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Fields Labor Economics, Industrial Organization, Monetary Economics,
History of Economic Thought.

Education Clemson University, Clemson SC
Ph.D., Economics (expected May 2018)
Primary field: Labor Economics
Secondary field: Industrial organization, monetary economics

Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Shanghai, China
Ph.D., Economics, 2013 (with degree 2015)
Field: History of Chinese Economic Thoughts
Dissertation: The Evolution and Explanation of the Idea of Economic Reform
Under the Special Economic Zone Approach

Shenzhen University, Shenzhen, China
B.S., Economics, 2004

Research Papers

1. Why did the college wage premium growth decelerate? An analysis of endogenous supply of high-skilled workers [**Job market paper**]
[**Abstract**] The growth of the college wage premium decelerated after the 1980s and even more so since 2000. The deceleration challenges the skill-biased technological change theory which is the most powerful explanation for the rapid growth in the 1980s. In this research, I build a model that captures the progress of skill-biased technologies, automation and the mean quality change of high-skilled workers to explain this deceleration. The novel feature of the model is that the supply of high-skilled workers endogenously depends on the progress of technologies and other shocks. I show the change in progress basis of skill-biased technologies is the primary reason that leads to the deceleration relative to the change in progress speed of skill-biased technologies and the progress of automation. This result suggests the deceleration of college wage premium growth is an inevitable outcome of skill-biased technological change while both demand reversal and polarization have only moderate explanatory power. About the direct mechanism of the deceleration, I find that the faster decline in the mean quality of high-skilled workers followed by a greater offset of skill-biased technological change's positive impact on college wage premium growth due to increase in the progress basis of skill-biased technologies is the primary direct mechanism.
2. Recent flattening college wage premium: demand reversal, polarization or supply change? [Working paper]
3. Spatial change of US state level labor market inequality [Working paper]

4. A discussion of special economic zone approach. (in Chinese) With Yitao Tao and Jinwu Xiong. [Working paper]
5. Defective economic thinking: with controversy on fiat money for special economic zone. Guizhou Social Science (in Chinese), 2015, V301(1), 143-152.
6. Two Problems of Urban Land Transfer and the Review of a Possible Solution: An Analysis on the Perspective of Bargaining. With Jinwu Xiong. Economic Survey (in Chinese), 2013, V1(6): 130-136.

Teaching Assistant

Clemson University 2014-2017
 Advanced Econometrics / Labor Economics
 Principles of Microeconomics/Macroeconomics

Shanghai University of Finance and Economics 2007-2010
 Advanced Microeconomics/Macroeconomics I
 Principles of Microeconomics

Research Assistant

Clemson University 2015-2016
 China Europe International Business School 2008 summer

Software Dataset

Stata, Matlab, R, SPSS, Palmetto Cluster, ArcGIS, Office, Lyx & Latex
 Integrated Public Use Microdata Series – Current population survey (IPUMS-CPS)
 Integrated Public Use Microdata Series – US Census / American Community Survey

Language

English (Fluent), Chinese Mandarin (Native), Cantonese (Native)

Awards

Myles Wallace Annual Fellowship
 Best Second Year Ph.D. Paper in Economics, Clemson University

References

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