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Education

- 2008 - 2014 Ph.D. Economics, Johns Hopkins University
Advisor: Dr. Robert Moffitt.
Dissertation: "Essays on the Labor Market, Housing, and Children's Outcomes."
- 2005 - 2008 M.A. Economics, Beijing University
- 2001 - 2005 B.A. Economics and Mathematics, Wuhan University

Employment

- 2016–present Assistant Professor,
Department of Economics, University of North Texas.
- 2014–2016 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow,
Lusk Center for Real Estate, University of Southern California.

Research Fields

Labor Economics, Household Finance, Urban and Real Estate Economics, Chinese Economy

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. "Housing Wealth as Precautionary Savings: Evidence from Urban China," with Gary Painter and Ninghua Zhong, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 57(2), 761-789, 2022.
2. "Human Capital Externalities or Consumption Spillovers? The Effect of High-skill Human Capital across Low-skill Labor Markets," with Shimeng Liu, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 87, 2021.
3. "Land Use Regulations and Urban Growth of African Americans," *Economic Development Quarterly*, 35(4), 338-350, 2021.
4. "Impact of Land Use Regulation Across the Conditional Distribution of Home Prices: An Application of Quantile Regression for Group Level Treatments," with Tammy Leonard and Lei Zhang, *Annals of Regional Science*, 66, 655-676, 2021.
5. "Property Tax Limits and Female Labor Supply: Evidence from the Housing Boom and Bust," with Shimeng Liu, at *Journal of Housing Economics*, 50, 2020.
6. "Housing Demand and Household Saving in China: Evidence from a Housing Reform," with Binkai Chen and Ninghua Zhong, *Journal of Housing Economics*, 49, 2020.

7. "Impact of Property Tax Abatement Incentives on Economic Growth," with Tammy Leonard, Lei Zhang, and Connor Reed, *Economic Development Quarterly*, 34(2), 209-221, 2020.
8. "The Effect of Home Ownership on Post-unemployment Wages," *Regional Science and Urban Economics (lead article)*, 74, 1-17, 2019.
9. "Market Facilitation by Local Government and Firm Efficiency: Evidence from China," with Robert Cull, Lixin Xu, Li-An Zhou, Tian Zhu, *Journal of Corporate Finance*, 42, 460-480, 2017.
10. "Environmental Compliance and Firm Performance: Evidence from China," with Yang Yao, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 74(3), 397-424, 2012.

Working Papers

1. "Rising House Prices and Delayed Homeownership and Fertility: Evidence from Geographically Linked Microdata," (U.S. Census Research Data Center Project).
2. "Does Rent Regulation Affect Tenant Unemployment? Evidence from New York City," with Hanchen Jiang and Luis Quintero.
3. "Property Division Law and Investment in Household Public Goods: Evidence from China," with Emma Zang and Zitong Wang.

Selected Work In Progress

1. "U.S. County-to-county Migration Patterns Across Metropolitan Areas: Evidence from IRS Migration Data," with Myungsup Kim and Jeffrey Rous.
2. "Housing Wealth as Precautionary Saving: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design." With Ninghua Zhong.
3. "Do the Math! High School Math Requirement and Gender Wage and Location Gap."

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- 2022 University of North Texas, Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference (scheduled), Society of Labor Economist Annual (SOLE) Meeting (scheduled)
- 2021 AREUEA-ASSA Conference, Russell Sage Foundation Proposal Development Summer Institute, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Jinan-SMU-ABFER Conference on Urban and Regional Economics
- 2020 Upjohn Researcher Workshop, AREUEA National Conference, Jinan University, CES North America Conference, University of North Texas
- 2019 AREUEA National Conference, University of North Texas, CES North America Conference, Biennial Conference for China Development Studies
- 2018 Upjohn Researcher Workshop, University of North Texas
- 2017 American Economic Association Annual Meeting (AEA), Texas A&M University, Chinese Economists Society (CES) North America Conference
- 2016 University of North Texas, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Tongji University, Central University of Finance and Economics
- 2015 Lusk Center Research Seminar (USC), American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) National Conference, Annual Urban Research Day Symposium (UC Irvine), Annual Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (UEA)

Grants

- 2022-2023 NBER Small Research Grants in Household Finance (\$15,000, in submission)
- 2022-2023 Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grant (\$30,000, unfunded)
- June 2022 UNT Creative and Research Enhancement for Engagement (CREATE) Program (\$5000)
- 2021-2022 UNT Team Mentoring Grant (\$5000)
- 2021-2022 Russell Sage Foundation Core Grant (\$30,000, unfunded)
- 2021-2022 UNT Research Seed Grant (\$10,000, unfunded)
- June 2017 UNT Faculty Summer Research Grant (\$1000)

Fellowships, & Awards

- May 2021 Scholar at Proposal Development Summer Institute, Russell Sage Foundation
- 2019-2020 Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Scholars Program Fellow
- July 2019 Homer Hoyt Institute Best Paper Award, Asian Real Estate Society
- 2008-2014 Graduate Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University

Teaching Experience

University of North Texas:

Labor Economics (ECON 4290-UG/Grad): Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Fall 2020 (remote due to COVID-19), Fall 2021

Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 3550-UG): Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020 (remote due to COVID-19), Fall 2020 (remote due to COVID-19), Spring 2021 (remote due to COVID-19), Fall 2021, Spring 2022.

Honors College Mentored Research Experience (ECON 3996-UG): Spring 2022

Special Problems (ECON 5900-Grad): Spring 2018, Fall 2018

University of Southern California:

Economics for Policy, Planning and Development (MPP 501), Spring 2015

Service Activities

University of North Texas:

- 2021 to present Committee Member, UNT Aspire IChange Network Team
- 2020 to present Committee Member, Department Personnel Affairs Committee (PAC) Committee
- 2019 to present Committee Member, Department Academic Integrity Appeals Committee
- 2019-2020 Committee Member, Department Faculty Search Committee

- 2018 to present Department Coordinator, *We Care We Count*-UNT Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign
- 2017 to present Department Coordinator, State Employee Charitable Campaign
- 2017 to present Grader for Department Comprehensive Exams
- 2016 to present Committee Member, Department Awards Committee

Professional Activities

Referee for *Regional Science and Urban Economics* ($\times 2$), *Journal of Housing Economics* ($\times 2$), *China Economic Review* ($\times 3$), *Empirical Economics* ($\times 2$), *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *PLOS ONE*, *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Economics of Transition and Institutional Change*, *Small Business Economics*, *Journal Economics of Governance* (16 times in total)

Professional Affiliations

- 2014 to present American Economic Association
- 2015 to present American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association
- 2015 to present Urban Economics Association
- 2016 to present Chinese Economists Society
- 2020 to present U.S. Census Bureau, Special Sworn Status Researcher (2020-present)