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Education

- University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Ph.D. in Economics, October 2007
M.A. in Economics, August 2003
- State University of New York at Buffalo, Amherst, NY
B.A. in Economics, May 2001
B.S. in Applied Mathematics, May 2001

Positions Held

- Research Economist and Associate Policy Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, April 2015–present.
- Visiting Scholar, Emory University, January 2015–present.
- Research Economist and Assistant Policy Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, August 2010–March 2015.
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario, July 2010–July 2013.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario, July 2006–July 2010.
- Long-term Visitor, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, August 2009–November 2009.

Research

- “Old, Frail, and Uninsured: Accounting for Puzzles in the U.S. Long-term Care Insurance Market.” Joint with R. Anton Braun and Tatyana Koreshkova. January 2017. Working paper (submitted).

- “Old, Sick, Alone and Poor: A Welfare Analysis of Old-Age Social Insurance Programs.” Joint with R. Anton Braun and Tatyana Koreshkova. *Review of Economic Studies* 84 (2017), pp. 580–612.
- “The Impact of Medical and Nursing Home Expenses on Savings.” Joint with Tatyana Koreshkova. *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 6 (2014), pp. 29–72.
- “Measuring the Welfare Gain from Personal Computers.” Joint with Jeremy Greenwood. *Economic Inquiry* 51 (2013), pp. 336–347.
- “The Trend in Retirement.” *International Economic Review* 52 (2011), pp. 287–316.
- “Finite State Markov-Chain Approximations to Highly Persistent Processes.” Joint with Richard M. H. Suen. *Review of Economic Dynamics* 13 (2010), pp. 701–714.
- “A Quantitative Analysis of Suburbanization and the Diffusion of the Automobile.” Joint with Richard M. H. Suen. *International Economic Review* 51 (2010), pp. 1003–1037.
- “A Situation in Which a Local Nontoxic Refuge Promotes Pest Resistance to Toxic Crops.” Joint with Jemal Mohammed-Awel and John Ringland. *Theoretical Population Biology* 71 (2007), 131–146.

Conference Presentations

- QSPS Summer Workshop, May 2017, Utah State University, Logan, Utah.
- GCER/Cemmap Applied Micro Conference, May 2017, Georgetown University, Washington DC.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2016, Annual Meetings, Toulouse.
- Aging and Adverse Selection Workshop, April 2016, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta.
- Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting, June 2014, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
- Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop, April 2014, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Minnesota Workshop in Macroeconomic Theory, August 2013, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2013, Annual Meetings, Seoul.
- CIGS Conference on Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, June 2013, Tokyo, Japan.
- QSPS Summer Workshop, May 2013, Utah State University, Logan, Utah.
- Fall Midwest Macro Meetings, November 2012, University of Colorado at Boulder.

- Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance, March 2012, Conference on Health and Mortality, University of California at Santa Barbara.
- University of Rochester, October 2010, Stockman Conference, Rochester.
- Midwest Economic Association Meetings, March 2010, Evanston.
- Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance, October 2009, Conference on Health and the Macroeconomy, University of California at Santa Barbara.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2009, Annual Meetings, Istanbul.
- Canadian Macro Study Group, November 2008, Annual Meetings, Toronto.
- University of Rochester, October 2008, Wegman's Conference, Rochester.
- University of Kiel, September 2008, Conference on Income Distribution and the Family, Kiel.
- National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, July 2008, Conference on Research in Income and Wealth, Cambridge.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2008, Annual Meetings, Cambridge.
- Midwest Macro Meetings, May 2008, Philadelphia.
- University of Rochester, October 2007, Wegman's Conference, Rochester.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2006, Annual Meetings, Vancouver.
- Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance, June 2006, Housing Workshop, University of California at Santa Barbara.
- Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, May 2006, St. Louis.
- Bank of Canada, April 2006, Labour Supply and Productivity Life Cycle Workshop, Ottawa.
- Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, August 2005, Summer Workshop on "The Nexus between Household Economics and the Macro Economy", Stanford.
- National Bureau of Economic Research, March 2005, Urban Economics Working Group Meeting, Cambridge.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2004, Annual Meetings, Florence.

Seminar Presentations

- Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, April 2017.

- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, March 2017.
- McGill University, February 2017.
- Indiana University, September 2014
- University of Pennsylvania, December 2013.
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, September 2013.
- University of California at San Diego, May 2012.
- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, March 2010.
- Queen's University, March 2010.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, January 2010.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, August 2009.
- University of Wisconsin - Madison, March 2009.
- Wharton, December 2008.
- Concordia University, May 2007 and April 2008.
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, March 2007.
- University of Guelph, December 2006.
- York University, November 2006.
- University of Texas at San Antonio, April 2006.
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, April 2006.
- Cornell University, March 2006.
- University of Western Ontario, March 2006.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, March 2006.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, March 2006.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, February 2006.
- University of California at Santa Barbara, January 2006.
- Purdue University, January 2006.
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, January 2006.
- Stanford University, January 2006.
- University of Rochester, October 2005.

Discussions

- “Work Incentives of Medicaid Beneficiaries and the role of Asset Testing,” by Svetlana Pashchenko and Ponpoje Porapakarm. Philadelphia Macro Workshop, April 2015.
- “Is There ‘Too Much’ Inequality in Health Spending Across Income Groups?,” by Ales, Hosseini, and Jones. Canadian Macro Study Group, November 2013.
- “It’s Not Me, It’s You: Social Skills and Human Capital in the Labor and Marriage Market,” by Kambourov, Siow and Turner. CIREQ Macroeconomics Conference, April 2013.
- “Incidental Bequests: Bequest motives and the Choice to Self-Insure Late-Life Risks,” by Lee Lockwood. AEA Annual Meetings, January 2013.
- “The Role of Automatic Stabilizers in the U.S. Business Cycle,” by Alisdair McKay and Ricardo Reis. NBER workshop on Methods and Applications for DSGE Models, October 2012.
- “The Young, the Old, and the Restless: Demographics and Business Cycle Volatility,” by Henry Siu and Nir Jaimovich. Canadian Macro Study Group, November 2006.

Review and Editorial Work

- Referee: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Theory, European Economic Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Quantitative Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, The B.E. Journals of Macroeconomics.*

Teaching Experience

- Assistant Professor, Economics Department, University of Western Ontario, 2006 - 2010.
Courses:
 - Advanced Macroeconomics (Undergraduate Honours), Winter 2010, Winter 2009, Winter 2008 and Winter 2007.
 - Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate Honours), Winter 2010 and Fall 2008.
 - Computational Methods for Macroeconomics (Graduate), Fall 2007 and Fall 2006.
 - Economic Statistics (Undergraduate), Fall 2007.
- Lecturer, Economics Department, University of Rochester, 2004 and 2005.
Courses:
 - Econometrics (Undergraduate), Summer 2004 and 2005.
 - Programming in C++, Fall 2004 and Fall 2005.
- Teaching Assistant, Economics Department, University of Rochester, 2002 - 2006.
Courses:
 - Macroeconomics II (Graduate), Spring 2005 and 2006.
 - Econometrics, Fall 2003 and Spring 2004.
 - Economic Statistics, Spring 2003.
 - Intermediate Microeconomics, Fall 2002.

Doctoral Student Supervision

- Co-supervision of Anne Hannusch, Phd: May 2018 (expected), Emory.
- Dissertation Committee of Xiangyu Gong, Phd: May 2018 (expected), Emory.
- Co-supervision of Kai (Jackie) Zhao, Phd: May 2010, Western Ontario.
- Co-supervision and thesis examination of Yufei Yuan, Phd: May 2009, Western Ontario.
- Co-supervision of Evan Davies, Phd: May 2009, Western Ontario (Engineering).