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Academic Positions

Tenured Associate Professor, Alberta School of Business, University of Alberta; Department of Marketing, Business Economics, and Law	July 2025 - present
Tenured Associate Professor, School of Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFE)	Sept. 2020 - June 2025
Associate Professor (not tenured), School of Economics, SUFE	Sept. 2014 - Sept 2020
Assistant Professor, Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia	July 2009 - July 2014

Education

PhD in Economics	Brown University, Providence, RI.	May 30, 2010
MA in Economics	Brown University, Providence, RI.	May 30, 2005
BA in Economics	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.	May 21, 2001

Grants

Social Science Research Humanities Council of Canada Connection Grant	\$12,643 CAD	2026
Arnold Ventures Grant (co-investigator with Jesse Bruhn and Brian Knight)	\$296,695 USD	2025-26
National Science Foundation China, Grant 71950410628	¥200,000 CNY	2020
Social Science Research Humanities Council of Canada IDG	\$56,640 CAD	2013-14

Publications

- “[The Structure and Growth of Ethnic Neighborhoods](#)” (with Tianran Dai), *Journal of Urban Economics*, September 2023
- “[Delivery in the City: Differentiated Products Competition among New York Restaurants](#)” (with Jacob Cosman and Tianran Dai), *Journal of Urban Economics*, March 2023
- “[Reducing Frictions in College Admissions: Evidence from the Common App](#)” (with Brian Knight), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, February 2022
- “[The Common Application and Student Choice](#)” (with Brian Knight), *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, May 2021
- “[The Out-of-State Tuition Distortion](#)” (with Brian Knight), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, February 2019
- “[Cities and Product Variety: Evidence from Restaurants](#)”, *Journal of Economic Geography*, Vol. 15, No. 6, p1085-1124, November 2015

- “[Spatial Competition and Cross-Border Shopping](#)” (with Brian Knight), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, Vol. 4, No. 6, p199-230, November 2012
- “[Momentum and Social Learning in Presidential Primaries](#)” (with Brian Knight), *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 118, No. 6, p1110-1150, December 2010

Working Papers

“Fines, Fees, and Policing for Profit: Evidence from Policy Reforms in Missouri” (with Jesse Bruhn and Brian Knight)

“Ethnic Neighborhood Effects: Evidence from Full Count Census Data” (with Tianran Dai and Sai Luo)

Works in Progress

“Who Lives in an Ethnic Neighborhood and for How Long?” (with Tianran Dai and Sai Luo)

“Chinatown” (with Tianran Dai and Sai Luo)

Teaching

UAlberta, Economics for Managers (microeconomics), MBA	2026
UAlberta, Global Business Environment (international econ), undergraduate	2026
SUFE, Urban Economics (graduate)	2016-2019, 2021-2025 (9x)
SUFE, Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate)	2015-2025 (12x)
—Average int. micro teaching evaluations over 10 years: 4.93/5 (top 2% at SUFE)	
UBC, Urban Economics (graduate-level reading course)	2014
UBC, Real Estate Economics (undergraduate)	2010-2014 (5x)
UBC, Managerial Economics (undergraduate)	2009, 2011
Brown University, Public Economics (undergraduate)	2006

Honors and Awards

Teacher in My Heart Award (teaching honor at SUFE), 2020 and 2022

Urban Land Institute Prize for Best Paper in the *Journal of Economic Geography*, 2015

Presentations

2026: China Urban Economics Association Meeting (Wuhan, China), NBER Public Economics Meeting (co-author presented)

2025: Urban Economics Association Meeting (Montreal), Chung Ang University (Korea)

2024: Shanghai University of International Business and Economics; Wuhan University; Shandong University; Shanghai Jiaotong University (Antai); Urban Economics Association Meeting (Washington, D.C.), Xiamen University; Shanghai NYU; Alberta School of Business, U. of Alberta

2023: Shanghai Jiaotong University (Antai); Peking University HSBC Business School; Fudan Urban Economics Workshop; Duke Kunshan University; Southeast University (Nanjing)

2022: All my conferences and invited talks were canceled due to COVID lockdowns

2021: Jinan-SMU-ABER Urban and Regional Economics Conference (December), AASLE Conference (December), Brown Growth Lab (October)

2020: All my conferences and invited talks were canceled due to COVID

2019: SUFE Applied Micro Workshop (December), Regional, Urban, and Spatial Economics Conference in China (May), National University of Singapore (March)

2018: NYU Shanghai (November), Fudan SOM (November), Urban Economics Association Conference (October)

2017: Urban Economics Association (November), Regional, Urban, and Spatial Economics Conference in China (June), Capital University of Economics and Business (May), Jinan University (May)

2016: Urban Economics Association (November), NBER Public Economics Conference (November; *co-author presented*), Brown University Applied Micro Lunch (October), Regional, Urban, and Spatial Economics Conference (June), Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (June), Fudan University (May), NBER Children's Program and Education Program Conference (April; *co-author presented*)

2015: Urban Economics Association Conference (November)

2014: Urban Economics Association Conference (November), Canadian Economics Association Conference (June)

2013: American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association International Conference, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (January), Tsinghua University (January), Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (February), City University of Hong Kong (February)

2012: Philadelphia Federal Reserve (May), Housing Urban Labor Macro (March; *discussant*)

2011: University of British Columbia CUER Summer Symposium (June)

2010: University of British Columbia CUER Summer Symposium (June), International IO Conference

2009: International IO Conference, N. American Regional Science Conference, US Census Bureau CES (February), Compass Lexicon (January), Sauder School of Business, UBC (January)

Advising

Yanpeng Jiang, PhD, SUFE Economics 2022–2026, primary advisor

Haopeng Sun, PhD, SUFE Economics 2018–2022, primary advisor

Yang Jiaying, Masters, SUFE Economics, 2020, advisor

Guanfu Fang, PhD, SUFE Economics (placement: SUIBE) 2016–2017, advisor

Jacob Cosman, PhD, UBC Economics (placement: Johns Hopkins) 2013–2014, advisor

Deron Hong, Masters, Food and Resource Economics, 2012, primary advisor

Jinbin Yang, Masters, Agricultural Economics, 2010, committee member

Reviewer

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Political Science Review, Annals of Regional Science, Asia-Pacific Journal of Regional Science, Canadian Journal of Economics, Cities, Econometrica, Economica, Economics of Education Review, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Empirical Economics, Frontiers of Economics in China, International Economic Review, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Cultural Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Media Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, International Economic Review, Management Science, National Tax Journal, Real Estate Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie

Media Mentions

New York Times, National Public Radio, The Economist Magazine, Vox, Huffington Post

Service

Graduate Director of U. Alberta Business Economics PhD Specialization, 2026-current

Co-organizer of June 2026 Rocky Mountain Urban and Real Estate Conference

Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics Conference Scientific Committee, 2019-2024, 2026

Languages

English (Native), Spanish (Proficient), Mandarin (Intermediate; passed HSK4)

Citizenship: U.S.