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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 Assistant Policy Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, August 2010–present.
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario, July 2010–present.
- 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

- “Finite State Markov-Chain Approximations to Highly Persistent Processes.” Joint with Richard M. H. Suen. May 2009. *Review of Economic Dynamics* 13 (2010), pp. 701-714.
- “The Impact of Medical and Nursing Home Expenses and Social Insurance Policies on Savings and Inequality.” Joint with Tatyana Koreshkova. November 2008. Revise and resubmit at *Review of Economic Studies*.
- “Measuring the Welfare Gain from Personal Computers.” Joint with Jeremy Greenwood. (July 2007) NBER Working Paper 13592. Submitted.
- “The Trend in Retirement.” July 2005. *International Economic Review*, forthcoming.

- “A Quantitative Analysis of Suburbanization and the Diffusion of the Automobile.” Joint with Richard M. H. Suen. January 2004. *International Economic Review*, forthcoming.
- “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

- 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

- 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

- “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 Review*, *Economic Inquiry*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *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-supervisor, Kai (Jackie) Zhao, Ph.D.: May 2010
- Supervisory Committee Member and Thesis Examiner, Yufei Yuan, Ph.D.: May 2009
- Co-advisor, Evan Davies, Ph.D.: May 2008 (Engineering)