on Entrepreneurship and Small & Medium Enterprise Growth
2014 Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries Exploratory Research Grant
2014 The University of Michigan Office of Research Faculty Research Award
2013 Award For Faculty Research in International Business (University of Michigan)
2013 Chinese Studies Center Faculty Research Award (University of Michigan)
2013 Michigan Institute for Teaching and Research in Economics Faculty Research Award
2010 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) Grant
2010 Microinsurance Innovation Facility Research Grant
2009 Institute of Business and Economic Research and Center for Chinese Studies of UC Berkeley, Summer Research Grant

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Short Term Consultant, the World Bank, June 2010 - Oct. 2010, June 2012 – June 2013
External Grant Reviewer, DIME, the World Bank, 2014-2016
NSF Panel Reviewer, 2016

TEACHING

Development Economics (undergraduate): Fall 2013, Fall 2014
The Economy of China: Winter 2013, Fall 2013, Fall 2014
Economics Undergraduate Research Seminar, Fall 2016
Development Economics (graduate): Spring 2018

PRESENTATIONS

2019: New York University Shanghai (scheduled), Paris School of Economics (scheduled), Aix-Marseille School of Economics (scheduled), University of Namur (scheduled)

2018: Conference on Firms, Trade, and Development (Stanford, scheduled), Northwestern University (scheduled), Iowa State University (scheduled), Firms in Emerging Economics workshop (Jinan University), Workshop on Firms in Development (Cambridge University), BREAD pre-conference (Columbia University), George Mason University (ICES)

2017: World Bank Competitiveness Policy Evaluation Workshop, Georgetown University (Economics), University of Zurich, Washington Area Development Economics Symposium, IMF-Atlanta Fed Research Workshop on Chinese Economy (Discussant), Peking University (National School of Development), Workshop on Chinese Firm-level Data (Wharton China Center), World Bank (DECRG), China India Insights Conference (NYU), George Mason University (Schar), Georgetown University (McDonough), University of Toronto, Joint NBER Development/BREAD pre-conference

2016: Yale University, Columbia University, Conference on Advances in Field Experiments (University of Chicago), Duke University, Johns Hopkins University (Carey School of Business), China Summer Institute (HKUST), NBER Household Finance Group Meeting, Workshop on Chinese Firm-level Data (Wharton China Center), Renmin University, Fudan University, International Growth Center Annual Conference, NSF Conference on Network Science in Economics, Becker Friedman Institute Conference on Firm Dynamics and the Aggregate Economy, Financial Education Institute Conference, PEDL Annual Research Conference, the Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society, NBER Productivity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Program Meeting, University of Maryland, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2015: NSF Network Science in Economics Conference, NBER/BREAD Development meeting, Workshop on Microenterprise and SME growth (University of Michigan), Stanford University, Small and Medium Enterprise Initiative Working Group Meeting, Midwest Development Day, Chinese University of Hong Kong

2014: Symposium on Economic Experiments in Development Countries, Western Michigan University, University of Maryland, NEUDC, ESA North America Conference, American Economic Association Annual Meeting, PACDEV, University of Michigan (Ross), Econometrics Society China meeting, American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting

2013: NBER Chinese Economy meeting, Harvard/MIT, Midwest Development Economics Conference, North Carolina State University, PACDEV, University of Michigan (CCS, School of Information), University of Pennsylvania (Wharton), Federal Reserve Board – GWU joint seminar, Annual Bank Conference of Development Economics, NBER Development Group Workshop, FERDI workshop on Flexible Financial Products, Budapest-Essex Networks Meeting, Econometrics Society China meeting

2012: BREAD Fed joint conference, Cheung Kong GSB, China Summer Institute, G2 conference, George Washington University, IMPAQ, NBER household finance workshop, NBER universities' research conference, NEUDC 2012, Rand Corporation, Rutgers, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Stanford University (GSB), University of British Columbia (Sauder), UCLA (Anderson), University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign (Finance), University of Michigan (Economics, School of Information)

2011 and before: Development Economics Seminar, UC Berkeley; NEUDC 2011, Yale University; Poverty and Applied Micro Seminar, the World Bank; ARE Departmental Seminar, UC Berkeley; EconCon 2011, New York University; 86th Annual Conference of the WEAI, San Diego, CA; Development Economics Seminar, UC Davis. PACDEV 2011, UC Berkeley; 6th International Microinsurance Conference, Manila, Philippines; New Product Research in Microfinance, University of California, San Diego, CA.

REFEREE

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Finance, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Risk and Insurance, Management Science, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Bank Economic Review

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OTHER INFORMATION:

Affiliations: American Economic Association
Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent)