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Degrees Awarded

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, University of British Columbia, 2009

Master of Arts in Economics, University of New Brunswick, 2001

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Renmin University of China, 1999

Academic Experience

July 2021 - Present : Professor, Department of Economics, University of Alberta

July 2014 - June 2021 : Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Alberta

July 2008 - June 2013 : Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Alberta

Research Interests

Macroeconomics, Well-being, Urban economics, Housing economics,

Publications: Journal Articles

- “Empirical linkages between good governance and national well-being,” John F. Helliwell, Haifang Huang, Shawn Grover and Shun Wang (2018), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Volume 46, Issue 4, Pages 1332-1346.
- “Do Urban Casinos Affect Nearby Neighbourhoods? Evidence from Canada,” Huang, H., Humphreys, B. R., and Zhou, L. (2018). *Papers in Regional Science*, Volume 97, Issue 3, Pages 757-784.
- “How Did Exchange Rates Affect Employment in US Cities?” Haifang Huang and Yao Tang (2016), *Contemporary Economic Policy*, Volume 34, Issue 4, Pages 678–697.
- “From Housing Bust to Credit Crunch: Evidence from Small Business Loans,” Haifang Huang and Eric Stephens (2015), *Canadian Journal of Economics*, Volume 48, Issue 3, pages 853–880, August 2015.
- “The Effects of Exchange Rates on Employment in Canada,” Huang, Haifang & Pang, Ke & Tang, Yao (2014), *Canadian Public Policy/Analyse de Politiques*, Volume 40, Number 4, December / décembre 2014, pp. 339-352.
- “New measures of the costs of unemployment: Evidence from the subjective well-being of 3.3 million Americans,” John F. Helliwell and Haifang Huang (2014), *Economic Inquiry*, volume 52, issue 4, pages 1485–1502.

- “New Sports Facilities and Residential Housing Market,” Haifang Huang and Brad Humphreys (2014). *Journal of Regional Science*, vol. 54, no. 4, 2014, pp. 629–663.
- “Comparing the Happiness Effects of Real and On-line Friends” John F. Helliwell and Haifang Huang (2013). *PLOS ONE*, volume 8, issue 9, e72754, pages 1-17.
- “Social Capital and Well-Being in Times of Crisis,” John F. Helliwell, Haifang Huang and Shun Wang (2013), *Journal of Happiness Studies*, May 2013, pages 1–18. doi = 10.1007/s10902-013-9441-z.
- “Sports Participation and Happiness: Evidence from U.S. Micro Data,” Haifang Huang and Brad Humphreys (2012), *Journal of Economic Psychology*, vol. 33(4), pages 776-793.
- “Residential Land Use Regulation and the US Housing Price Cycle between 2000 and 2009,” Haifang Huang and Yao Tang (2012), *Journal of Urban Economics*, vol. 71(1), pages 93–99.
- “Well-being and Trust in the Workplace,” John F. Helliwell and Haifang Huang, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 2011, volume 12(5), 747-767.
- "How's the Job? Well-Being and Social Capital in the Workplace," John F. Helliwell and Haifang Huang, *Industrial and Labor Relation Review*, 2009, vol. 63(2), 205-227.
- "How's Your Government? International Evidence Linking Good Government and Well-Being," John F. Helliwell and Haifang Huang, *British Journal of Political Science*, 2008, vol. 38(4), 595-619.

Publications: Short Notes in Journal

- “Dropping the Geographic-Constraints Variable Makes Only a Minor Difference: Reply to Cox,” Haifang Huang and Yao Tang (2011). *Econ Journal Watch*, vol. 8(1), 28-32.

Publications: Chapters in Books

- “World happiness, trust and deaths under COVID-19,” JF Helliwell, H Huang, S Wang, M Norton, Chapter 2 in John Helliwell, Richard Layard, Jeffrey D. Sachs, Jan-Emmanuel De Neve, Lara Aknin, and Shun Wang, eds. 2021 (pp. 13- 57). New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
- “Happiness and the Quality of Government”, (forthcoming), John F. Helliwell, Haifang Huang, and Shun Wang, in *The Oxford Handbook of Quality of Government*, edited by Andreas Bågenholm, Monika Bauhr, Marcia Grimes, and Bo Rothstein. Oxford University Press.

- “Social Environments For World Happiness,” JF Helliwell, H Huang, S Wang, M Norton. Chapter 2 in Helliwell, John F., Richard Layard, and Jeffrey Sachs, eds. 2020 (pp. 12- 45). *World Happiness Report 2018*. New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
- "Happiness at Different Ages: The Social Context Matters," Helliwell, John, Huang, Haifang, Norton, Max, & Wang, Shun (2019). Mariano Rojas (Ed.). *The Economics of Happiness: How the Easterlin Paradox Transformed Our Understanding of Well-Being and Progress* (pp. 457-483). Springer Nature Switzerland AG: Springer International Publishing.
- “Changing World Happiness” John F Helliwell, Haifang Huang, Shun Wang, Hugh Shiplett, Chapter 2 in Helliwell, John F., Richard Layard, and Jeffrey Sachs, eds. 2019. *World Happiness Report 2019* (pp. 12-45). New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
- “Social Capital and Prosocial Behaviour as Sources of Well-Being,” Helliwell, John, Aknin, Lara, Shiplett, Hugh, Huang, Haifang, & Wang, Shun (2018). Diener, E. , Oishi, S., & Tay, L. (Eds.). *Handbook of well-being* (pp. 567-582). Salt Lake City, UT: DEF Publishers.
- “International migration and world happiness” John F Helliwell, Haifang Huang, Shun Wang, Hugh Shiplett, Chapter 2 in Helliwell, John F., Richard Layard, and Jeffrey Sachs, eds. 2018 (pp. 12- 43).. *World Happiness Report 2018*. New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
- “New Evidence on Trust and Well-Being”, 2017, John F. Helliwell, Haifang Huang, and Shun Wang, in *The Oxford Handbook of Social and Political Trust*, Edited by Eric M. Uslaner.
- “The Social Foundations of World Happiness,” 2017, John F. Helliwell, Haifang Huang and Shun Wang, Chapter 2 in Helliwell, John F., Richard Layard, and Jeffrey Sachs, eds. 2017. *World Happiness Report 2017*. New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
- “The Distribution of World Happiness,” 2016, John F. Helliwell, Haifang Huang and Shun Wang, Chapter 2 in Helliwell, John F., Richard Layard, and Jeffrey Sachs, eds. 2016. *World Happiness Report 2016 Update*. New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
- “The Geography of World Happiness,” 2015, John F. Helliwell, Haifang Huang and Shun Wang, Chapter 2 in Helliwell, John F., Richard Layard, and Jeffrey Sachs, eds. 2015. *World Happiness Report 2015*. New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
- “Well-Being and the Workplace: What Roles for Unions and Gender?” J. F. Helliwell and H. Huang. Chapter 7 in Randall Morck eds. *Re-Creating Canada: Essays In Honour Of Paul Weiler* (Queen's Policy Studies #64, McGill-Queen's University Press), 2011, pages 137-154.

- “International evidence on the social context of well-being,” J. F. Helliwell, C. P. Barrington-Leigh, A. Harris and H. Huang. Chapter 10 in Diener, Helliwell and Kahneman eds. *International Differences in Well-Being* (Oxford University), 2010, Pages 291-327.
- “International differences in the determinants of life satisfaction,” JF Helliwell, H Huang, A Harris in Bhaskar Dutta, Tridip Ray, and E Somanathan eds. *New and Enduring Themes in Development Economics* (World Scientific), 2009, pages 3-40.
- “How's the Job? Are Trust and Social Capital Neglected Workplace Investments?” John F. Helliwell, Haifang Huang and Robert D. Putnam. Chapter 4 in Bartkus, Viva and Davis, James, eds. *Social Capital Reaching Out, Reaching In* (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar), 2008, pages 87-144.

Publications: Others

- Contributor to “Global insights on life satisfaction: Covid-19 Behavior Tracker” (July 2020) led by Imperial College’s London’s Institute of Global Health Innovation in partnership with the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the World Happiness Report
- “Happiness inequality and the importance of trust,” John Helliwell, Haifang Huang, Shawn Grover, Shun Wang, Carol Graham, Christopher Barrington-Leigh, Anthony Harris. VoxEU, 2016/9.
- “Good governance and wellbeing,” John Helliwell, Haifang Huang, Shawn Grover, Shun Wang. VoxEU, 2014/11.

Unpublished Working Papers

- “Happiness and the Quality of Government”, March 2020, John F Helliwell, Haifang Huang, Shun Wang, National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper Series, w26840
- “Good governance and national well-being”, 2014, John F Helliwell, Haifang Huang, Shawn Grover, Shun Wang, OECD Working Papers on Public Governance
- “Urban Casinos and Local Housing Markets: Evidence from the US,” June 2014, Huang, Haifang & Humphreys, Brad & Zhou, Li. Working Papers 2014-4, University of Alberta, Department of Economics.
- “Constructing Consumer Sentiment Index for U.S. Using Internet Search Patterns,” October 2009, Nicolas Della Penna and Haifang Huang, UofA Economics Working Paper Series no. 2009-26.

Research Grants

- 2017-2019: A \$22,000 sub-grant from the research grant of Dr. John Helliwell at the CIFAR program *Social Interactions, Identity and Well-Being*.
- 2013-2014: Principal Investigator with Dr. Brad. R. Humphreys as Co- Principal Investigator. A \$24,500 research grant from the Alberta Gambling Research Institute. Project title: *How Do Urban Casinos Affect Nearby Neighborhoods? Evidence from Canada and the U.S.*
- 2011-12: A \$10,000 sub-grant from the research grant of Dr. John Helliwell at the CIFAR program *Social Interactions, Identity and Well-Being*.

Presentations

- Invited Speaker, "The Economics of Happiness: A Macroeconomist's Observations", November 2019 at the Institute of Public Economics Workshop Series, University of Alberta.
- Invited Speaker, "U.S. Economy, Happiness and Anti-Establishment Votes", March 2018 at the Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology (REES) Seminar, University of Alberta.
- Invited Speaker, "U.S. Economy, Happiness and Anti-Establishment Votes", April 2017 at Policy Pints, The Economics Society of Northern Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta.
- Invited Speaker, "Economy and Happiness in the US, and Anti-Establishment Votes in 2016 Presidential Primaries and Caucuses," October 28, 2016, Department of Economics Seminar, University of Victoria.
- Invited Presentation, "Do Urban Casinos Affect Nearby Neighborhoods?", The Alberta Gambling Research Institute's 14th Annual Conference Critical Issues in Gambling Research March 27-28, 2015 at The Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta, Canada.
- Presenter, "Urban Casinos and Local Housing Markets: Evidence from the US" by Huang, Haifang & Humphreys, Brad & Zhou, Li at the Canadian Economic Association Meeting, June 2014, Vancouver.
- Presenter, "Comparing the Happiness Effects of Real and On-line Friends" by John Helliwell and Haifang Huang, at the Canadian Economic Association Meeting, June 2013, Montreal.
- Presenter, "Do New Stadiums Revive Neighborhoods? Evidence from Mortgage Applications" co-authored with Brad Humphreys. Canadian Economic Association (CEA) Annual Meetings, June 2012, Calgary.

- Presenter, “From Housing Bust to Credit Crunch: Evidence from Small Business Loans” co-authored with Eric Stephens, A Celebration of Statistics Canada and Better Decision Making Through Data, March 2012, Ottawa.
- Presenter, “New measures of the costs of unemployment: Evidence from the subjective well-being of 2.3 million Americans” co-authored with John F. Helliwell, A Celebration of Statistics Canada and Better Decision Making Through Data, March 2012, Ottawa.
- Presenter, “From Housing Bust to Credit Crunch: Evidence from Small Business Loans” co-authored with Eric Stephens. National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Summer Institute, Capital Markets and the Economy Workshop, July 2011, Boston.
- Presenter, “Happiness and Professional Sporting Success” co-authored with Brad Humphreys. Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Annual Meetings, July 2011, San Diego.
- Co- presenter, “New measures of the costs of unemployment: Evidence from the subjective well-being of 2.3 million Americans,” by John F. Helliwell and Haifang Huang at the Canadian Economic Association Meeting, June 2011, Ottawa
- Presenter, “From Housing Bust to Credit Crunch: Evidence from Small Business Loans” co-authored with Eric Stephens. Canadian Economic Association (CEA) Annual Meetings, 2011, Ottawa.

Editorial Service

- Associate Editor, World Happiness Report (2017-2020). New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

Referee reports

- Canadian Journal of Economics, Canadian Public Policy, Contemporary Economic Policy, Eastern Economic Journal, Economic Inquiry, Education Economics, Empirical Economics, European Journal of Political Research, German Economic Review, Housing Policy Debate, Industrial and Corporate Change, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Sports Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Metroeconomica, Oxford Economic Papers, Papers in Regional Science, PLOS One, Political Studies, SSHRC Insight Grants, Social Indicator Research, Social Science & Medicine, The Social Science Journal, World Development.