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RESEARCH FIELDS

Industrial Organization, Regulation, Environmental Economics

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, July 2013 - present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Northwestern University, June 2013
M.A. Economics, Northwestern University, December 2009
M.Sc. Math Econ and Econometrics, Toulouse School of Economics, France, June 2007
B.SocSci. Economics, National University of Singapore, Singapore, June 2006

PUBLICATIONS

1. Abito, J. M. and C. Chen (2021), "How Much Can We Identify From Repeated Games?" *Economics Bulletin*, 41(3), 1212-1222.
2. Han, J.S., J.-F. Houde, A. van Benthem and J. M. Abito (2021), "When Does Regulation Distort Costs? Lessons from Fuel Procurement in US Electricity Generation: Comment," *American Economic Review*, 111(4), 1356-1372.
3. Abito, J. M. (2020), "Measuring the Gains from Optimal Incentive Regulation," *Review of Economic Studies*, 87(5), 2019-2048.
4. Abito, J. M. and Y. Salant (2019), "The Effect of Product Misperception on Economic Outcomes: Evidence from the Extended Warranty Market," *Review of Economic Studies*, 86(6), 2285-2318.
5. Abito, J. M., D. Besanko and D. Diermeier (2019), *Corporate Reputation and Social Activism: Strategic Interaction, Firm Behavior, and Social Welfare*, ISBN: 978019938615, Oxford University Press.
6. Abito, J. M., D. Besanko and D. Diermeier (2016), "Corporate Reputational Dynamics and Activist Pressure," *Advances in Strategic Management*, 34, 235-299.
7. Abito, J. M., K. Borovickova, H. Golden, J. Goldin, M. A. Masten, M. Morin, A. Poirier, V. Pons, I. Romem, T. Williams, and C. Yoon (2011), "How Should the Graduate Economics Core be Changed?" *Journal of Economic Education*, 42(4), 416-419.
8. Abito, J. M. and J. Wright (2008), "Exclusive Dealing with Imperfect Downstream Competition," *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 26(1), 227-246.

WORKING PAPERS

1. “The Role of Output Reallocation and Investment in Incomplete Environmental Regulation” (with C. R. Knittel, K. Metaxoglou and A. Trindade), R&R at *International Journal of Industrial Organization*.
2. “Partial Identification in Dynamic Games,” (with C. Chen), R&R at *International Journal of Industrial Organization*.
3. “Agency Frictions and Procurement: New Evidence from U.S. Electricity Restructuring,” (with J. S. Han, J.-F. Houde and A. van Benthem), submitted.
4. “Estimating Production Functions with Unobserved Time-invariant Heterogeneity and Time-varying Productivity Shocks.”

SELECTED WORK-IN-PROGRESS

1. “Designing More Cost-effective Trading Markets for Renewable Energy” (with F. Golfin, A. van Benthem and G. Vasey).
2. “Revisiting the Effect of Temperature on the Productivity of Chinese Manufacturing Firms” (with R. Ma).
3. “WIC and the Infant Formula Market” (with E. Brover, K. Hui and Y. Salant).
4. “The Effect of Water Utility Mergers on Water Quality” (with F. Golfin and A. Gunn).
5. “Price Formation in Environmental Markets” (C. Chen).

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Climate and Sustainability Research Grant, 2021
US EPA EmPOWER Air Data Challenge, 2021
Dean’s Research Fund, Wharton, 2013-2021
Wharton Faculty Teaching Award, 2019
Research Grant from the Kleinman Energy Policy Center, 2016-2018
Dissertation Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2012
Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, Northwestern University, 2012
Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2012
Susan Schmidt Bies Prize for Doctoral Student Research on Economics and Public Policy, 2011
Distinction in the preliminary exams in micro, macro and econometrics, 2009
Financial support, General Motors Strategy Center, Kellogg School of Management, 2009
University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2008
Eiffel Scholarship (French Ministry of Foreign Affairs), 2006
Economics Society of Singapore Gold Medal, NUS, 2006
Monetary Authority of Singapore Book Prize, NUS, 2006, 2005
You Poh Seng Prize in Econometrics, 2006
NTUC Gold Medal, NUS, 2005
Singapore Scholarship (Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs), 2002

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

2021: IIOC, Congressional Budget Office, Northeast Workshop on Environmental Economics and Energy Policy (Discussant), NBER SI IO (discussant), OSU, University of Georgia (scheduled), ASU (scheduled)
2020: University of Maryland, Econometric Society Winter Meetings
2019: Princeton, Northeast Workshop on Environmental Economics and Energy Policy, University of Delaware, University of Georgia, University of Calgary
2018: BGSE Summer Forum, NBER SI IO (discussant), Penn State, Queens University, FTC Micro
2017: AEA Meetings, UW-Madison, IIOC, 2nd IO Conference in Montreal, NUS, MIT
2016: IIOC, Carleton, Wharton, Northwestern, Econometric Society Summer Meetings, Cornell, NYU Stern
2015: Wharton, IIOC, FTC, Carnegie-Mellon, University of Toronto Rotman, University of Michigan
2014: Harvard, IIOC, CRES Microeconomics, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Wharton, NYU IO day, Bates White, University of Rochester Simon, Columbia
2013: Duke, UCLA, Penn State, Yale, Wharton, Stanford GSB, Princeton, Toulouse School of Economics, IESE Business School, Universitat de Barcelona, Stanford SITE Workshop, MIT, SEA Annual Meeting
2012: APSA Annual Meeting, Northwestern

PhD ADVISING (including year of graduation and first placement)

Cinthia Konichi (2016, Vega Economics)
Ben Rosa (2018, Virginia Tech)
Ming Li (2020, CUHK)
Ruizhi Ma (2021, Analysis Group)
Joao Granja (2021, UCL)

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ADVISING

Thesis (12 students): Melusine Boon Falleur; Min Choi; Cecilia Heard; Oliver Jenkins; Noah Katcher; Cory Paredes; James Paron; Paulina Ruta; Bernardo Sarti; Annannya Shandilya; Lucy Sumner; Jason Wright

Summer research programs (20 students): Maria Amusatogui; Ayina Anyachebelu; Raj Bagaria; Jiecheng Bao; Sydney Bell; Benjamin Blanco; Alejandra Borda; Elizaveta Brover; Courtney Butterworth; Bailey Campbell; Neeraj Chandrasekar; Soyoung Jeon; Przemyslaw Macholak; Victoria Meyer; Miyu Onu; Cristina Pogorevici; Jennifer Qiu; Michael Ruan; Kate Spencer; Maxim Zats

TEACHING

Wharton Faculty Council for Undergraduate Research (BEPP representative), 2019-present
Instructor, Wharton
BEPP 250: Managerial Economics, Spring 2014-2016, 2018-2021
Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, 2011-2012
Econometrics (Undergrad), Industrial Organization (Grad)
Grader, Kellogg School of Management, 2010-2011

Probability and Statistics, Microeconomics, Competitive Strategy (all MBA)

SERVICE

Referee: AEJ: Micro, AEJ: Policy, American Economic Review, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Energy Journal, European Economic Review, Fulbright Fellowship, International Economic Review, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Industrial Organization, Southern Economics Journal

PERSONAL

Status: Married
Citizenship: Philippines; US and Spain Permanent Resident

REFERENCES

Aviv Nevo

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