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Education Background:

Harvard University, Ph.D., Economics, 2021
Harvard University, M.A., Economics, 2017
Princeton University, B.A., Mathematics, 2011

Employment:

Lecturer in Real Estate, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 2020 –

Research Fields:

Primary field: Industrial Organization
Secondary field(s): Urban Economics and Entrepreneurial Finance

Working Papers:

“Diversity and Performance in Entrepreneurial Teams” (joint with Paul Gompers and Kevin Huang), Working Paper, subsumes earlier NBER WP [“Homophily in Entrepreneurial Team Formation” \(2017\)](#)

[“The Distributional Impact of the Sharing Economy on the Housing Market”](#), Working Paper

[“Unobserved Heterogeneity, State Dependence, and Health Plan Choices”](#) (joint with Ariel Pakes, Jack Porter, and Mark Shepard)

Work in Progress:

“Venture Capital’s Me Too Moment” (joint with Paul Gompers and Patrick Sweeney)

“Placed-based Policies via Government Venture Capital: Evidence from China” (joint with Jinlin Li)

(Accepted) Publications:

[“A Set Optimization Approach to Utility Maximization under Transaction Costs”](#) (joint with Andreas Hamel), *Decisions in Economics and Finance* 40(1), 257-275 (2017)

[“And the Children Shall Lead: Gender Diversity and Performance in Venture Capital”](#) (joint with Paul Gompers), Accepted at *Journal of Financial Economics*, 2020

Seminar Presentations (* by coauthors):

2021 (including scheduled): MIT Sloan, Brown University, German Research Foundation, AREUEA-ASSA (discussant)

2020: IOIO*, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Conference in Urban and Regional Economics (discussant), Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting, Stanford University (Economics), Online Spatial and Urban Seminar, Chinese Economic Society Annual Meeting, The Wharton School (Real Estate), Columbia University (GSB and Economics), MIT Sloan, Harvard Business School

2019 (and earlier): Harvard University IO Workshop, Harvard University Finance Workshop, MIT Economics*, University of Warwick, All Raise Venture Capital Summit, UC Davis

Teaching Experience:

2021 Spring	Instructor for Real Estate Finance: Investment and Analysis (REAL 209)
2017, 2018	Teaching assistant for Senior Thesis Seminar (Harvard Ec985)

Research Experience and Other Employment:

2016	Research Assistant to Prof. Ariel Pakes
2015	Research Assistant to Prof. Lauren Cohen and Prof. Christopher Malloy
2018 Spring	Visiting Researcher, Luohan Academy, Alibaba, Hangzhou, China
2015 Summer	Investment Analyst, Weiss Asset Management, Boston, MA
2011-2014	Derivatives Structuring, Financial Institutions Group, Goldman Sachs

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2018 - 2019	Kauffman Foundation Knowledge Challenge Fellowship
2017	John Meyer Housing Fellowship, Joint Center for Housing Studies
2017, 2018	Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Bok Center, Harvard University
2016, 2017	Summer Travel and Research Award, Harvard University
2014 - 2018	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Harvard University
2011	Peter A. Greenberg '77 Mathematics Departmental Prize, Princeton University
2011	Phi Beta Kappa

Profession Service:

Wharton Applied Economics PhD Admissions Committee, 2021 –
Wharton Allied Economics Workshop Co-Organizer, 2021 –
University of Pennsylvania IO Seminar Co-Organizer, 2020

Refereeing Activity:

International Economic Review, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Public Economics,

Language and Skills:

Python, Matlab, Stata, R, Java, C/C++, SQL

Personal Information:

Citizenship: China; U.S. Permanent Resident