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Employment

Assistant Professor of Economics and International Studies, Boston College, 07/2011-present
External Fellow, Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy, University of Nottingham, 05/2012-present

Education

Ph.D., University of Colorado at Boulder, 2011.
Graduate Classes, CCER, Peking University, China, 2005.
B.A., First Class Honors, Chu Kochen Honors College, Zhejiang University, China, 2004.

Publications

“The Production Life Cycle.” (with Yibei Liu) *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, forthcoming.
“Fixed Export Costs and Firm-level Export Behavior.” (with Luis Castro, Keith Maskus, and Yiqing Xie) *Southern Economic Journal*, 2016, 83(1): 300-320.
“The Economics of Nationalism.” (with Xiaohuan Lan) *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2015, 7(2): 294-325.
“Shanghai’s Trade, China’s Growth.” (with Wolfgang Keller and Carol Shiue) *IMF Economic Review*, 2013, 61(2): 336-378.
“China’s Foreign Trade: Perspectives from the Past 150 Years.” (with Wolfgang Keller and Carol Shiue) *The World Economy*, 2011, 34: 853-892.
“Multinational Production and Choice of Technologies.” *Economics Letters*, 2010, 108(2): 181-183.
“The Effect of Potential Foreign Entry in the Banking Sector.” (with Jie Mao) *Economics Bulletin*, 2009, 29(1): 141-149.
“Geographic Concentration and Vertical Disintegration: Evidence from China.” (with Yi Lu) *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2009, 65(3): 294-304.

Working Papers

“Lexicographic Bias in International Trade.” (with Cui Hu and Hua Cheng)
“Goods vs. Territories: A Tale of Two Gravities.” (with Jason Bowman and Xiaoping Chen)
“Borders, Trade, and Political Geography.” (with Penglong Zhang)
“Contract-Intensive International Trade.” (with Zhihong Yu and Xufei Zhang) *R&R, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*.
“You, Me, and China: Evidence from Air Traffic Flows.” (with Zheng Wang)
“The Production Economics of the Economics Production.” (with Yushan Hu) *R&R, Journal of Economics & Management Strategy*
“Author Order and Research Productivity.” (with Ang Li)

Work in Progress

“Trust and the Dynamics of Firm Boundaries.” (with Thibault Fally and Sooyoung Lee)

“Gravity and Gravitational Force.” (with Gian Caspari)

“Light Dispels Darkness.” (with Leonardo Baccini and Yushan Hu)

Book Chapters

“The Evolution of Domestic Trade Flows when Foreign Trade is Liberalized: Evidence from the Chinese Maritime Customs Service,” (with Wolfgang Keller and Carol Shiue) in *Institutions and Comparative Economic Development*, Masahiko Aoki, Timur Kuran and Gerard Roland (eds.), New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, pp. 152-172.

Seminars and Conferences

2018 Asia Pacific Trade Seminars (Hong Kong), University of Hawaii, Deakin Business School (Australia), University of Alberta (Canada), Mississippi State University.

2017 Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference, Econometric Society Asian Meeting, Asia Pacific Trade Seminars (Vietnam), Second CCER Summer Institute.

2016 NUS (Singapore), NTU (Singapore), SMU (Singapore), Midwest International Economics Group (Rochester & Purdue), DIGIT (UK), UIBE (China).

2015 Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Fudan University (China).

2014 NBER Summer Institute, Midwest International Economics Group (IUPUI), Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference, UMass, Columbia-Tsinghua International Economics Conference, Lipsey Memorial Trade and FDI Sessions (Denver), Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare.

2013 AEA, TIGN (Argentina), Kobe University (Japan), SWUFE (China), Econometric Society China Meeting, BGIE (Harvard, discussant).

2012 NBER ITI Fall Meeting, University of Nottingham, University of Oxford, Stockholm University, Shandong University (China), Penn State-Tsinghua Conference on “China and the World Economy.”

2011 & earlier Purdue, UT Austin, Boston College, Monash University, NBER Summer Institute (participant), Midwest International Economics Group (Vanderbilt, Penn State), Paris School of Economics, ETH Zurich, University of Mannheim, Graduate Institute Geneva, ETSG (Lausanne), European Economic Association (Glasgow), Western Economic Association (Portland), Canadian Economic Association (Quebec), University of Colorado.

Teaching Experience

Boston College (2012-present):

International Trade (graduate and undergraduate)

Microeconomic Theory (undergraduate)

University of Colorado at Boulder (2011 & earlier):

Macroeconomic Theory (undergraduate)

Fellowships and Awards

Research Incentive Grant, Boston College, 2012.

The Chair Jacquemin Award (sole winner), European Trade Study Group, 2010.

Reuben A. Zubrow Fellowship, Morris E. Garnsey Fellowship, CAS Special Fellowship, Graduate Fellowship, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2005-2010.

First Class Academic Fellowship, Excellent Leadership Award, Zhejiang University, 2001-2004.

University and Department Services

Advisory board member, International Studies Program, Boston College, 2011-present.

International trade seminar organizer, Boston College, 2013-present.

Ph.D. thesis committee: Penglong Zhang (Tsinghua University, 2018), Laura Bonacorsi (Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, 2017), Xiaoping Chen (Nanyang Technological University, 2013).

Undergraduate adviser (economics & international studies majors), Boston College, 2011-present.

Personal Information

Married, one daughter (4-yrs old), Chinese citizen, U.S. permanent resident.

References: (available upon request)