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## Education

**2009-2016** PhD., Economics, University of Toronto  
*Distinction in Microeconomics Comprehensive Exam*

**2004-2008** MA, Economics, University of British Columbia

**2004-2008** BA, Economics, Nanjing University

## Employment

**2017-** Assistant Professor, Syracuse University

**2016-2017** Instructor, Syracuse University

## Awards, Scholarships and Fellowships

**2018-2019** Maxwell School Office of the Dean Summer Project Assistantship

**2014-2015** University of Toronto Doctoral Completion Award

**2011-2014** University of Toronto Dorothy Powell Graduate Scholarship in International Economics

**2009-2014** University of Toronto Fellowship

**2008-2009** University of British Columbia Tuition Fellowship

## Teaching Experience

**2019-** The Chinese Economy, undergraduate level, Syracuse University

**2018-** Topics in International Trade, PhD level, Syracuse University

**2016-** International Trade, undergraduate level, Syracuse University

**2012-2016** International Trade, undergraduate level, University of Toronto

**2012-2013** Microeconomic Theory, undergraduate level, University of Toronto

**2011** Financial Economics, undergraduate level, University of Toronto

**2010** Economic Theory, graduate level, University of Toronto

## Research Papers

### **The Missing Option in Firm Boundary Decisions**

(revision requested from the **European Economic Review**)

Previous Title: "Global Supply Chains without Principals"

### **What's the Big Idea? Multi-Function Products, Firm Scope and Firm Boundaries**

(with Daniel Trefler, revision requested from the **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organizations**)

Previous Title: "The Choice between Quality and Cost: Implications for Firm Scope and Firm Boundaries"

Previous Title: "Contracts, Product Design, and Firm Boundary Decisions"

Previous Title: "Quality and Scope in Production Networks"

### **Judicial Quality, Relative Efficiency, and Firm Boundary Decisions**

(with Elhanan Helpman and Daniel Trefler, in progress)

### **Innovation, Trade, and Dynamic Firm Productivity: Evidence from China (in progress)**

### **Merging PATSTAT with S&P Capital IQ: An Application of Machine Learning Algorithm**

(with Yimin Yi and Yoonseok Lee, in progress)

## Conferences and Seminars

**2019** Workshop on "Technical Changes, U.S.-China Trade and Labor Market Outcomes"

**2018** MIT Sloan Organizational Economics Seminar  
Econometric Society China Meeting in Shanghai  
Tsinghua University  
East China University of Science and Technology  
Central University of Finance and Economics

**2017** Empirical Investigations in International Trade in Washington D.C.  
Econometric Society Asian Meeting in Hong Kong

**2016** Syracuse University  
Colgate University  
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville  
University of California at Merced  
University of Florida.

**2015** Canadian Economic Annual Conference in Toronto  
80th International Atlantic Economic Conference in Boston

**2014** Midwest Economic Theory and International Trade Conference in Indianapolis

**2013** Canadian Economic Annual Conference in Montreal

**2012** RCEF Cities, Open Economies, and Public Policy in Toronto

## Referee Experience

Journal of International Economics, Journal of Games, Economic Behavior and Organizations, Canadian Journal of Economics