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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position

2013 – Present Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Connecticut

Other Professional Experience

Dec/2014 Visiting scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Dec/2014–Jan/2015 Visiting scholar, Renmin University of China

Dec/2012 Short-term visitor, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

2010 – 2013 Assistant Professor of Finance (DAN Management), University of Western Ontario

2010 – 2013 Research Affiliate, Western-CIGI-BRIC-Ontario Project

2009-2010 Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario

2006-2010 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario

Research Interests

Macroeconomics, Growth/Development, Public Policy

Education

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Year</i>
Ph.D.	Economics	University of Western Ontario, Canada	2011
		Dissertation Advisor: Elizabeth (Betsy) Caucutt	
M.A.	Economics	Dalhousie University, Canada	2005
B.A.	Finance	UIBE, China	2003

Publications

- 1) “Health Spending and Public Pension: Evidence from Panel Data”, *Applied Economics*, 2015. (Co-authored with Yonghong An and Rong Zhou)
- 2) “The Impact of the Correlation between Health Expenditure and Survival Probability on the Demand for Insurance”, *European Economic Review*, Volume 75, April 2015. (Sole-authored)
- 3) “Social Security and the Rise in Health Spending”, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, Volume 64, May 2014. (Sole-authored)
- 4) “War Finance and the Baby Boom”, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, Volume 17(3), July 2014. (Sole-authored)
- 5) “Home Production and the Welfare Cost of Labor Supply Tax Distortions”, *Applied Economics Letters*, Volume 20, Issue 1, 2013. (Co-authored with John Whalley)
- 6) “Social Security, Differential Fertility, and the Dynamics of the Earnings Distribution”, *The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics*, 11(1), 2011. (Sole-authored)

Work Papers

- 7) “Social Insurance, Private Health Insurance and Individual Welfare”. *R&R*
- 8) “Employment-based Health Insurance and Aggregate Labor Supply”. (with Zhigang Feng) *under review*
- 9) “The Chinese Savings Rate: Productivity, Old-Age Support, and Demographics”. (with Ayşe İmrohoroğlu)
- 10) “Accounting for the Trends in Aggregate Hours Worked”. *in progress*
- 11) “Personal Bankruptcy and Health Care Reform”. (with Wenli Li) *in progress*
- 12) “Population Control and Public Education in a Model with the Quality-Quantity Trade-off of Children”. (with X. Liu and W. Sun) *in progress*

Honors and Awards

Sandra and Evan Roklen Fund (UConn), 2015

Scholarship Facilitation Fund (UConn), 2015

T. Merritt Brown Thesis Prize for *best* doctoral dissertation in Economics (UWO), 2011

SSHRC Internal Travel Grant, Summer 2011

Dancap Private Equity Faculty Research Award, 2011, 2012, 2013

Graduate Thesis Research Award (UWO), 2008-2009, 2009-2010

Third Year Graduate Paper Award (UWO) (*best* paper by a third year PhD student), 2007-2008

Invited Seminar Presentations

2015: Vanderbilt University, SUNY Albany, GRIPS (Tokyo), University of Tokyo, SHUFE, Beijing Normal University, Renmin University of China, Zhejiang University, Manhattan College

2014: Kansas State University, HKUST, Hunter College-CUNY, Peking University (Guanghua)

2010-2013: York University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, University of Macau, McGill University, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, University of Western Ontario, UPEI, Fudan University, SHUFE, Zhejiang University

Conference Presentations (*: presented by coauthor)

The 40th Annual Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Fall Conference, St Louis, 2015.*

Harvard Workshop on the Macroeconomics of Population Aging, Boston, 2015.*

American Economic Association (AEA) *Annual Meeting*, Boston, 2015.*

North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, 2008, 2011, 2014.

The Summer Workshop of the Quantitative Society for Pensions and Saving, 2011, 2013, 2014.

5th GRIPS International Conference of Macroeconomics and Policy, Tokyo, 2013.

Society of Economic Dynamics *Annual Meeting*, 2009, 2011, 2013.

Midwest Macroeconomics *Annual Meeting*, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013.

Canadian Economic Association *Annual Meeting*, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013.

World Congress of the International Economics Association, Beijing, July 2011.

Midwest Economics Association *Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, March 2011

Eastern Economics Association *Annual Meeting*, New York City, Feb 2011

Mondragone-La Pietra-Moncalieri (**MOOD**) Doctoral Workshop, Turin, Italy, June 2009

Canadian Health Economics Study Group *Annual Meeting*, Waterloo, Canada, May 2009

Refereeing

Journal of Monetary Economics

European Economic Review (2)

Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control (3)

Economic Inquiry (2)

International Tax and Public Finance

Macroeconomic Dynamics

China Economic Review (2)

National Tax Journal

Economic Record

PhD Student Supervision

Department of Economics, University of Connecticut

Aaron Cooke Main Advisor, 2018 (expected)

Fei Zou Main Advisor, 2018 (expected)

Weiran Huang, Associate Advisor, 2014(Placement: Department of Finance, NYC)

Lisi Shi, Associate Advisor, 2015(Placement: Zhongnan Univ. of Economics and Law, China)

Wei Wang, Associate Advisor, 2015(Placement: Southwestern Univ. of Finance and Economics, China)

Chao Zheng, Associate Advisor, 2017 (expected)

Teaching Experience

University of Connecticut

Macroeconomics (MA)

Macroeconomic Theory II (PhD Core)

Intermediate Macroeconomics

University of Western Ontario

Corporate Finance

Economics of Financial Markets and Institutions

Intermediate Macroeconomics I&II

Teaching Interests

Graduate: Macroeconomics, Growth/Macro Development, Public Economics, Computational Economics

Undergraduate: Macroeconomics, Growth/Macro Development, Public Economics

Skills

Language: English (Proficient), Chinese (Native).

Programming: Fortran, Matlab, Stata.

Affiliations

American Economic Association, Canadian Economic Association

Administrative Duties

University of Connecticut

Coordinator, Macro/Money Workshop, 2013-present

Graduate Program Committee, 2013-present

Macro Search Committee, 2015

University of Western Ontario

Advisory Committee, 2011-2012

Dancap Private Equity Student Awards Committee, 2011-2012

Dancap Private Equity Faculty Research Committee, 2011-2013

Workload Committee, 2012-2013

Faculty representative to the Faculty of Science councils, 2010 -2013

References upon request