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## Employment

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- **University of Alberta**, Department of Economics  
Assistant Professor, 2019-present

## Education

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- Ph.D. in Economics, Purdue University, 2019.
- M.S. in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2012
- B.S. in Economics and Finance, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 2011, with First Class Honor.

## Research Fields

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International Trade, Applied Microeconomics, Empirical Industrial Organization

## Publications

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- When Opportunity Knocks: China's Open Door Policy and Declining Educational Attainment (with Kendall Kennedy and Xuan Jiang), *Labour Economics* Vol 81, 2023
- Housing Demolition and Occupational Mobility: Evidence from China (with Chuhong Wang, Xingfei Liu, and Yonghua Wang), *Social Indicators Research*, 2023, 170, pages191–221
- Reducing the Replication Time for Structural Estimations: a Successful Replication of “An Anatomy of International Trade” using GPU Computing, *Economic Inquiry*, 2025, Vol 63, Issue 2, Pages 424-440

## Working Papers

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- “Learning in Creative Tasks: Evidence from a Digital Platform”, *conditionally accepted at Labour Economics*
- “Reputation of Quality in International Trade: Evidence from Consumer Product Recalls”
- “Product Recalls and Export Decisions of Chinese Firms” (with Danyang Zhang)
- “Household Financial Decisions, the Role of Child Gender and Background Risk” (with Chuhong Wang, Xingfei Liu, and Liang Wang)
- “Learning from International Trade: Asymmetric Cultural Transmission and Gender Discrimination” (with Danyang Zhang)

## Conferences and Seminars

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### “Reputation of Quality in International Trade: Evidence from Consumer Product Recalls”

**2021** Women in International Economics Conference; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Osaka University;

**2019**: Aarhus University; Auburn University; Bocconi University; University of Alberta; University of Copenhagen;

**2018**: Midwest International Economics Group Meeting, Vanderbilt University; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC;

**2017**: Midwest Economics Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH; Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Tampa FL;

**2016**: Krannert Ph.D. Research Symposium

### “When Opportunity Knocks: China's Open Door Policy and Declining Educational Attainment”

**2022**: Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Annual Conference;

**2020:** Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Boston;

**2018:** Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC; Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) Conference, Seoul, South Korea

**“Learning in Non-routine Tasks: Productivity and Quality Improvement on a Digital Platform”**

- **2023:** ACLMR workshop
- **2022:** Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Annual Conference, Ottawa;

**“Product Recalls and Export Decisions of Chinese Firms”**

- **2024** Inaugural Canadian International Trade Study Group (CITSG) Conference, Burlington ON

**Learning from International Trade: Asymmetric Cultural Transmission and Gender Discrimination**

- **2025:** ACLMR Workshop

**As Discussant**

**2021:** 14th Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop

**2018:** Empirical Investigations in International Trade, Purdue University;

**2017:** Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Tampa FL;

**Grants**

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- Alberta Real Estate Foundation Development Grant 2026-2027
- China Institute Faculty Research Grants, 2022-2023
- The University of Alberta SAS grant 2021-2022, 2022-2023
- The University of Alberta Faculty Start-up Grant
- Purdue Research Foundation (PRF) Research Grants, 2016-2017

**Teaching Experiences**

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**University of Alberta**

- International Trade
- Intermediate Microeconomic Theory II
- International Economics
- Selected Topics in Economics (Introductory data analysis with Python)

**Purdue University**

- International Trade
- Macroeconomics

**Referee Services**

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*Canadian Journal of Economics, European Economic Review, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Economics, Chinese Management Studies, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*