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POSITION

2015 - Present Assistant Professor of Economics, Michigan State University

EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, College Park
2009 M.A. Economics, Peking University
2006 B.S. Mechanical Engineering, B.A. Economics, Peking University

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Primary Labor Economics, Urban Economics
Secondary Development Economics, Applied Econometrics

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Incomplete Disclosure: Evidence of Signaling and Countersignaling," with Ben Bederson, Ginger Zhe Jin, Phillip Leslie, and Alex Quinn, forthcoming, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*.
2. "The Effect of Aid on Growth: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment," with Sebastian Galiani, Stephen Knack and L. Colin Xu, *Journal of Economic Growth*. 22 (1): 1-33, Mar 2017.
3. "Business Cycles and Divorce: Evidence from Microdata," with Judith K. Hellerstein and Melinda Sandler Morrill, *Economics Letters*, 188: pp. 68-70. 2013.

WORKING PAPERS

1. "The Local Economic Impacts of Military Personnel Contractions in the 1990s," Jun 2016. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Labor Economics*.
2. "The Alibaba Effect: Spatial Consumption Inequality and the Welfare Gains from e-Commerce," (with Jingting Fan, Lixin Tang, and Weiming Zhu), Nov 2016. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of International Economics*.
3. "Industrializing from Scratch: the Persistent Effects of China's 'Third Front Movement'," (with Jingting Fan), Oct 2015.
4. "Interactions among Donors' Aid Allocations, Evidence from an Exogenous World Bank Income Threshold," (with Stephen Knack and L. Colin Xu), Jun 2014.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Prof. Ginger Zhe Jin, University of Maryland, Spring 2012-Spring 2014
Research Assistant to Prof. Judith K. Hellerstein, University of Maryland, Spring-Fall 2011
Consultant, World Bank, Summer 2011, 2012; Winter 2012
Research Assistant to Prof. Yaohui Zhao, CHARLS, Peking University, 2008-2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University

Analysis of Labor Markets (Undergraduate), Spring 2016, Spring 2017.

Labor Economics I (Ph.D.), Spring 2016, Fall 2016.

University of Maryland, College Park

Methods and Tools of Economic Analysis (Undergraduate), Summer 2011.

Masters Program in Applied Economics, Winter and Spring 2015 (Teaching Assistant).

Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate), Fall 2010 (Teaching Assistant).

Peking University

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Fall 2007 (Teaching Assistant).

Development Economics, Spring 2007 (Teaching Assistant).

AWARDS

2014 Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Workshop

2014 The Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship, University of Maryland

2013 U.S. Department of Labor ETA Research Papers Program

2010-2014 Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland

2009-2010 Graduate Fellowship, University of Maryland

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

*Scheduled presentations marked with **

2017 Econometric Society Asian Meeting*, Fudan University*.

2016 AEA Annual Meeting, Econometric Society Winter Meeting, UM/MSU/UWO Labo(u)r Day, NBER Chinese Economy Meeting, Econometric Society North America Summer Meeting, NBER Summer Institute (PRIT group), NEUDC.

2015 University of Chicago Harris School, Cornerstone, Michigan State University, NEUDC, UEA, NARSC.

2014 & earlier U.S. Department of Labor (DoL), SOLE, WEAI Graduate Student Workshop, UEA, the Chinese Economist Society (CES) North America Conference, Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meetings, ISNIE.

REFEREE SERVICES

Canadian Journal of Economics, China Quarterly, Economics Letters, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (X2), Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Growth (X2), Journal of Human Resources (X4), Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics (X2), Oxford Economic Papers, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Organizations

INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

2016 [VoxEU](#), [IGC Blog](#), [NBER Digest](#), [Chicago Policy Review](#)

2015 [Listen Up, Lansing](#)

2014 [The Economist](#)