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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of California, San Diego, 2019
Mphil Economics, University of Oxford, 2013
B.B.A. Global Business and Economics (Minor in Math), HKUST, 2011

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Santa Clara University, January 2020 to present
Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley, January 2025 to May 2025

Research Interests

Environmental, Urban, Trade, Development

Publications

“Expecting Floods: Firm Entry, Employment, and Aggregate Implications”, with Ruixue Jia and Xiao Ma, forthcoming, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*

“Investor Origin and Deforestation: Evidence from Global Mining Sites”, with Wei You and Ran Goldblatt, accepted, *Review of Economics and Statistics*

“Do Resource Rents Drive Urbanization and Structural Transformation? A Global Analysis”, with Qing Huang and Wei You, 2026, *Journal of Development Economics*, vol.180, 103709

“Labor Market Adjustment under Extreme Heat Shocks: Evidence from Brazil”, 2024, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, vol.222: 266-283.

“Heterogeneous Firms under Regional Temperature Shocks: Exit and Reallocation, with Evidence from Indonesia”, 2024, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol.72(2): 659-690

Working Papers

“Do Information and Communication Technologies Empower Female Workers? Evidence from Vietnam”, with Heiwai Tang, Yao Wang and Natalie Chun, Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Public Economics*

“Extreme Weather and Low-Income Household Finance: Evidence from Payday Loans”, with Shihan Xie and Xu Zhang, Revise and Resubmit, *Nature Communications*

“Place-based Green Industrial Policies and Labor Market Expectations”, with Shihan Xie and Xu Zhang

Selected Research in Progress

“Lithium Mining, Water Access and Environmental Externalities”, with Clark Lundberg

Presentations

2026 UC Santa Cruz

2025 ASSA (San Francisco): discussant × 2, Syracuse University, UC Berkeley (Development Lunch Talk), UEA (Montreal)

2024 8th Urbanization and Poverty Reduction Research Conference (World Bank), PacDev (Stanford), AERE Summer Conference (D.C.) , 7th Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Research Conference* (D.C.), National Energy Assistance Directors Association Spring Meeting (Virtual), Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference (Banff), CES China Conference (Hangzhou), China International Conference in Macroeconomics (Hong Kong), UEA (D.C.)

2023 Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Center for Economic Studies Seminar - US Census Bureau, Washington State University, UCSD Economics Alumni Conference, CCER Summer Institute, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, San Francisco Fed Research Department Seminar, All California Labor Economics Conference

2022 ASSA Annual Meetings, Virtual Seminar on Climate Economics - San Francisco Fed, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, Housing & Urban, 23rd Annual CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, UC San Diego Environmental Seminar, 29th Annual Empirical Investigations in International Trade Conference

Before 2021 OSWEET, Urban Economics Association North American Meetings, AERE Summer, ASSA, IMF Research Department, 12th All-CA Labor Economics Conference (Poster), WEAI

Grants and Awards

NBER Household Finance Small Grant (\$15,000), with Shihan Xie and Xu Zhang, 2023-2024 Sustainability Research Grant, University Research Grant, Leavey Research Grant, SCU, 2021-2024 Graduate Student Research Grant, UCSD Economics and UCSD IR/PS, 2014-2017 HKSAR Government Scholarship, University Scholarship, 2007-2011

Professional Services

Referee: *China Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Empirical Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, European Economic Review, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, Management Science, Pacific Economic Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, National Science Foundation*

Media

Politico Pro, CBC Radio, Forbes, the Guardian, ABC7, CalMatters

Teaching

Instructor, Santa Clara University

Introduction to Macroeconomics (Macroeconomics and Sustainability)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, UCSD Economics Department and Global Policy School

Economics of the Environment, International Economics, Economics of Globalization

Other Information

Skills: Stata, Matlab, Python, ArcGIS, Google Earth Engine

Languages: English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native), Korean (Basic)