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Current Position

Assistant Professor of Economics *July 2020 - present*
HKU Business School, University of Hong Kong

Education

Ph.D. in economics *June 2020*
Thesis advisors: Tim Kehoe, Manuel Amador, Loukas Karabarbounis, Jonathan Heathcote
University of Minnesota

B.S. in economics and B.A. in mathematics *May 2014*
with highest distinction
University of Minnesota

Previous Positions

Research Analyst *2017-2020*
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Instructor *2016-2017*
Department of Economics, University of Minnesota

Research Interests

Macroeconomics, Heterogeneous Agents, Firm Dynamics, Inequality

Working Papers

Intangibles, Concentration, and the Labor Share, 2021
Personal Income Taxation and Entrepreneurship, with Han Gao, 2022
Understanding the Secular Decline in New Business Creation, with Shijun Gu, 2020

Working in Progress

More unequal we stand? Inequality in the United States from the Great Recession to the Covid pandemic, with Jonathan Heathcote, Fabrizio Perri, Gianluca Violante, 2022

Presentations

2022: North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society at Miami FL (Scheduled), SED at Madison WI (Scheduled)*, Econometric Society Australasia Meeting (Scheduled), Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society in East and South-East Asia at Tokyo (Scheduled)

2021: AEA, SED at Minneapolis MN, China Meeting of the Econometric Society, HKU Macro Brownbag, Virtual East Asia Macroeconomics Seminar (VEAMS), University of Arkansas, HK Junior Macro Group Meetings

2020: European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, EEA Congress, CUHK-Shenzhen, HKUST, Miami University, National University of Singapore, Peking University-PHBS, University of Auckland, University of Hong Kong

2019: Minnesota-Wisconsin International/Macro Graduate Student Workshop (UW-Madison)

*presented by coauthor(s)

Referee Activities

Review of Economic Dynamics ($\times 4$), *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*

Honors and Research Grants

PI, General Research Fund 2021-2023

Project Number: 17502721

Hong Kong Research Grants Council

Seed Fund for Basic Research 2020-2022

University of Hong Kong

Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award 2016

Department of Economics, University of Minnesota

Distinguished Instructor Award 2016

Department of Economics, University of Minnesota

Department Fellowship 2014-2015

Department of Economics, University of Minnesota

Phi Beta Kappa 2014

The Winnifred Fable and George F. Stockman Scholarship 2013-2014

Department of Economics, University of Minnesota

Teaching

HKU Business School, University of Hong Kong

- Intermediate Macroeconomics, Fall 2020
- Inequality and Growth, Spring 2022
- Quantitative Macroeconomics (PhD-level), Spring 2022

Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, 2015-2017

- Instructor: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics
- Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Econometrics, Principles of Econometrics

Department Services

- Junior Recruiting Committee (Macro), 2020-
- Macro Seminar Coordinator, 2021-
- Master of Economics Admissions Committee, 2021-