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Current Position

Senior Lecturer of Economics, Victoria University of Wellington	from 2024
Lecturer (Assistant Professor) of Economics, Victoria University of Wellington	2016-2023

Research Interests

Macroeconomics, Growth and Development, Health Economics, Labor Economics

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Washington University in St. Louis	2016
Dissertation Committee: Ping Wang, Costas Azariadis, Rodolfo Manuelli, Yongseok Shin, David Wiczer	
M.A. in Economics, Peking University	2011
M.A. in Finance <i>with Distinction</i> , The University of Hong Kong	2011
B.E. in Microelectronics, Shanghai Jiao Tong University	2008

Publications

"COVID-19 and Long-Term Economic Growth", with Jinji Hao and Harry Gregg, *Australian Economic Review* 56 (2023), 221-237.

"Fertility and HIV Risk in Africa", *Review of Economic Dynamics* 45 (2022), 109-133.

"Does Higher Education Expansion Enhance Productivity?", *Journal of Macroeconomics* 59 (2019): 169-194.

"Portfolio Allocation for Sovereign Wealth Funds in the Shadow of Commodity-Based National Wealth", with Christopher Balding, *International Finance Review* 12 (2011), 293-312

Working Papers

"Power of Personalized Smoking Cessation: A Quantitative Lifecycle Framework for Policy Evaluation", with Li-Shiun Chen and Ping Wang, *R&R at Quantitative Economics*
(Previous title: "Smoking, Health Capital, and Policy Evaluations", *NBER Working Paper No. 23820*)

"Health, Gender Division of Labor, and Productivity", *submitted*

"Education Policy, Human Capital and Structural Transformation", with Terry Cheung, *submitted*

"Aging, Diseases, and Great Dispersion of Wealth Distribution", with Ping Wang and Hoipan Wong

Conference and Seminar Presentations

Macro Development Workshop, Melbourne, Australia	July 2023
Department of Economics Seminar, The University of Auckland, New Zealand	July 2022
The SAET Conference, Canberra, Australia	July 2022
Econometric Society Australasia Meeting, Brisbane, Australia	July 2022
Econometric Society Asia Meeting, Shenzhen, China	June 2022
SEF Brown Bag Seminar, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand	May 2022
SEF Staff Symposium, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand	February 2021
Workshop of the Australasian Macroeconomics Society, Queenstown, New Zealand	November 2018
The SAET Conference, Taipei, Taiwan	June 2018
ASSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, USA	January 2018
Midwest Macroeconomic Meetings, Pittsburgh, USA	November 2017
Macro Study Group Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis, USA	November 2017
Department of Economics Seminar, The University of Auckland, New Zealand	August 2017
Department of Economics Seminar, The University of Otago, New Zealand	August 2017
North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, St. Louis, USA	June 2017
Health and Development Conference, Taipei, Taiwan	June 2017
8 th International Symposium on Human Capital and Labor Markets, Beijing, China	December 2016
Workshop of the Australasian Macroeconomics Society, Brisbane, Australia	August 2016
European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, Milan, Italy	December 2015
Macroeconomics Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis, USA	October 2015
Washington University in St. Louis Graduate Student Conference, USA	October 2015, 2014
Macro Study Group Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis, USA	April & October 2015
World Congress of the Econometric Society, Montreal, Canada	August 2015
Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, USA	March 2015
China Meeting of the Econometric Society, Xiamen, China	June 2014
Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, USA	March 2011

Teaching

Instructor:

Victoria University of Wellington

Econ 202: Open-economy Macroeconomics (undergraduate)	2021-2022
Econ 212: Macroeconomics: Growth, Stability and Crises (undergraduate)	2017-2020
Econ 350: Special Topic: Development Economics (undergraduate)	2017-2023
Econ 402: Advanced Macroeconomic Theory A (graduate)	2018-2022

Teaching Assistant:

Washington University in St. Louis

Undergraduate courses:

"Topics in Growth and Development," Ping Wang and Chang-Tai Hsieh	Spring 2015
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"Economic Growth," Yongseok Shin	Spring 2015
"Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory," Costas Azariadis	Fall 2014
"Topics in Growth and Development," Ping Wang and Thomas Holmes	Spring 2014
"Capital Market Imperfections and Entrepreneurial Finance," Bruce Petersen	Fall 2013
"Introduction to Macroeconomics," Steven Fazzari	Spring 2013
<i>Graduate course:</i>	
"Quantitative Methods in Economics I (first-year PhD course)," John Nachbar	Fall 2012

Refereeing

Review of Economic Dynamics, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Growth, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Regional Science and Urban Economics

Fellowships/Scholarships

Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis	2015-2016
Graduate School Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis	2011-2015
Summer Research Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis	2013-2015
Leo KoGuan Scholarship, Peking University	2010
Graduate School Scholarship, Peking University	2008-2009
Dean's Honor List, The University of Hong Kong	2009-2010
First Class Scholarship, Shanghai Jiao Tong University	2006
University Scholarships, Shanghai Jiao Tong University	2005-2007