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Education

Ph.D., Economics, May 2010 (expected)
Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

M.A., Economics, 2004
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

B.A., Finance, 1998
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Shanghai, China

Research Interests

Applied microeconomics, labor economics, panel data analysis, economic dynamics, investment under uncertainty, education economics, public economics

Dissertation

Title: *Essays on saving for child's college*

Committee: Silvio Rendon (Co-Chair), Hugo A. Benítez-Silva (Co-Chair), Warren C. Sanderson and Mark R. Montgomery

Research Paper

Working Papers

"Asset accumulation and learning: theory and evidence from saving for child's college", Job Market Paper

"Education saving incentive and education saving accounts: evidence from SCF data", manuscript (2007)

"Educational attainment in successive generations using a copula approach", manuscript (2005)

Media Article

"Economic stimulus and economically distressed workers", *Bill Moyers Journal*, *Newsday*, *Reuters*, etc., with Michael Zweig and Daniel Wolman (2008)

Work Experience

8/2009- Programmer, Center for Survey Research, Stony Brook University
Black/White Opinion and Autistic Children Investigation.

7/2008-9/2008 Research Assistant for Michael Zweig, Stony Brook University

3/2004-6/2004 Research Assistant for Sanjoy Chakravorty, Temple University
Inequality and Distribution (Case Study from Indonesian National Labor Force Survey 2002).

7/1998-6/2002 Analyst, Information and Policy, Shanghai Pudong Development Bank, China

Teaching Experience

Instructor (Full responsibilities; my [website](#) presents instructional worksheets (Maple), course websites and syllabi)

- Econometrics (Spring 2009)
- Money and Banking (Fall 2006, Spring/Summer 2007 and Spring/Summer 2008)
- Introductory Economics (Fall 2007/2008)
- Principles of Microeconomics (Spring 2004)

Teaching Assistant

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Spring 2006), Public Finance and Health Economics (Fall 2004), Regional Economics (Spring 2005)

Technical Skills

Proficient (My [website](#) presents codes and technical notes)

- SAS: Hierarchical data manipulation, Panel Data Analysis (PROC TSCSREG, PROC PANEL), Exploratory Data Analysis (developed *multitg* (Macro) to aggregate graphs and tables in flexibly customizable layout for modelling motivation), ODS, Proc SQL, etc..
- Matlab: Copula fitting for two dimension discrete choice data.
- Fortran: Solution algorithm by space discretization for optimal stopping problem with finite-horizon saving (optimal control) under Bayesian learning (used in job market paper).
- Stata: Module to produce publication quality tabulations in batch mode by identifying large scale of geographical areas, Dynamic Binary Choice Model.
- Maple: Plot annotations and customizations, scripting, developed closed-form solution for finite-horizon saving model, instructional worksheets for introductory econometrics, economics, money and banking etc., non-linear grade curving, etc..
- Data experience: Survey of Consumer Finance (SCF), Panel Study of Income and Dynamics (PSID), Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), American Community Survey (ACS), and National Education Longitudinal Study (NELS).

Familiar

SPSS, MathCAD, Latex, HTML/CSS, CMS(Flatpress/Wordpress)

Honors and Awards

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Economics, Stony Brook Univ., 2004 - 2009

Research Access Program (R.A.P.) Travel Grant, Stony Brook Univ., 2008/2009

Outstanding Achievement by Graduate Student, Temple Univ., May 2004

Language

English (fluent), Mandarin (native)

Extracurricular

Senator, Graduate Student Organization, Stony Brook University, 2007-2008

Founder, Grassland Philanthropy Club, Shanghai, 2001-2004

References

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