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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, George Washington University

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B.A. in Economics, Zhejiang Gongshang University, 2008-2012

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RESEARCH FIELDS

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Secondary: Environmental Economics

PUBLICATIONS

[The impact of climate changes on mass events in China. Chinese Journal of Population Resources and Environment, 14\(1\), 1-5. doi:10.1080/10042857.2016.1138746](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2016, Fall 2017	Teaching Assistant for Prof. Anthony M. Yezer, George Washington University, Econ 1011 (Principles of Microeconomics)
Spring 2017	Teaching Assistant for Prof. Henry Terrell, George Washington University, Econ 1012 (Principles of Macroeconomics)
Spring 2016	Teaching Assistant for Prof. John Volpe, George Washington University, Econ 1012 (Principles of Macroeconomics)
Spring 2015	Teaching Assistant for Prof. Meghana Ayyagari, George Washington University, IBUS 6402 (Managing in Developing Countries, Graduate)
Spring 2015	Teaching Assistant for Prof. Meghana Ayyagari, George Washington University, IBUS 4402 (Managing in Developing Countries, Undergraduate)
2013 - 2014	Teaching Assistant for Prof. Yan Wang, George Washington University, BADM 2201 (International Financial Environment)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jun 2018 - Aug 2018	Short-Term Consultant, Poverty GP EAP, World Bank Group, Washington, DC, USA
Apr 2018 - Jun 2018	Research Assistant for Prof. Maggie Chen, Economics Department, GWU
May 2014 - Dec 2014	Research Assistant for Dr. Limin Wang, economist at the World Bank
Sep 2013 - Dec 2014	Research Assistant for Dr. Yan Wang, World Bank Senior Economist
Jun 2013 - Jul 2013	Intern, The Development Division, the Financial Reform Office of Wenzhou, China
Jul 2011 - Aug 2011	Intern, The Administration Department, China Galaxy Securities, Wenzhou, China

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2015-2018	GWU Graduate Assistantship and University Fellowship
2018-2019	John Whitefield Kendrick Graduate Endowment Fellowship
2008-2010	Zhejiang Gongshang University Excellent Student Scholarship

CITIZENSHIP

Citizen of People's Republic of China; U.S. F1 Visa.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Chinese (Native), English (Fluent)

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Membership: American Economic Association Member

RESEARCH PAPERS

Is There a Kuznets Curve for Intra-City Earnings Inequality? (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: Many papers have found a positive relation between income inequality and city size in the US and other countries. This literature has assumed that the relation is linear. Tests performed here find that it is concave, resembling the classic Kuznets curve. A theoretical model based on the Income Elasticity Hypothesis (IEH), explains that inequality is a concave function of housing prices that tend to increase with city size. Further tests confirm the concavity of the relation between Gini and housing costs that is predicted by the IEH. Although for most cities, inequality still rises with housing costs, if housing costs continue to grow in large cities, inequality should eventually fall, resembling the Kuznets Curve at the country level.

Declining Internal Migration: Testing Migration Models by Decomposing Migration Types

Abstract: Persistent declines in the rates of interstate and intercity migration have been noted in many recent studies. Research has indicated that this trend does not appear to be due to changes in population composition. This paper retests the population composition hypothesis along with two other theoretical possibilities, falling returns to migration, and improved search and matching technology. In the end a range of empirical tests establish results that are partially consistent with the hypothesis of falling returns to migration. The fact that return migration rates have risen while gross, initial and subsequent rates have fallen, reported for the first time in this study, is particularly difficult to reconcile with some existing theories. The results in this paper suggest more study focusing alternative explanations for the declining rate of internal migration.

The Effect on On-line Shopping on Multi-Product Retail Market

Abstract: There is substantial evidence that the rise of on-line shopping is having substantial implications for bricks and mortar retailing. In this paper, a spatial competition model is built with a large multiproduct shopping center and numerous local single-product stores in the market. The model is capable of generating a spatial equilibrium that includes multi-product retail centers and individual retailers. Then on-line shopping technology is introduced. The bricks and mortar structure of retailing changes substantially. Whereas initially multi-product centers had an incentive to use profits from durable goods to subsidize non-durables to attract shoppers from individual retailers, on-line shopping completely reverses this pattern and changes the emphasis of the multi-product retail center. The spacing of both multi-product centers and independent retailers also changes as a result of on-line entry. This is the first paper of its type to generate theoretical implications of the effects of on-line shopping.