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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, The University of Iowa 2017
Dissertation: Essays in macroeconomics and microfinance
M.A. in Economics, The University of Iowa 2013
B.S. in Economics (Mathematics minor), Emporia State University 2010
with honors (*Summa Cum Laude*)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Financial Inclusion, Digital Economics, Macroeconomics,
Labor Economics, Economic Development, Entrepreneurship

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, Suzhou, China, 2017- Present
Instructor, Tippie College of Business, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, U.S., 2016 - 2017
Teaching Assistant (TA), The University of Iowa, Iowa City, U.S., 2010 - 2016
Economic Consultant, Accion East and Accion U.S. Network, New York, U.S., 2014
Led microloan outcome projects; Developed a new evaluation methodology;
Designed survey; Cleaned and analyzed internal clients' data
Financial Analyst Intern, FDL Financial Services, Inc., Washington, D.C., U.S., 2013
Assessed portfolios to support advisors' financial solutions & risk management advice;
Researched stock market behaviors and trends based on business deals and policy changes

PUBLICATIONS

Liu, F. (2018). Macroeconomic Effects of Microsavings Programs for the Unbanked,
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Volume 154, 75-99,
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2018.07.008>.

WORKING PAPERS

Microfinance in the U.S. (with A. Villamil)
Financial inclusion, financial technology, and economic development: A composite index
approach (with B. Walheer). Under review

Building Financial Resilience Through Financial and Digital Literacy in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa (with A. Lyons, J. Kass-Hanna, A. Greenlee, L. Zeng), <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3496562>

WORK IN PROGRESS

A general equilibrium model of entrepreneurship and assimilation (with G. Horvath, R. Zhang)

Small business entrepreneurship training and financial outcomes: Evidence from the Women's Initiative for Self-Employment (WISE) (with A. Lyons)

A pilot investigation of traditional and psychometric determinants of risk tolerance and investment decisions of households in China (with E. Fang, A. Lyons)

PRESENTATIONS

18th Annual International Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET) on Current Trends in Economics, Taipei, China, June 2018, "Macroeconomic Effects of Microsavings Programs for the Unbanked"

The ISEM Economic Theory International Conference, Beijing, China, June 2018, "Macroeconomic Effects of Microsavings Programs for the Unbanked"

The Economics Tow Seminar, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, U.S., November 2016, "Macroeconomic Effects of Microsavings Programs for the Unbanked"

Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, Purdue University, West Lafayette, U.S., May 2016, "Macroeconomic Effects of Microsavings Programs for the Unbanked"

15th Annual International Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET) on Current Trends in Economics, University of Cambridge, UK, July 2015, "Microfinance in the U.S."

Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, Washington University, St. Louis, U.S., May 2015, "Microfinance in the U.S."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Xi'an Jiaotong - Liverpool University

Intermediate Macroeconomics

History of Economic Thoughts

Final Year Project

The University of Iowa

Principles of Macroeconomics

Principles of Microeconomics

Money, Banking and Financial Markets, TA

Statistics for Strategy Problems, TA

Macroeconomic Theory (Intermediate) (online course), TA

Microeconomic Theory (Intermediate) (online course), TA

CERTIFICATION

Graduate Certificate in College Teaching, The University of Iowa, Spring 2016

GRANTS and AWARDS

IBSS Contribution to Education Research Award, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, 2019

IBSS Development Fund on Research, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, 2019

Teaching Development Fund, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, 2018

Graduate College Research Summer Fellowship, The University of Iowa, 2015, 2016

Conference Travel Grant, Department of Economics, The University of Iowa, 2015

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, The University of Iowa, 2015

Graduate Student Senate Travel Funds Award, Graduate College, The University of Iowa, 2015

Academic Scholarship, Emporia State University, 2008 - 2010

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization

Referee for Annals of Finance

Discussant, Allied Social Science Association Annual Meeting (ASSA), San Diego, U.S., Jan.2020

Discussant, Midwest Finance Association, Chicago, U.S., March 2017

COMPUTATION

Language: Matlab; some experience with JAVA

Statistical Software: R, STATA; some experience with SAS

Applications: Latex, Microsoft Office

Operating Systems: Mac OSX, Windows; some experience with Unix/Linux

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Full professional proficiency in English; Native in Chinese