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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- September 2017— Northwestern University
Department of Economics & Center for Economic History, Postdoctoral Fellow
(Mentor: Joel Mokyr)
- January 2017—August 2017 Brown University
Department of Economics, Visiting Scholar & Postdoctoral Fellow
(Faculty host: Stelios Michalopoulos)
- August 2015—January 2017 University of California, Los Angeles
Anderson School of Management, Postdoctoral Fellow
(Mentor: Paola Giuliano)

EDUCATION

- 2010–2015 PhD in Economics, George Mason University (Advisor: John Nye)
2009–2010 MA in Finance, Claremont McKenna College
2007–2008 Educational Abroad Program in Economics, UC Davis
2005–2009 BA in International Economics, Fudan University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic History, Cultural Economics, Development Economics, Economics of Gender

CURRENT RESEARCH PAPERS

- High-Value Work and the Rise of Women: The Cotton Revolution and Gender Equality in China (Under Review)
- Autocratic Rule and Social Capital: Evidence from Imperial China, with Mark Koyama
- Raising Dragons, with John Nye.
- Friends from Afar: The Taiping Rebellion, Cultural Proximity and Primary Schooling in the Lower Yangzi, 1850-1949, with Yu Hao, *Explorations in Economic History* 2017, 62 (1).

WORK IN PROGRESS

- The Short- and Long-Run Effects of Affirmative Action: Evidence from Imperial China, with Yu Hao
- Folklore and Culture, with Stelios Michalopoulos
- Extreme Weather and Culture of Violence

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, European Review of Economic History, Australian Economic History Review, Palgrave Macmillan

Conference Participation and Seminar Presentations (including scheduled)

- 2017 All-UC Economic History Conference (Caltech), ASREC, ASSA (3), Brown (invited seminar), Brown Applied Micro Lunch, Brown Growth Breakfast, NBER Summer Institute Income Distribution and Macroeconomics, Northwestern (invited seminar), Toulouse (invited seminar), UC Irvine (invited seminar), Williams College Brown Bag
- 2016 All-UC Economic History Conference (UC Davis), ASREC, Bologna (invited seminar), Bonn (invited seminar), Chapman (invited seminar), Economic History Association Annual Conference, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (invited Seminar), IOEA, Monash (invited seminar), NBER Summer Institute (DAE), NUS Business School (invited seminar), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Historical Economics and Development Group (HEDG), Toulouse (invited seminar), UC Davis (invited seminar), UCLA Anderson Brown Bag, UCLA Economic History Proseminar, University of Arizona (invited seminar), University of New South Wales (invited seminar)
- 2015 All-UC Economic History Conference (UC Berkeley), ASREC, IRES, NBER Chinese Economy Meeting (discussant), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), World Economic History Conference (WEHC)
- 2014 APEE, “Deep Causes of Economic Development” Conference (Utrecht), Economic History Association Annual Conference, Economic History Society Annual Conference, HKEA, ISNIE, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (SEA), Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (invited seminar), Washington Area Development Economics Symposium (WADES)
- 2013 ASREC, Workshop on Economic Analysis of Institutions (Xiamen), World Congress of Cliometrics Society
- 2012 GMU-AU Economic History Workshop, GMU Graduate Student Conference

Membership

American Economic Association, Economic History Association

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Northwestern’s Center for Economic History Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2017 IAST Visiting Fellowship
- 2015 Dan Searle Fellowship in Economics
- 2015 Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Fellowship (declined)
- 2014 George Mason University International Travel Fund
- 2014 IHS Conference and Research Grant
- 2013 NSF Graduate Student Travel Grant

2013	APEE Young Scholar Award
2013–2014	George Mason University Graduate Research Assistantship
2011–2013	George Mason University Graduate Teaching Assistantship
2010, 2012, 2015	George Mason University Graduate Lectureship
2007, 2008	UC Davis Dean’s List
2006, 2008, 2009	Fudan University Renmin (People’s) Scholarship

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Topics in Economic History (Northwestern, 2017 Fall); Topics in Economic History (GMU); Money and Banking (GMU).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014	Economic Research Services, United States Department of Agriculture, Economist
2013	Center for Health Policy, George Mason University, Research Assistant
2012	C4i Center, George Mason University, Research Assistant

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2009	IBM, Blue Pathway Summer Internship Program
2009	ZS Associates, Part-time Research Associate
2008	Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Consulting Intern
2008	General Electric-NBC Universal, Assistant to the Director of Business Development
2008	National Foreign Trade Council, Research Intern

SKILLS

Computer skills: LaTeX, ArcGIS, Stata, SQL

Language skills: Mandarin (native), English (fluent), Japanese (basic)