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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale-NUS College July 2016 – present
Courtesy Joint Appointment, Assistant Professor of Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School of
Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore Feb 2022 – present
& Oct 2016 – June 2020
Affiliated Faculty, Institute for Application of Learning Science and Educational
Technology (ALSET), National University of Singapore April 2018 – present

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Columbia University 2016
Dissertation Committee: W. B. MacLeod, M. Urquiola, M. Rukkannen, B. Salanié
B.A. Economics & B.S. Mathematics, Wuhan University 2010
Visiting Student at the National University of Singapore Aug-Dec 2009

Research

PUBLICATIONS

1. "[Does Information on Age-Related Fertility Decline and Fertility Policies Affect University Students' Family and Career Expectations? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial](#)" (with Poh Lin Tan and Jessica Pan) *PLOS ONE*, forthcoming
2. "[The Effect of Language Training on Immigrants' Integration: Does the Duration of Training Matter?](#)" (with Alex Pont Grau, Yu-Hsiang Lei, and Joel Lim)** *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, vol 212, pp. 160-198, August 2023
3. "[Selective Mortality and the Long-Term Effects of Early Life Exposure to Natural Disasters](#)" (with Margaret Triyana) *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, vol 85(4), pp. 773-804, August 2023
4. "[Barrier to Entry or Signal of Quality? The Effects of Occupational Licensing on Minority Dental Assistants](#)" *Labour Economics*, vol 71, 102027, August 2021
5. "[Do Nonprofits Manipulate Investment Returns?](#)" (with Douglas Almond) *Economics*

Letters, vol 155, pp. 62-66, June 2017

** Papers co-authored with undergraduate student(s)

WORKING PAPERS

[“Grades as Signals of Comparative Advantage: How Letter Grades Affect Major Choices”](#)
(with Hongyan Li) [under review]

[“Improving Health and Safety in the Informal Sector: Evidence from a Randomized Trial in Bangladesh”](#) (with Asad Islam, Wang-Sheng Lee, and Margaret Triyana) [under review]

“Are For-Profit Universities More Responsive to the Labor Market? Evidence from Responses to Occupational Regulation”

“Money and Mission: How Universities Responded to Endowment Shocks from the Great Recession”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

[“Addressing Learning Gap of Secondary School Children in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nepal”](#) (with Asad Islam, Paul Glewwe, Shwetlena Sabarwal, Uttam Sharma, and Wahed Rahman) [in the field]

“Gender Peers Effects in STEM Courses” (with Jessica Pan and Yuxuan Zhang)

“Conditional Cash Transfers Improve the Coverage of Growth Monitoring and Nutritional Surveillance Programs in the Philippines” with Joel Lim

Research Grants

PI, JY Pillay Global Asia Fund Yale-NUS Internal Grant, Yale-NUS College, “What qualities do students seek in instructors? Evidence from course bidding at a large public university.” (with Jessica Pan). SGD \$30,000. 2023-2024

PI, MOE Academic Research Fund Tier 2 Grant, Singapore Ministry of Education, “Early Life Shocks: Effects, Responses, and Remedies.” (with Margaret Triyana) SGD \$269,796. 2018-2022

PI, Teaching Enhancement Grant, National University of Singapore, “Teaching Effectiveness, Course Evaluations, and Student Outcomes.” (with Jessica Pan) SGD \$20,400. 2018-2022

PI, Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Fund, National University of Singapore, “Early Life Shocks: Effects, Responses, and Remedies.” SGD \$20,000. 2017-2018

Start-up Grant, Yale-NUS College. SGD \$45,000. 2016-2020

Fellowships and Awards

HSS Faculty Research Fellowship, National University of Singapore	Fall 2020
Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University	2010-2016
LEaRN Award, Temasek Foundation & NUS, Singapore	Fall 2009
National Scholarship, Ministry of Education, China	2009
Outstanding Student Award, Wuhan University	2006-2010

Teaching

YALE-NUS COLLEGE

Intermediate Microeconomics	(6x) Spring 22, 23, Fall 22
Labor Economics	(6x) Spring 17, 23, Fall 17, 18, 21, 23
Urban Economics	(2x) Spring 18, 22
Econometrics	(2x) Spring 20
Comparative Social Inquiry (Common Curriculum)	(7x) Fall 16, 17, 18, 19

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (as Instructor)

Principles of Economics	Summer 2014
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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (as Teaching Assistant)

Principles of Economics, Economics of Race in the U.S., Law and Economics, Game Theory, Microeconomic Analysis (Ph.D. Core Course)

Professional Activities

ACADEMIC VISITS

Visitor, Department of Economics, Yale University	March-April 2019
Visitor, CIRJE, Faculty of Economics, University of Tokyo	May-June 2018
Visiting Student, National University of Singapore	Fall 2009

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Organising Committee, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) 2019 Conference, 12-14 December 2019, Singapore

SEMINARS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2023	Conference on Sustainable Development for Thriving Communities (Monash University Malaysia, invited speaker) (scheduled)
2021	NUS ALSET, NUS East Asian Institute
2019	Virginia Tech (Department of Economics)
2018	University of Tokyo (Department of Economics), Asian School of Business (KL)

2016 Mount-Holyoke College, Yale-NUS College, Nanyang Technological University (Department of Economics), Ateneo de Manila University (School of Government), University of the Philippines (School of Economics)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023 WEAI 17th International Conference (Melbourne), Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society in East and Southeast Asia (Singapore), AASLE Conference (Taipei) (scheduled)

2022 SOLE Annual Conference (Minneapolis), RES Annual Conference (Virtual), WEAI 97th Annual Conference (Virtual), AASLE Conference (Virtual)

2021 IUSSP Conference (Virtual)

2020 WEAI 95th Annual Conference (Virtual)

2019 The CSOR Occupational Licensing Conference (Saint Francis University), APPAM International Conference (Barcelona), AASLE Conference (Singapore)

2018 ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia), Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (Seoul)

2017 Conference on Health and Development (Academic Sinica, Taipei), 10th Asian Conference on Applied Micro and Econometrics (Singapore), Third Monash Environmental Economics Workshop (Monash University)

2016 APPAM Fall Research Conference (D.C.)

2015 AEFPP Annual Conference (D.C.)

2014 AEFPP Annual Conference (San Antonio)

2013 EconCon (New York)

REFEREEING

American Journal of Health Economics, China Economic Review, Environment and Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Human Capital, Labour Economics

Supervision and Service

PH.D. ADVISING AT NUS

Li Hongyan (as committee member, NUS Economics, PhD awarded 2023, placement: Energy Studies Institute, Singapore)

UNDERGRADUATE CAPSTONE SUPERVISION AT YALE-NUS COLLEGE

2023/24 Nicole Lim, (co-supervisor) Naia Nathan

2022/23 Cai Shenghao, Jonathan Roy Lara Tellez

2021/22 Ang Hui Lyn, Donomic Chan, Jacob Jian Feng Jarabejo, Sakshyat Khadka

2019/20 Chu Jincong, Dinh Hai Bao Lien, Sonal Kumar, Uros Perisic

2018/19 (sem 1 only) Aditi Kothari, Divesh Vashdev Dadlani, Mildred Liu, Rim Bettaieb
2017/18 Colette Chiaranussati, Pareen Chaudhari
2016/17 Erika Terrones Shibuya, Spandana Bhattacharya

SERVICE TO YALE-NUS COLLEGE

Coordinator for Concurrent Degree with LKYSPP	2022/23, 23/24
College Ethics Review Committee (Internal IRB)	2021/22
Economics Junior Search Committee (2 positions)	2018/19
CIPE Scholarship Committee: Yenching & Schwarzman	2017/18, 18/19, 19/20
Faculty Advisor for Student Organization KidsAccomplish!	2017/18, 18/19, 19/20
Family Weekend Sample Lecture	2017/18, 19/20
Cendana College Residential Fellow	2018/19, 19/20

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Channel News Asia, Insight

- “Biden First 100 Days: An Asian Perspective”, Airdate 22 April 2021 20:00
- “Japan’s Demographic Time Bomb”, Airdate 8 Aug 2019 20:00

Business Times, “Tech expansion in Singapore fans tussle for talent (by Claudia Chong)”, In print and online 26 Feb 2021

Skills

Language	Manderin (Native), English (Fluent)
Software	STATA, MATLAB, ArcGIS, Python, LyX