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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

August, 2004-present: Assistant Professor of Economics, Clemson University

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2007- August 2008, National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
2005 summer, 2006 summer, Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
2003-2004: Research Assistant for Professor Eric Hanushek, Stanford University
2000: Summer Intern, Policy Development and Review Department, IMF
1999-2002: Teaching Assistant, Stanford University
1994-1997: Research Assistant for Professor Gang Yi, China Center for Economic Research, Beijing University, Beijing, P.R. China

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, June 2004
M.A. in Economics, Beijing University, Beijing, P.R. China, July 1997
B.A. in Economics, Beijing University, Beijing, P.R. China, July 1994

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Economics, Economics of Education, Development Economics

PUBLICATIONS

- “Political Economy of Income Distribution Dynamics,” *Journal of Development Economics*, August 2008, 87(1), 119-139.
- “Parental Income and Return to College Education in Urban China” (with Cheng Yuan), *Economic Research Journal (Jingji Yanjiu)*, China’s top refereed journal in economics, impact/citation info @ <http://www.erj.cn/english.asp>, May 2009, 44(5), 42-52.
- “The Effects of Welfare Reform on the Academic Performance of Children in Low-Income Households” (with Amalia R. Miller), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Fall 2009, 28(4), 577-599.
- “A Value-Added Estimate of Higher Education Quality of U.S. States,” forthcoming, *Education Economics*
- “Quality-Consistent Estimates of International Schooling and Skill Gradients” (with Eric A. Hanushek), forthcoming, *Journal of Human Capital*

WORKING PAPERS

- “Effects of College Educational Debt on Graduate School Attendance and Early Career and Life Choices”, December 2007 (under review)

- “Intergenerational Effects of Welfare Reform” (with Amalia Miller), July 2008 (under review)
- “Classroom Peer Effects and Academic Achievement: Evidence from a Chinese Middle School” (with Katherine Carman), July 2008, revised August 2009 (under review)
- “Consumption Taxes, Income Taxes, and Saving: Evidence from OECD Countries” (with William Dougan), May 2009
- “Monetary and Exchange Rate Dynamics during Disinflation: an Empirical Analysis” (with A.J. Hamann and A. Arias), IMF working paper No. 05/33, March 2005
- “Should We All Go to Harvard? Matching between Students and Colleges” May, 2004.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “College Admission Expansion, Labor Market Transition, and Return to College Education in China” (with Cheng Yuan)
- “Vocational Education and Life-Cycle Employment” (with Eric Hanushek and Ludger Woessmann)
- “China’s Rural Medical Care Insurance Reform and Use of Medical Service” (with Cheng Yuan, and Dehua Wang)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “International Finance,” with Gang Yi, Shanghai Renmin Press, China, 1999
- “Money Supply and the Hyperinflation of the Early 1990s in China,” *Economic Perspectives*, 1996:7 (in Chinese)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Summer Research Grant, College of Business and Behavioral Science, Clemson University, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
- Young Investigator Development Grant, University of Kentucky Poverty Research Center, October 2007- September 2008 (with Amalia Miller)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellowship, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, September 2007 – August 2008
- John Stauffer National Fellowship in Public Policy, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, September 2007 – August 2008
- Research Fellowship, John M. Olin Program in Law and Economics, Stanford Law School, Summer, 2001
- Asia Pacific Scholars Fellowship (Young Fellow), Stanford University, 1997-1999
- Stanford Economics Department Fellowship, 1997-1998 (declined)
- Bank of Tokyo Scholarship, Beijing University, 1996
- Distinguished Graduate Award, Beijing University, 1994
- Guang Hua Excellence Award, Beijing University, 1990-1994
- 3rd prize, National Competition in Physics for High School Students, China, 1988

TEACHING

- Introductory Econometrics (with computer lab, for economics majors and master’s students)
- Public Finance (for undergraduate economics majors)
- Empirical Public Finance (for economics Ph.D. students)

Public Finance (for economics Ph.D. students)
Principles of Microeconomics

ADVISING

Clemson University:

Master's dissertation: Caihua Zheng (second reader); Xin Chen (second reader)

Undergraduate Honor Thesis: Katie Ballard

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Referee: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Economics Bulletin, Economic Inquiry, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Southern Economic Journal

Discussant: SEA (2006, 2007), AEFA (2007, 2008[2]), Stanford Center for International Development (SCID) China Conference (October, 2008)

DEPARTMENT SERVICES

Organizer of Clemson University Economics Department Junior Faculty Lunch Seminar (September 2004 to May 2007), Public Finance Comprehensive Exam committee

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2009: Stanford University School of Education, April; Clemson University, April

2008: National Tax Association annual conference, November; Clemson University, October; NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminars, Paris, June; UC Santa Barbara, June; Beijing University School of Economics, May; Beijing University Guanghai School of Management, May; Tsinghua University, May; Beijing Normal University, May; Stanford University Hoover Institution, May; AEFA annual meetings (2), April; University of Oregon, February; Stanford University Economics Junior Faculty Seminar, January

2007: San Francisco State University, November; Stanford University School of Education, November; Stanford University Hoover Institution, November; SEA Annual Meetings, November; Econometric Society North America Summer Meetings, June; Society of Labor Economics, May; NBER Education and Higher Education Program Meetings, April; AEFA annual meetings, March

2006: Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, November; Clemson University, October; Journal of Comparative Studies, economics workshop, Beijing, China, July; Clemson University Economics Junior Faculty Seminars, April; American Education Finance Association (AEFA) annual meetings, March;

2005: Clemson University Economics Junior Faculty Seminars, April, October;

CONSULTING:

Center of the American Experiment

AFFILIATIONS:

American Economic Association, American Education Finance Association