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Academic Appointments

2024-	Associate Professor (with tenure), York University
2019-2024	Assistant Professor, York University
2017-2019	Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore

Education

2011-2017	Ph.D., Economics, University of Toronto Committee: Diego Restuccia (supervisor), Xiaodong Zhu, Margarida Duarte
2010-2011	M.A., Economics, University of Toronto
2006-2010	Bachelor of Economics, Fudan University

Journal Articles

1. “Home Production and Gender Gap in Structural Change” (with Huoqing Cao and Xican Xi)
International Economic Review, accepted.
2. “Health, Health Insurance, and Income Inequality” (with Zhigang Feng and Jiaying Gu)
International Economic Review, 2025, Vol. 66(1): 107—141.
3. “Family Migration and Structural Transformation” (with Huoqing Cao, Xican Xi, and Sharon Xue-jing Zuo)
Canadian Journal of Economics, 2024, Vol. 57(3): 753—776.
4. “Land Security and Mobility Frictions” (with Tasso Adamopoulos, Loren Brandt, Diego Restuccia, and Xiaoyun Wei)
Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2024, Vol. 139(3): 1941—1987.
5. “Finance, Managerial Inputs, and Misallocation” (with Ashique Habib and Xiaodong Zhu)
American Economic Review: Insights, 2023, Vol. 5(3): 409—426.
6. “Land Misallocation and Productivity” (with Diego Restuccia and Raul Santaaulalia-Llopis)

- American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 2023, Vol. 15(2): 441—465.
7. “The Effects of Land Markets on Resource Allocation and Agricultural Productivity” (with Diego Restuccia and Raul Santaella-Llopis)
Review of Economic Dynamics, 2022, Vol. 45, 41—54
 8. “Capital-Skill Complementarity, Sectoral Labor Productivity, and Structural Transformation”
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, 2020, Vol. 116: 103902
 9. “Technology Adoption, Capital Deepening, and International Productivity Differences”
Journal of Development Economics, 2020, Vol. 143: 102388
 10. “Untitled Land, Occupational Choice, and Agricultural Productivity”
American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, 2017, Vol. 9(4): 91—121

Work in Progress

1. “Agricultural Productivity Growth in Africa” (with Diego Restuccia)
2. “Food Security Risk and Structural Transformation” (with Trevor Tombe and Xiaodong Zhu)
3. “Labor Force Participation and Structural Change” (with Loren Brandt and Xiaoyun Wei)
4. “Structural Change and Family Investments in Children” (with Ying Feng, Dennis Tao Yang, and Xiaodong Zhu)

Conference and Invited Seminar Presentations

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| 2026 | Brock University, Chinese Economists Society 2026 North America Annual Conference (Emory), Richmond Macroeconomics Workshop (VCU), 7 th Annual Workshop of Southwestern Ontario Macro Economists (Toronto), Peking University (scheduled) |
| 2025 | Econometric Society North American Winter Meeting (San Francisco), Tufts University, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Macro-Development Mini Conference (Wash. Univ. in St. Louis), 6 th Annual Workshop of Southwestern Ontario Macro Economists (Western, discussant) |
| 2024 | STEG Annual Conference (Abu Dhabi), Queen’s University, University of Toronto, University of Hong Kong, Midwest Macro Meeting (Richmond), Barcelona Summer Forum (declined/Schengen-visa-delay), ThReD Summer Meetings (Namur, declined/Schengen-visa-delay), Midwest Macro Meeting (Purdue), University of Windsor, National University of Singapore, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of Hong Kong Shenzhen, Boston University, McGill University, Purdue University |
| 2023 | Midwest Macro Meeting (Clemson), Econometric Society European Meeting (Barcelona SE, declined/Schengen-visa-delay), Swansea University, McGill University, 7 th Annual Bank of |

Canada & University of Toronto Conference on the Chinese Economy (Toronto)

- 2022 STEG Annual Conference (online), University of Alberta (online), Econometric Society Asia Meeting (online), Canadian Economics Association (Carleton University), Society of Economic Dynamics (U Wisconsin-Madison), University of Toronto, Goethe University Frankfurt (online), Canadian Macro Study Group (UQAM)
- 2021 (Online): University of Nebraska Omaha, Peking University (NSE), Society of Economic Dynamics, Canadian Economics Association, Econometric Society North American Meeting, Econometric Society China Meeting, Econometric Society Asia Meeting, Society for the Study of Economic Inequality
- 2020 Society of Economic Dynamics (Barcelona, rescheduled), Junior VMACS Conference (Online), Texas A&M University (Online)
- 2019 Fudan University (CCES), York University, Peking University (NSE), Tokyo Conference on Economics of Institutions and Organizations, Hiroshima University, Jinan University, 2019 (10th) Shanghai Macroeconomics Workshop (SHUFE), Academia Sinica, Midwest Macro Meeting (Michigan State)
- 2018 University of Queensland, University of Melbourne, China Conference on Growth and Development (Wuhan University), Tsinghua Workshop in Macroeconomics (discussant), World Bank, Peking University (INSE)
- 2017 Bank of Canada, McMaster University, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, National University of Singapore, Chinese University of Hong Kong, York University, Royal Economic Society (Bristol), Midwest Macro Meeting (Louisiana State University), Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting (Washington University in St. Louis), Society of Economic Dynamics (Edinburgh), Singapore Management University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Midwest Macro Meeting (Pittsburgh), Fudan University
- ≤2016 Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (MIT), EconCon (Princeton), Midwest Macro Meeting (Purdue), Canadian Economics Association (University of Ottawa), Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Canadian Economics Association (Ryerson University), Econometric Society Winter Meeting (CEMFI), Canadian Economics Association (Simon Fraser University)

Journal Refereeing

Agricultural Economics

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics

American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics

American Economic Journal: Microeconomics
American Journal of Agricultural Economics
Applied Economics Letters
B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics
Canadian Journal of Economics
China Economic Review
Economic Development and Cultural Change
Economic Inquiry
Economic Journal
Economics Letters
Economics Modelling
European Economic Review
Food Policy
International Economic Review
International Journal of Economic Theory
Journal of Asian Economics
Journal of Comparative Economics
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control
Journal of Economic Growth
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management
Journal of European Economic Association
Journal of International Economics
Journal of Monetary Economics
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of Population Economics
Journal of Urban Economics
Macroeconomic Dynamics
Oxford Development Studies
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Regional Science and Urban Studies
Review of Development Economics
Review of Economic Dynamics
Review of Economic Studies
Review of Economics and Statistics
Scandinavian Journal of Economics
World Development

Grant Refereeing

Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG), CEPR

Conference Committee

Scientific committee, Econometric Society Asia Meeting, 2026

Awards and Grants

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
Insight Grant, \$82,202, 2024—2029
Insight Development Grant, \$51,380, 2020—2024
Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG), CEPR
Small Research Grant, US\$18,025, 2025—2026.
Small Research Grant, £13,080, 2023—2024
York University
Minor Research Grant, \$5,000, 2026
Research Support Grant, \$4,855, 2025
Research Support Grant, \$4,845, 2024
Research Support Grant, \$5,000, 2023
Small Research Grant, \$5,000, 2022
Faculty Start-Up Grant, \$20,000, 2019
National University of Singapore
Faculty Start-Up Grant, SG\$40,000, 2017—2019

Teaching Experience

Economic Growth and Development (3rd-year undergrad, York, 2026)
Topics in Macroeconomic Theory (PhD Core Macro I, York, 2019—2024)
Intermediate Macroeconomics (2nd-year undergrad macro, York, 2020—2026)
Advanced Macroeconomic Theory (4th-year undergrad macro, York, 2023)
Advanced Macroeconomic Theory (PhD Core Macro II, NUS, 2018, 2019)
Macroeconomic Analysis III (honour-year undergrad macro, NUS, 2018, 2019)
Economic Growth (3rd-year undergrad, U Toronto, 2014—2016)

University Services

Appointments and Planning Committee, 2021, 2022
Macroeconomics Department Seminar Series Co-Organizer, 2019—2024
Undergraduate Studies and Student Experience Committee, 2020
Graduate Adjudication Committee, 2019
Junior Faculty Hiring Committee (National University of Singapore), 2018

PhD Comprehensive Exam Committee, macroeconomics, 2017—2024

PhD Thesis Committee Member

- Gideon Attado (York University), in progress
- Shadi Rahimfallah (York University), in progress
- Nicole Hosseini (York University), in progress
- Thinh Dao (York University), in progress
- Zahra Shahidi (York University), in progress
- Zifan Bi (York University), graduated in 2023
Initial placement: Assistant Professor at Liaoning University
- Henry Kim (York University), graduated in 2022
Initial placement: the World Bank
- Jie Ren (National University of Singapore), graduated in 2022
Initial placement: Assistant Professor at Central University of Finance and Economics
- Ke Gu (York University), graduated in 2021
Initial placement: Postdoc at York University

PhD Thesis External Examiner

- Shu Chen (McGill University), 2025
- Boyao Zhang (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), 2024
- Sanah Sarin (McGill University), 2024
- Hosein Hamisheh Bahar (Schulich School of Business, York University), 2023
- Bing Ma (National University of Singapore), 2018
- Qian Cao (National University of Singapore), 2018

Professional Affiliations

American Economic Association, Canadian Economics Association, Econometric Society, Royal Economic Society, Society of Economic Dynamics