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Education

Ph. D. University of Chicago, Economics, August 2000

M. A. University of Toronto, Economics, June 1994

B. A. People's University of China, International Finance, June 1993

Academic positions

2015-present Lecturer of Economics
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2014-2015 Visiting Lecturer
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2011-2014 Visiting Lecturer
Department of Economics, Emory University

2008-2010 Visiting Assistant Professor
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2000-2007 Assistant Professor
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Other professional employment

June 2014 Mini course on consumption and saving, Xiamen University, China

June 2012 Mini course on asset pricing, Xiamen University, China

June 2010 Mini course on international trade, Xiamen University, China May

June 2000 Mini course on macroeconomic policy, China Center of Economic
Research, Beijing University, China

Oct. 1998 Lecturer, University of Chicago

May 1998 Intern, International Monetary Fund

Publications

Doctoral thesis: Optimal unemployment insurance: why a replacement ratio?

Slow Development and Special Interest (joint with Stephen Parente), International Economic Review August 2006

Religion in Macroeconomics: A quantitative analysis of Weber's thesis (joint with Stephen Parente), Economic Theory special issue 2007

Why doesn't Luxemburg send all its capital to India? (joint with Bart Taub) Journal of Macroeconomics December 2008

Enclosure, (joint with Bart Taub) Economic Inquiry April 2009

Unpublished Manuscripts

Capital Mobility and Regional Integration: China 1978-1995

Education and urbanization (joint with Naville Jiang)

Working in progress

From Qin to Qing: a quantitative model of dynasties (joint with Stephen Parente)

Income distribution heterogeneity and fat tail of wealth distribution (joint with Jiaying Gu)

Precautionary saving for price uncertainty

Invited Conference presentations

Society of Economic Dynamics, 2006 meeting

Midwest theory conference 2005

Midwest international trade conference 2005

Econometric Society Summer Meeting 2003

Midwest Macro Meeting 2003 at Chicago

Federal Reserve Bank at Cleveland

Vanderbilt University
University of Indiana at Bloomington
Federal Reserve Bank at Minneapolis
Society of Economic Dynamics, 2000 meeting
NBER meeting, growth and fluctuation group

Grants

Summer 2002, College RA summer support

Teaching Experience

Summary of Instruction at UIUC (2000-2011)

- Econ 505, Ph.D. Core Macroeconomics
- Econ 303, Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Econ 562, Topics in Macroeconomics (Ph.D)
- Econ 563, Monetary Theory (MSPE)

Summary of Instruction at Emory U. (2011-2014)

- Econ 212, Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Econ 101, Principle of Microeconomics
- Econ 112, Principle of Macroeconomics
- Econ 201, Intermediate Microeconomics

Summary of Instruction at UIUC (2014-present)

- Econ 103, Principles of Macroeconomics
- Econ 303, Intermediate Macroeconomics, large section
- Econ 462 (now econ426), Macroeconomic Policy
- Econ 490 (now econ425), Monetary Economics
- Econ 517, MSPE, Monetary Theory
- Econ 535, Ph.D, Core Macroeconomics

Teaching Award

On the list of teachers ranked as excellent at UIUC, various years, for

- Advanced topics in Macroeconomics
- Ph.D. Core Macroeconomics
- MSPE Monetary Theory

Membership in Professional Organizations

- American Economic Association

- Chinese Economic Society
- Society of Economic Dynamics

Referee Reports

Journals

Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, Economic Development and Cultural Change, The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Economic Theory, European Economic Review, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, International Economic Review, Journal of Macroeconomics,

Other

NSF grant, Williamson Intermediate Macroeconomics textbook

Dissertation Committees

- Felipe Saenz Munoz
- Sergey Popov