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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor (without tenure), Institute for Economic and Social Research, Jinan University,
Oct 2018 – present
Assistant Professor, Institute for Economic and Social Research, Jinan University,
Sept 2016 – Sept 2018
Visiting Scholar, the University of Michigan,
Jan-Jun 2015

RESEARCH FIELDS

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
M.A., China Center for Economic Research, Peking University
B.L. & B.S., Peking University

PUBLICATIONS

“Migration under Liquidity Constraints: Evidence from Randomized Credit Access in China,”
Journal of Development Economics, Jan. 2020, 142: 1-17.
“Less Advantaged, More Optimistic? Subjective Well-Being among Rural, Migrant and Urban
Population in Contemporary China,” (with Jia Wang), *China Economic Review*, Dec. 2018, 52:
95-110.
“Permanent Income and Subjective Well-Being,” (with Albert Park), *Journal of Economic Behavior
& Organization*, Oct. 2016, 130: 298-319.
“Does Social Participation Delay Cognitive Deterioration in the Elderly? Evidence from China,”
accepted, *Journal of Population Economics*.
“Time Well Spent versus a Life Considered: Changing Subjective Well-being in China,” (with Albert
Park, and Winnie Yip), accepted, *Oxford Economic Papers*.

WORKING PAPERS

“Microfinance Can Raise Incomes: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in China,” (with
Albert Park, and Sangui Wang).
“Can Mircocredit Program Crowd out Informal Financial Networks? Evidence from a Randomized
Control Trial in China.”
“Migration and Experienced Utility of Left-behind Parents: Evidence from Rural China,” (with
Albert Park, and Winnie Yip), R&R *Journal of Population Economics*.
“Trade Liberalization and Human Capital Acquisition: Evidence from China,” (with Xinzhen Shi and
Zhufeng Xu).

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Liquidity, Entrepreneurship, and Occupational Choice” (with Yu Zheng).
“Financial Depending and Economic Development in Rural China”.
“College Education and Migration” (with Xiaozhou Ding, and Rui Du).

PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATION (IN CHINESE)

Qi, X. J., S. Cai, and C. H. Fu. 2006. "Understanding Rural Cadres' Action in Land Expropriation." *Social Science*, 26:115-135.

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

"Urbanization and Subjective Well-Being in China: Differences between Urban, Migrant, and Rural Populations," (with Jia Wang), in Shun Wang (eds.) *China Happiness Report*, forthcoming.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Independent Instructor

2018- 2020 *Frontier in Economics (Development)*, undergraduate, IESR, Jinan University

2017- 2020 *Advanced Microeconomics*, graduate, Jinan University

2019- 2020 *Advanced Microeconomics*, undergraduate, IESR, Jinan University

Teaching Assistant

2013, 2014 *China's Economic Transformation*, Professor Albert Park, HKUST

2013, 2014 *Microeconomic Theory*, graduate, Professor Yuk-fai Fong, HKUST

2015 *Labor Economics and Human Resources*, Professor Sujata Visaria, HKUST

2011 *Principle of Economics*, Professor Francis T. Lui, HKUST

2008 *Topics on Chinese Economy*, Professor Justin Yifu Lin, Peking University

GRANTS & AWARDS

2018-2020 Young Scientists Fund, National Natural Science Foundation of China

2019 Best Teaching Award, IESR at Jinan University

2018, 2019 Best Paper Nomination Award, IESR at Jinan University

2017 Outstanding Doctoral Thesis on Economics Research in China, National Economic Foundation (*10 awardees out of all doctoral graduates in Economics in China over 2013-2016*)

2017-2018 Foster Research and Innovation Fund, Jinan University

2017 IESR Research Seed Fund, Jinan University

2016 Best Paper Award in Experimental Economics, WISE

2016-2019 Research Starting Fund, Jinan University

2013-2016 *Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme*, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong (*189 fellows out of 4000+ applicants from 40+ counties and regions*)

2015 *Overseas Research Award*, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

2015 *CES-NA Travel Award*, China Economic Society, North America

2014, 2015 *Research Travel Grant*, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (×3)

2011-2013 *PhD Studentship*, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

2007-2010 *First Class Studentship*, China Center for Economic Research, Peking University

2007-2008 *Certificate of Academic Merit*, China Center for Economic Research, Peking University

2007-2008 *Guanghua Scholarship*, Peking University

2004 *President Fund Scholarship*, Peking University

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2020 IESR Brownbag, Seminar (SHUFE), IESR Labor Workshop, KDIS-3IE-ADB-ADBI Conference on Impact Evaluation, Workshop for Early-Stage Research on Chinese Economy, Sustainable Development Goals (RUC)

2019 IESR Brownbag, Seminar (HKUST), Seminar (HIT-Shenzhen), IESR labor workshop, AMES (Xiamen U), CMES (JNU), Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Area Research Forum on Business, BCCDS (Shanghai Jiaotong U), Chia Economic Summer Institute (PKU), AASLE (NUS), International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics (CUHK)

2018 4th Winter School on Migration (Georgetown U at Qatar); IESR-GLO joint workshop;

- Society of Labor Economists Conference (Toronto); CCER Summer Institute (Yantai), IESR workshop (JNU), Conference on Game Theory and Experiment (JNU), Chicago-Jinan Initiative workshop, 9th Annual APRU Research Conference on Population Aging (HKUST), Delhi Winter School 2018 (U of Delhi)
- 2017 Royal Economic Society Conference (U Bristol); RES Symposium of Junior Researchers (U Bristol); Labor workshop (NSD at Peking U); Seminar (HKBU) Health and Development Conference (Academia Sinica); Biennial Conference of China Development Studies (Shanghai Jiaotong U); China Economic Society Conference (Nanjing U); Camphor Economic Forum (JNU); Seminar (HKUST); ICID/IZA/Renmin University/UCW Workshop (RUC); Seminar (CHLR); Brownbag (IESR); Seminar(SLHR at RUC); Labor Economics Frontier Forum (JNU); Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics (IESR)
- 2016 American Economic Association Meeting (San Francisco); Royal Economic Society Conference (U Sussex); 9th Migration and Development Conference (EUI); Asian Family in Transition Conference on Migration (JNU), Young Economist Society Conference (SCNU); International Conference on Experimental Economics (WISE); International Symposium on Human Capital and the Labor Markets (CHCL)
- 2015 Royal Economic Society Conference (U Manchester); RES Inaugural Symposium of Junior Researchers (U Manchester); Labor Seminar (U Michigan); Health, History, Demography, and Development Seminar (U Michigan); China Economic Society-North America Conference; Georgetown Center for Economic Research Biennial Conference (Georgetown University); China Youth Economists Forum (Xiamen University); Singapore Economic Review Conference, NEUDC (Brown)
- 2014 International Wellbeing and Public Policy Conference (Hamilton College); China Organizational Economics Symposium (Renmin University); China Economics Annual Conference (Peking University)
- 2013 International Conference on the Chinese Economy (CERDI, France); Advances in Happiness Economics (Erasmus University)
- Before 2013 International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics (Xiamen University) (×2)

SURVEY PARTICIPATED

- Program of Reallocating the Poor in China, 2017.
 China Employer-Employee Survey, HKUST-IEMS, 2014-2016.
 China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study, Peking University, 2008-2009.
 “Education Research Network”, World Bank-CIEFR, 2007.
 Land Institution and Urbanization, Development Research Center of the State Council, 2005.

REFEREE SERVICE

American Journal of Agricultural Economics, China Economic Review (×4), Economic Bulletin, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Frontiers of Economics in China, Health Economics, International Journal of Manpower(×2), Journal of Development Economics (×4), Journal of Labor Research, Journal of the Economics of Ageing, Journal of Population Economics (×7), Labour Economics, PLoS ONE, Singapore Economic Review, Small Business Economics

OTHER INFORMATION

Language: English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native)