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Current Employment

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Alberta, since July 2017
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Alberta, July 2010 to June 2017 (Maternity Leave: August 2012 to January 2013)

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of California, San Diego, June 2010
M.A., Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana and Champaign, August 2004
B.A., Public Finance, Renmin University of China, July 2001

Research Fields

Urban Economics, Behavioral Economics, Sports Economics, International Economics

Publication

1. “Do Urban Casinos Affect Nearby Neighborhoods? Evidence from Canada” (with Haifang Huang and Brad R. Humphreys), *Papers in Regional Science*, 2018, 97(3): 757-784
2. “Reference-Dependent Preferences, Team Relocations, and Major League Expansion” (with Brad R. Humphreys), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2015, 109: 10-25
3. “Sports Facilities, Agglomeration, and Public Subsidies” (with Brad R. Humphreys), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2015, 54: 60-73
4. “The Louis-Schmelling Paradox and the League Standing Effect Reconsidered” (with Brad R. Humphreys), *Journal of Sports Economics*, 2015, 16 (8): 835-852

5. “Reference-Dependent Preferences, Loss Aversion and Live Game Attendance”, with Dennis Coates and Brad R. Humphreys, *Economic Inquiry*, 2014, 52 (3): 959–973 (Lead Article)
6. “Commercial Revitalization in Low-Income Urban Communities: The Holdup Problem and Urban Development Policy”, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 2014, 32 (3): 545–559 (Lead Article)

Working Papers

7. “Physical Activity, Present Bias, and Habit Formation: Theory and Evidence from Longitudinal Data” (with Brad R. Humphreys and Jane Ruseski)
8. “The Hold-Up Problem, Reference-Dependent Preferences, and the Ownership of Professional Sports Teams” (with Brad R. Humphreys)
9. “Do Oversea Students Crowd Out Native-Born Students from Higher Education? Evidence from Australia” (Previous draft “Native Students and the Gains from Exporting Higher Education: Evidence from Australia”)
10. “Urban Casinos and Local Housing Markets: Evidence from the US” (with Haifang Huang and Brad R. Humphreys)
11. “The Impact of Place-Based Employment Tax Credits on Local Labor: Evidence from Tax Data” (with Patricia Tong)

Work in Progress

12. “The Impacts of Neighborhoods and Culture on Smoking Behavior” (with Brad R. Humphreys)

Conferences and Seminars

- 2016 “The Impacts of Neighborhoods and Culture on Smoking Behavior”, Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Portland, USA
- 2015 “The Impact of Place-Based Employment Tax Credits on Local Labor: Evidence from Tax Data” (with Patricia Tong), NBER Public Economics Program Meeting, Cambridge
 “The Hold-Up Problem, Reference-Dependent Preferences, and the Ownership of Professional Sports Teams”, Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (CEA), Toronto; Economics

Department Brown Bag Seminar, University of Alberta

“Physical Activity, Present Bias, and Habit Formation: Theory and Evidence from Longitudinal Data”, Economics Department Brown Bag Seminar, University of Alberta

2014 “The Impact of Place-Based Employment Tax Credits on Local Labor: Evidence from Tax Data”, University of West Virginia, College of Business and Economics

2013 “The Impact of Place-Based Employment Tax Credits on Local Labor: Evidence from Tax Data”, Annual Conference of the National Tax Association (NTA), Tampa, USA

“Do Urban Casinos Affect Nearby Neighborhoods? Evidence from Canada”, Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (CEA), Montreal

“Reference-Dependent Preferences, Team Relocations, and Major League Expansion”, Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Seattle, USA

Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade (RMET) (discussant), Banff

2012 “Native Students and the Gains from Exporting Higher Education: Evidence from Australia”, Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (CEA), Calgary

2011 “Sports Facilities, Agglomeration, and Public Subsidies”, Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International (WEAI), San Diego, USA

“Native Students and the Gains from Exporting Higher Education: Evidence from Australia”, International Economic Associate (IEA) 16th World Congress, Beijing, China

“Commercial Revitalization in Low-Income Urban Communities: The Holdup Problem and Urban Development Policy”, Economics Department Brown Bag Seminar, University of Alberta

2010 “Native Students and the Gains from Exporting Higher Education: Evidence from Australia”, Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), MIT, USA; University of Alberta, Williams College, Florida International University, Appalachian State University

Honors, Grants, and Fellowships

Endowment Fund for the Future, Support for the Advancement of Scholarship Research Fund, University of Alberta, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2010

Teaching Assistant Excellence Award, University of California, San Diego, 2008-2009

Summer Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of California, San Diego, 2008

Economics Department Tuition Fellowship, University of California, San Diego, 2005 – 2010

Academic Excellence Scholarship, Renmin University of China, 1997 – 2001

Referee

Contemporary Economic Policy; Economic and Human Biology; Economic Journal; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of International Economics, Journal of Sports Economics, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Social Science & Medicine

Teaching

International Economics (Graduate 521), University of Alberta (Winter 2014, Fall 2014, 2015, 2016)

Graduate Mathematics and Statistics Review (Graduate), University of Alberta (Summer 2013)

International Economics (Undergraduate 323), University of Alberta (Fall 2010, 2011, 2013; Winter 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016)

International Trade (Undergraduate 421), University of Alberta (Winter 2011, 2012; Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate 100B), University of California, San Diego (Summer 2008)

Research Supervision

Ph.D. Students:

Dissertation committee member: Eldar Sehic (defended 2015)

MA Students:

Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Wanli Yang, 2018

Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Peili You, 2017

Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Zhou Zhou, 2016

Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Justin Carlson, 2016

Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Pengyu Wang, 2015

Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Xuejing Cheng, 2015

Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Xiao Xu, 2014

Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Kai Kang, 2013

Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Trang Yen Dang, 2013
Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Minjie Chen, 2012
Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Zhenzhen Dong, 2012
Second reader of Econ 999 paper by Farzana Khan, 2011
Second reader of Econ 900 paper by Le Chang, 2011

Services

Member, Support for the Advancement of Scholarship Committee, Faculty of Arts, 2015/2016, 2016/2017
Member, Prince Takamado Japan Centre Review Committee, Faculty of Arts, 2015/2016
Member, Chair Selection Committee, Faculty of Arts, 2013/2014
Member, Scholarships and Awards Committee, Department of Economics, 2013/2014, 2014/2015
Library Coordinator, Department of Economics, 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017
Member, Computer Services Committee, Department of Economics, 2011/2012
Member, Mentoring Committee for New Lecturers, Department of Economics, 2011/2012
Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Economics, 2010/2011, 2011/2012