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Current Position

Department of Economics, College of Business, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Assistant Professor

2021 - present

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Western Ontario, Canada 2013 - 2020

M.Sc Applied Economics *with distinction*, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 2011 - 2012

B.A. Economics, University of Science and Technology of China, China 2007 - 2011

Fields of Interest

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Applied Econometrics, Urban and Housing Economics

Research

Published and Accepted Papers

1. Demographic Changes and the Housing Market, (with Yuxi Yao), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2021, *accepted*.
2. Marriage, Children, and Labor Supply: Beliefs and Outcomes, (with Todd Stinebrickner and Ralph Stinebrickner), *Journal of Econometrics*, 2020, *accepted*.
3. Perceived and Actual Option Values of College Enrollment, (with Todd Stinebrickner and Ralph Stinebrickner), *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 35(7), 940-959, 2020.
4. When Education Policy and Housing Policy Interact: Can They Correct for the Externalities? (with Charles Ka Yui Leung), *Journal of Housing Economics*, 50, 101732, 2020.
5. Uncertainty about Future Income: Initial Beliefs and Resolution during College (with Todd Stinebrickner, and Ralph Stinebrickner), *Quantitative Economics*, 10(2), 607-641, 2019.

Working Papers

6. The Consumption Value of College, (with Lance Lochner, Todd Stinebrickner, and Ralph Stinebrickner), 2021.
7. Examining Income Expectations in the College and Early Post-college Periods: New Distributional Tests of Rational Expectations, (with Thomas Crossley, Todd Stinebrickner, and Ralph Stinebrickner), 2021.
8. Signal-based Learning Models without the Rational Expectations Assumption: Identification and Counterfactuals, 2019.

9. Location Decisions and Welfare Inequality of Graduates from the Appalachian Region: the Role of Non-Pecuniary Considerations, (with Todd Stinebrickner, Ralph Stinebrickner, and Yuxi Yao), 2021.
10. Does Space Matter? The Case of a Cap on the Housing Expenditure Share, (with Charles Ka Yui Leung), 2021.

Work in Progress

11. A Structural Model of College Major Determination, (with Todd Stinebrickner and Ralph Stinebrickner).

Conference and Seminar Presentations (reverse chronological order)

2021: AREUEA International Conference (virtual), Society of Economic Dynamics (virtual), International Association for Applied Econometrics (virtual), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (virtual), Canadian Economics Association (virtual), ASSA (virtual).

2020: European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (virtual), Southern Economic Association (virtual), Summer Workshop at City University of Hong Kong (virtual), Arizona State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Carleton University.

2019: Ryerson University, Southern Economic Association, Joint ECB - NY FED Workshop on Expectations Surveys, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Canadian Economics Association, UM-MSU-UWO Labour Day Conference, AREUEA-ASSA Doctoral Session.

2018: North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Canadian Economics Association, Chinese Economic Association in North America.

2017 and before: China Meeting of the Econometric Society, Canadian Economics Association, Alumni-Student Workshop (City University of Hong Kong), AsRES International Conference.

Referee Service

Contemporary Economic Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Labor Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies

Employment History

Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario

Post Graduate Researcher 2020 - 2021

Department of Economics and Finance, City University of Hong Kong

Graduate Teaching Assistant 2012 - 2013

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

T. Merritt Brown Thesis Prize. 2021

Department of Economics Scholarship, University of Western Ontario. 2016

Department of Economics and Finance Fellowship, City University of Hong Kong. 2013

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