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PRIMARY ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Northwestern University, Kellogg MEDS, James J. O'Connor Professor (Parental Leave: Fall 2018 and Winter 2019)	2017-
Northwestern University, Dept. of Economics, Professor by Courtesy Appt.	2018-
Yale University Department of Economics, Associate Professor (Parental Leave: Spring 2015)	2013-16
Yale University Department of Economics, Assistant Professor	2009-13
Brown University Department of Economics, Assistant Professor	2005-9

OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS

EIF Visiting Professor	2024-25
Global Poverty Research Lab, co-Director	2022-
HKUST-NES Research Center on China, Russia, Eurasia, Advisory Board	2020
China Econ Lab, Founding co-Director	2020
Global Poverty Research Lab -- China Lab, Founding Director	2018-
Fudan University FISF, Special Term Professor	2019-
Fudan University School of Economics, Visiting Professor	2022-
Kellogg SOM at Northwestern University, Visiting Professor	2016
NYU Stern Dept. of Economics, Visiting Scholar	2016
Center for Evaluation and Development in Mannheim, Research Fellow	2016-
NYU Dept. of Economics, Visiting Scholar	2014
Yale University Council on East Asian Studies, Affiliate	2014-16
Yale Leitner Center for Political Economy, Affiliate	2014-16
Princeton University, Industrial Relations Section, Visiting Scholar	2011-12
EIF Visiting Scholar	2008-14, 16
University of Chicago Booth Business School, Visiting Scholar	2009
Harvard University Department of Economics, Visiting Scholar	2007-9
Harvard Academy Scholar	2007-9
Brown University Populations Studies and Training Center, Affiliate	2005-9

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. Economics Dissertation: <i>Three Essays of Economic Development in China</i>	2005
University of Texas at Austin, Plan I Honors Program: B.A. with High Honors	2001

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Political Economy, Economic History

PUBLICATIONS

"Discrimination and State Capacity: Evidence from WWII U.S. Army Enlistment" (2023) (with Marco Tabellini) NBER Working Paper 29482. Forthcoming at the **Review of Economic Studies**.

"The Political Economic Causes Great Soviet Famine, 1932-33" (2023) (with Andrei Markevich and Natalya Naumenko) NBER Working Paper 29089. Forthcoming at the **Review of Economic Studies**. Winner of the **2025 Conquest Prize for Contribution to Holodomor Studies**.

"The Unintended Consequences of NGO-provided Aid on Government Services in Uganda" (2024) (with Erika Deserranno and Aisha Nansamba) NBER Working Paper No. 26928. Forthcoming at in the **Journal of European Economic Review**.

"Technological Adoption and Taxation: The Case of China's Golden Tax Reform" (with Haichao Fan, Yu Liu and Jaya Wen) **NBER Tax Policy and the Economy**, Forthcoming.

"The Intensification Effects of Climate Change on Political Instability in the Long Run, 1400-1900CE" (with Murat Iyigun and Joris Mueller) **American Economic Papers & Proceedings**, Forthcoming.

"Social Fragmentation, Elections and Public Goods: Evidence from China" (with Gerard Padró-i-Miquel and Yang Yao) (2024) NBER Working Paper w18633. Forthcoming for Book Chapter for **Decentralized Governance: Crafting Effective Democracies Around the World**, edited by Samistah Pal and Jean-Paul Faguet, LSE Press.

"Stress, Ethnicity and Prosocial Behavior" (2021) (with Johannes Haushofer, Sara Lowes, Abednego Musau, David Ndeti, Nathan Nunn and Moritz Poll). Accepted at the **Journal of Political Economy -- Micro**.

"The Rise and Fall of Local Elections in China: Theory and Empirical Evidence on the Autocrat's Tradeoff" with Monica Martinez-Bravo, Gerard Padró-i-Miquel and Yang Yao (2017) NBER Working Paper 24032. Forthcoming at the **American Economic Review**.

"On the Road: Transportation Infrastructure and Economic Growth in China" (with Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo) (2019) NBER Working Paper 17897. Accepted at the **Journal of Development Economics**.

"Immigrants and the Making of America" (with Nathan Nunn and Sandra Sequeira) **The Review of Economic Studies**, 87(1), January 2020, pp. 382-419. NBER Working Paper 23289.

"Economic Transition and Private-Sector Labor Demand: Evidence from Urban China" (with Lakshmi Iyer, Xin Meng and Xiaoxue Zhao). **Journal of Comparative Economics**, 47(3), September 2019, p. 579-600. NBER Working Paper 19733

"Quantity-Quality and the One Child Policy: The Positive Effect of Family Size on School Enrollment in China" (2017) Forthcoming in **Gender and Development**, UNU Wider Oxford University Press.

"Lifecycle Human Capital Accumulation Across Countries: Evidence from U.S. Immigrants" with Benjamin Moll, David Lagakos, Tommaso Porzio and Todd Schoellman) (2017) Forthcoming in **The Journal of Human Capital**. NBER Working Paper 21914.

"Government Distortion in Independently Owned Media: Evidence from U.S. Cold War News Coverage of Human Rights "(with David Yanagizawa-Drott) **The Journal of European Economics Association**, 15(2), 2017.

"Life Cycle Wage Growth Across Countries" (with Benjamin Moll, David Lagakos, Tommaso Porzio and Todd Schoellman) Forthcoming in **The Journal of Political Economy**. NBER Working Paper 18602.

"The Institutional Causes of Famine in China, 1959-61" (with Xin Meng and Pierre Yared) **The Review of Economic Studies**, 82(4), 2015, p. 1568-1611.

"Making Progress on Foreign Aid" **The Annual Review of Economics**, Vol 7, 2015 August, p. 277-308.

"U.S. Food Aid and Civil Conflict" (with Nathan Nunn) **The American Economic Review**, 104(6), 2014 June, p. 1630-1666.

"Village Governance in China", **The Oxford Companion to the Economics of China**, Ch. 53, Oxford University Press, 2014 November.

"The Determinants of Food Aid Provisions to Africa and the Developing World," (with Nathan Nunn) **African Successes: Sustainable Growth**, Vol. 4, University of Chicago Press, 2014 May.

"More Missing Women, Fewer Dying Girls: The Impact of Abortion on Sex Ratios at Birth and Excess Female Mortality in Taiwan" (with Ming-Jen Lin and Jin-Tan Liu) **The Journal of European Economic Association**, 12(4), 2014 August, p. 899-926. Winner of **The Excellent Research Paper Award** by the Taiwan Economic Association in 2018.

"The Impact of Potatoes on Old World Population and Urbanization" (with Nathan Nunn), **The Quarterly Journal of Economics**, 126(2), May 2011, p. 593-650.

"The Columbian Exchange: a Historical Change in Food, Disease and Ideas" (with Nathan Nunn) **The Journal of Economic Perspectives**, 24(2), 2010 Spring, p. 163-188.

"The Strategic Determinants of U.S. Human Rights Reporting: Evidence from the Cold War" (with David Yanagizawa) **The Journal of European Economic Association Papers and Proceedings**, 7(2-3), 2009 May-June, p. 446-457.

"Income Inequality and Progressive Income Taxation in China and India, 1986-2010" (with Thomas Piketty) **American Economic Journal - Applied Economics**, 1(2), 2009 April, p. 53-63.

"Missing Women and the Price of Tea in China: The Effect of Sex-Specific Income on Sex Imbalance," **The Quarterly Journal of Economics**, 123(3), 2008 August, p.1251-1285. Also in Chinese in the graduate textbook **China Labor Economics Vol. 3**, Beijing: China Academy of Social Sciences Press, 2007, pp. 3-28.

WORKING PAPERS

"Repression" (with Gerard Padro-i-Miquel), the *Handbook of Political Economy*, edited by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, North Holland, expected publication 2025.

"The Impact of the Chinese Exclusion Act on the U.S. Economy" (2024) (with Carlo Medici and Marco Tabellini).

"The Political Economic Effect of Chernobyl on Global Nuclear Energy Investment" (2021) (with Alexey Makarin and Shaoda Wang). (2024)

"Making Democracy Work: Culture, Social Capital and Elections in China" (with Monica Martinez-Bravo, Gerard Padro-i-Miquel, Yiqing Xu and Yang Yao) (2017). Revise and Resubmit at the **Journal of European Economic Review**.

"Distrust and Political Turnover" (with Nathan Nunn and Jaya Wen) (2017) NBER Working Paper 24184. Revise and Resubmit at **The Economic Journal**.

"Choosing Racial Identity in the United States, 1880-1940" (2020) (with Ricardo Dahis and Emily Nix) NBER Working Paper No. 26465. Updated June 2020.

"The Dynamic Effects of Computerizing VAT Invoices on Chinese Manufacturing Firms" (with Haichao Fan, Yu Liu and Jaya Wen) (2023) NBER Working Paper 24414.

"Chinese News Content " (with Zhao Chen, Georgy Egorov, Jingbing Feng and Heyu Xiong) (2019)

"The Long-run Effects of Agricultural Productivity on Conflict, 1400-1900" (with Murat Iyigun and Nathan Nunn) (2017) NBER Working Paper 24066

"Aggregate Fertility and Household Savings: A General Equilibrium Analysis using Micro data" (with Abhijit Banerjee, Xin Meng and Tommaso Porzio) (2014) NBER Working Paper w20050.

"The Long-run Impact of Famine on Survivors: Evidence from China's Great Famine 1959-61" (with Xin Meng) (2009) NBER Working Paper w14917.

"The Fluidity of Race: 'Passing' in the United States, 1880-1940" (with Emily Nix) (2015) NBER Working Paper 20828.

SELECT WORKS IN PROGRESS

"The Effect of Mainland Economic Growth on Taiwanese Support for Reunification" (with Marco Tabellini and Yifan Zhang)

"Measuring Migration with Online Consumption Data in China" (with Bo Li and Ernest Liu)

"NGOs in Developing Countries: A Meta Analysis" (with Erika Desseranno) in preparation for the *Annual Review of Economics*.

"China's Internal Borders: Evidence from Machine Learning" (with Alina Wang)

BOOK CHAPTERS

"The Work of Abhijit Banerjee" (2025) edited by Michael Cord, Forthcoming **The Palgrave Companion for MIT Economics**, Palgrave.

"Agriculture and the Wealth of Nations" in preparation for the *250th Anniversary Wealth of Nations*, edited by Alex Trew, Cambridge University Press, expected publication 2026.

"Looking back and ahead of 'Ethnic America - A History'" in preparation for *Reflections on the Contributions of Thomas Sowell*, edited by Glenn Loury and Steven Sowell, Stanford University Press, expected publication 2025.

"Growth and Geography" in preparation for *the Handbook of Economic Growth*, edited by Ufuk Akcigit, Philippe Aghion, Steven Durlauf and Nancy Qian, Elsevier Press, expected publication 2026.

"Missing Women" *Labor Economics*, Vol. 2., Tsinghua Press, 2006 (in Chinese).

BOOK

"Inglorious Nations: The Rise, Fall and Reinvention of Large Civilizations" (Working Title) Under contract with the *University of Chicago Press*. Expected Publication Date Autumn 2026.

BOOK EDITING

The Handbook of Economic Growth, edited by Ufuk Akcigit, Philippe Aghion, Steven Durlauf and Nancy Qian, Elsevier Press.

TEACHING

Ph.D.:

Northwestern University: Advanced Topics in Development Economics and Political Economy
Yale University: Economic Development and Political Economy, Economics of the Population, Economics of Developing Countries, Introduction to Econometrics
Brown University: Development Economics, Empirical Methods, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Population

MBA and EMBA:

Northwestern University: Statistical Decision Analysis (EMBA), Thought Leadership Seminar - The Chinese Economy (MBA), Making Business Decisions with Big Data (MBA), Global Immersive Management China-Africa Reshaping the Global South (MBA)

Undergraduate:

Yale University: Development Economics (Undergraduate), Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate), Economics of the Population (Ph.D.), Economic Development and Political Economy (Ph.D.). Brown University: Population Economics (joint with anthropology and sociology, Ph.D.), Development Economics (Undergraduate), Development Economics (Ph.D.), Applied Econometrics (Ph.D.).

Other:

MIT Sloan Organizational Economics and Political Economy Master Class (2021), Boston University Department of Economics Distinguished Lecture Series (2021), Empirical Methods at Peking University (with Joshua Angrist), Empirical Methods (Ford Foundation Training for Chinese Female Applied Micro Economists at CCER Peking University), Impact Evaluation (World Bank Workshop for the Chinese Ministry of Health), Impact Evaluation (Global Development Network)

AWARDS & HONORS

Keynotes, Public Lectures and Plenary Addresses: Central Univ. of Finance and Economics -- Chinese Economists Society Forum (2025), Asian Economic Development Conference, Keynote (2025), Carlo Alberto Workshop in Economic Development (2024), University of Muenster "The Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship" (2025), University of Torino VPDE Keynote (2024), Kiel-Göttingen-CEPR Conference "China in the Global Economy" (2024), Italian Society of Development Economics Keynote (2024), Modena University Conference on Development and Political Economy (2024), Midwest Development Economic Conference (2024), Columbia University NT Wang Lecture (2022), CEPR Kiel Institute Conference on Geopolitics and Economics (2022), University of Chicago and BFI Economic History and Historical Political Economy of Russia (2021), University of Lund Anne Rude Workshop on Culture, Institutions and Development (2021), IEB SOLE Summer Workshop on Political Economy (2021), Peking University CCER Summer Institute (2019), Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting and Finance (2019), University of International Business and Economics for The

Third Beijing International Trade and Investment Symposium: Trade Institutions and Development (2019), World Bank DECS Lecture (2018), University of Zurich and UNICEF (2016), Conference on “Information and Coordination in Markets and Institutions” (2014), : Toulouse School of Economics TIGER (2014),): Kiel Institute PEGNet Conference Junior Keynote (2011)

The Conquest Award for Contributions to Holodmor Studies	2025
Northwestern Kellogg Best EMBA Core Course Teacher Award	2024
Fellow of the Econometric Society	2022 --
Excellent Research Paper by the Taiwan Economic Association	2018
Russell Sage Foundation Award 881502 (with Nathan Nunn and Sandra Sequeira)	2014
<i>The Journal of European Economic Association</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award	2013
<i>American Economic Review</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award	2013-14, 16-17
Kiel Institute Excellence Award in Global Economic Affairs	2013
Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship	2012-15
Yale Economics Growth Center Faculty Grant	2010-11
NSF 0922087: Village Democracy Survey (with Gerard Padro i Miquel)	2009-12
IGC: Transportation Networks in China (with Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo)	2009-11
NBER Africa Project: Food Aid (with Nathan Nunn)	2008-10
Brown University Watson Institute Rhodes Fellowship	2008
Harvard Academy Scholar	2007-9
Social Science Research Council Fellowship for Development and Risk	2002-3
MIT George P. Schultz Fund	2002-5
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2000-3

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

NBER, BREAD, CEPR, Economic History Association, Econometrics Society, American Economic Association, Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research (ABFER)

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Conference Program/Organizing Committees: EEA, 2010, 2011; NEUDC, 2007, 2009, 2016, 2019; BREAD (pre-conference) 2008; Conference of China Development Studies (Shanghai Jiaotong University) 2013; International Economic Association Congress (2014, 2017); Econometrics Society (2017); Society of Economics and Dynamics (Toronto) 2014; China Economic Summer Institute (Beijing) 2015; Yale Conference of Development and Political Economy (2015); NBER EFJK in San Francisco (2015); NSF GFRP (2017), NBER China Workshop co-organizer (2017-), ABFER Annual Conference Session Organizer (2018-21), Fudan TED conference co-organizer (2019), ASSA/AEA SED (2020), BREAD (2020), China Star Tour Founder (2020 --), China Econ Lab Founder and Co-Director (2020 --), Weiss Fund Selection Committee (2020 --), Econometric Society Asia Program Committee (2021), New Economic School and HKUST China Russian Eurasian Studies Center Advisory Committee (2020 --), NBER Study Group in Gender and the Economy Advisory Board (2021-2023), IEA Annual Meeting (2023), ASSA/AEA Program Committee (2023), ASSA/AEA Nominating Committee (2025).

Editorial Service:

<i>Asian Development Review</i> , Editorial Board	2018 --23
<i>VOX China</i> , Editorial Board	2017 --
<i>American Economic Journal - Applied</i> , Editorial Board	2017 --
<i>Review of International Organizations - Applied</i> , Editorial Board	2017 --
<i>The Journal of Development Economics</i> , Associate Editor	2010 --
<i>The Journal of European Economics Association</i> , Associate Editor	2013 -- 2020
<i>Economica</i> , Associate Editor	2015 --

Referee Service: *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Letters*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economic and Statistics*, *Economic Journal*, *American Economic Journal--Applied*, *Policy*, *Macro*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of European Economics Association*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *European Review of Economic History*, *European Review of Economic History*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Demography*, *European Journal of Population*, *Journal of Business Economics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Health Economics*, *World Politics*, *The American Political Science Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Politics*, *National Science Foundation Research Grants*, *MacArthur Fellowship*, *DFID*, *European Research Council*.

SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY

Northwestern Faculty Advisory Council	2025-
Kellogg Dean's Review Committee	2023-24
Kellogg Honor Code Committee	2022-
Kellogg Empirical Advisory Board for Admissions	2021-22
Kellogg MBA AI Program, Steering Committee	2020-21
Kellogg KPPI Development Initiative, Lead	2019 -
China Lab (GPRL), Founding Director	2018 -
Faculty Research Mentor, Northwestern Kellogg	2017 -
Junior Recruiting Equity Representative, Northwestern Kellogg	2017-19
Peace and Conflict Resolution Senior Search Committee, Northwestern Kellogg.	2017 -
College of Arts and Sciences Ad hoc Tenure and Promotion Committee, Northwestern	2017-18
Kellogg MEDS Personnel Committee	2017 -
Kellogg Ad Hoc Personnel Committee	2018, 24
Northwestern Faculty Senate	2020
Freshman/Sophomore advisor, Yale University	2013-17
Graduate Admissions Committee, Yale University	2011, 14
Undergraduate Theses Advising, Yale University	2013-17
Undergraduate Economic Faculty Advisor, Yale University	2009-17
Graduate Admissions Committee, Brown University	2005-7

Conference/Workshop Organization: Kellogg Conference for Development Economics (2018), Northwestern Development Rookiefest (2018-), Northwestern Kellogg and Harvard Political Economy and Development (PED) Conference (2019), Northwestern China Lab Workshop (2019--), Northwestern China Lab Lecture Series (2019--), Kellogg Book Conference for "Good Economics for Hard Times" (2019), Northwestern Economic History Rookiefest (2020-), Political Economy Faculty Retreat (2020--), NBER Development (2022), Economic History Workshop (2020--), BREAD (2022), Northwestern Conference on the Economic History of China (2023), Northwestern Political Economy Rookiefest (2023 --), Northwestern Economic History Rookiesfest (2023), Northwestern-Chicago Political Economy and Development Conference (2023), BREAD Asia (2024), NBER Summer Institute Political Economy (2025), Handbook of Economic Growth Conference (2025).

Ph.D. Advisees

Devis Decet (2024), Carlo Medici (2023), Kaman Lyu (2023), Joris Muller (2022), Miguel Angel Talamas Marcos (2022), Ricardo Dahis (2021), Joe Long (2021), Jaya Wen (2020), Alexey Markarin (2019), Heyu Xiong (2019), Natalya Naumenko (2017), Tomasso Porzio (2016), Xiang Ma (2016), Gabriella Santangelo (2016), Emily Nix (2016), Sabrin Beg (2015), Nicole Hidebrandt (2015); Emilia Soldani (2015), Yu Liu (2014), Xiaoxue Zhao (2014), Kota Mori (2014), Maelys de la Rupelle (2013), David Yanagizawa (2010), Emilio Gutierrez (2009), Adriana Camacho (2008), Yoo-mi Chin (2007), Isaac Mbiti (2006), Taiwo Olumide (2007), Adrienne Lucas (2006)

External Ph.D. Defense: Jia Li (Peking University, CCER, 2006); Maelys de la Rupelle (Paris School of Economics 2011); Bei Jin (Stockholm University, IIES, 2013); Nicole Hidebrandt (NYU, 2015); Emilia Soldani (NYU, 2015); Lingwei Wu (HKUST, 2018); Paul Dutrounc (Paris School of Economics 2019).

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

2024-25: Bank of Italy, University of Bocconi, University of Carlo Alberto, University La Sapienza, University of Modena, EIEF Applied Lunch Seminar, Paris School of Economics PEPES, University of Tor Vergata, University of Stockholm IIES, Oxford, University of Mannheim Development Seminar, Catholic University of Milan

2023-24: University of California at Berkeley Development Seminar, Duke University Development Seminar, Stanford University Economic History Seminar, University of Pittsburg Labor & Development Seminar, Fudan University School of Economics, Fudan University Fanhai International School of Finance, Peking University National School of Development, Peking University Guanghua School of Management, Harvard University Political Institutions and Economic Policy Conference, AEA/ASSA.

2022-23: Harvard University Political Economy Workshop, University of Southern California Development Seminar, Stanford University GSB Political Economy Seminar, University of Chicago EPIC, World Bank Macro Group, New York University Development Seminar, University

of Maryland, NBER Workshop on the Japanese Economy, NBER Summer Institute (Development of the American Economy, Economic Growth), Economic History Association Annual Meetings, Yale Conference on Historical Immigration.

2021-2022: MIT/Harvard Development Seminar, University of Berkeley Department of Economics, LSE Applied Seminar, NYU Economic History Seminar, USC CESR, USC PIPES, University of Nottingham, UC Davis-Warwick Economic History Workshop, University of Bristol, University of Groningen, University of Melbourne, Inter-American Development Bank, NBER Political Economy Summer Institute and Fall Workshop, CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society; Harvard University Political Institutions and Economic Policy Conference, PECA Conference, Northwestern Center for Economic History Conference on Conflict, Political Economy in the Chicago Area Conference, ASSA/AEA.

2020-2021: Cornell Applied Seminar, Oxford CSAE, Boston University Development Seminar, MIT Sloan Organizational Economics, Brown University Applied Micro Seminar, Dartmouth Applied Workshop, John Hopkins SAIS, Trinity College Dublin, University of Southern California Marshall China Workshop, Virginia Tech, Tsinghua University, Tufts University Economics Department, London School of Economics Sen Club, Chulalongkorn University Conflict and Peace Workshop, Fudan University School of Economics, ASSA/AEA The Economics of Religion and Culture, CEPR VDEV Webinar, CEPR Political Economy Webinar, Fudan University TED Conference, NBER Political Economy Workshop, NBER/SAIF Conference on Real Estate Markets and Housing Finance in China (discussant), NBER China Fall Workshop (discussant).

2019-2020: Princeton University Development/Political Economy Seminar, Vancouver School of Economics Development Seminar, Columbia University Development Seminar, Wharton Development Workshop, IFPRI Workshop, Washington Area Economic History Seminar, University of Zurich Macro-Development Seminar, ASSA/AEA SED, BEROCC, HeLP! Webinar, University of Gottingen, Northwestern Reception for Women's Faculty, Northwestern Kellogg Alumni Week, NBER Summer Institute Political Economy (discussant).

2018-2019: Harvard Positive Political Economy Seminar, University of California at Berkeley Haas Oliver Williamson Seminar, UBC Vancouver School of Economics, UBC Law School, University of Wisconsin at Madison Development Workshop, George Washington Development Workshop, University of California at San Diego Development Workshop, Shanghai Technical University, Fudan University TED Conference, Fudan University FISF, Sixth Political Economy Conference at Columbia, George Washington Conference on U.S.-China Economic Relations and China's Economic Development, ASSA/AEA Atlanta (SOIE Some Meanings and Impacts of "Culture" in Institutions and Organizations, CSWEP Development and Financial History).

2017-2018: MIT/Harvard Development Seminar, MSU Development Seminar, Dartmouth Applied Seminar, NYU Political Economy Workshop, University of Chicago Development Lunch, University of Chicago Conference on Globalization and Inequality, Columbia Climate Finance Conference, CEPR Development (Dublin), CEPR Development and Tax (Zurich), Kellogg Global Women's Summit.

2016-2017: Columbia University, Northwestern University, NBER Political Economy Workshop, Conference on "Business Cycles, Financial markets, and Monetary Policy with Special Applications to China", ASSA/AEA "Climate: Past, Present, Future" and "Persistence, Adaptation, and

Survival in Economic History”, UNWIDER Helsinki, International Economic Association, Econometrics Society Asia Meeting, Political Economy in the Chicago Area Conference, Micro & Macro Conference at the Chicago Federal Reserve, Atlanta Federal Reserve, Econometrics Society Asian Meetings, International Economics Association Congress, Fudan University TED Conference, Chicago Area Conference on Development Economics

2015-16: LSE/UCL Development Seminar, UCL Department Seminar, Duke University, Kellogg School of Management MEDS, Stanford University Economic History Seminar, Stanford GSB Political Economy Workshop, Stanford University Development Seminar, UC Berkeley Development Seminar, UC Berkeley ARE, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, University of Chicago Harris School, Minnesota Federal Reserve Bank, NYU Stern Economic History Seminar, NYU China Initiative, Princeton Center on Contemporary China, Columbia University Political Economy Conference, College of William and Mary, University of Zurich, University of Lausanne, University of Geneva, University of Lausanne, University of Geneva, Princeton Contemporary China, Yale Conference on Political Economy and Development, NES Conference “Bringing history back to development economics” (Moscow), Fudan University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, University of Tokyo.

2014-15: Northwestern Economic History Seminar, NYU Development Seminar, University of Pittsburg Trade and Development Seminar, Columbia University Development Seminar, Harvard University Economic History Seminar, NYU Political Economy Seminar, UCLA Anderson School Applied Seminar, Boston University Development and Trade Seminar, George Mason University Public Choice Seminar, UC San Diego Conference “China's Political Economy: Theory and Evidence”, NBER Development Workshop, NBER Development of the American Economy, Conference on Development and Political Economy and Conflict (Barcelona), NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy, Fluctuations and Growth), NBER China Workshop, Chicago Federal Reserve

2013-14: Harvard-MIT Development Seminar, Harvard Chinese Economy Seminar, World Bank Applied Micro Seminar, Duke University Labor/Development Seminar, Columbia University Comparative Politics Seminar, Dartmouth College, Princeton Development Lab, Boston College Applied Micro Seminar, Fudan University, Shanghai University for Finance and Economics, University of Pennsylvania Political Economy Conference, NBER China Workshop, AEA/ASSA Trade and Development, China-India Insights Conference (Yale SOM), Conference on Economic Growth and Development (University of Washington St. Louis/St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank), Yale Social Science China Workshop, IEA Congress (Jordan), SED (Toronto), NBER Economics of Culture, IGC Political Economy, CEPR Development (Stockholm), NBER Summer Institute (Growth, Political Economy).

2012-13: Stockholm University (IIES), Science Po/Paris School of Economics, University of Science and Technology (Hong Kong), NBER Political Economy Workshop, Conference on “Human Capital” at Washington University St. Louis, BREAD at the University of Michigan, “Assessing the Quality of Governance in China” at Stanford’s Center for Democracy, AEA/ASSA “Urbanization and Transportation Infrastructure in Developing Countries”, Ermin Plein Nemmers Prize Conference for Daron Acemoglu, Kiel Institute Excellence Award in Global Economic Affairs Prize Conference, Society of Economic Dynamics, NBER Summer Institute (Income Distribution and Macroeconomics; Economics, Fluctuations and Growth).

2011-12: Princeton Seminar for Health and Well-being/Industrial Relations, Harvard PGSS, Harvard Chinese Politics Workshop, Princeton Development/Macro Workshop, Princeton Political Science Seminar, Columbia Political Economy Seminar, UCLA Anderson, Cornell Development/Public Finance Seminar, New York University Development Seminar, Yale Economic History Workshop, The World Bank Macro Seminar, Princeton Macro Faculty Lunch, BREAD-CEPR (Paris), Yale Social Science Workshop on Contemporary China, Ermin Plein Nemmers Prize Conference for Elhanan Helpman, Princeton Conference on Famine, World Demographic Growth and Transition Conference: 2000-2050 (Zurich), ASSA CSWEP, Symposium on China's Capital Markets (Peking University), NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy, Growth, Entrepreneurship, National Security, and Income Distribution and Macro Economics), "Conference on Health, Education, and Welfare Programs in China" at Tsinghua-CKGSB-NBER.

2010-11: MIT/Harvard Labor Development Seminar, Yale University Labor Seminar, Yale University Political Economy Seminar, University of Maryland Development Seminar, Hunter College, CEPR Development, International Growth Center, NBER China, NBER India, BREAD, NEUDC, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University, Stockholm University IIES, Paris School of Economics, Science Po, Oxford University, Ente-Einaudi Institute (EIEF), NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy, Public Finance and Political Economy, Development and Productivity), UC Berkeley Conference on Endogenous Growth and Conflict.

2009-10: Yale University, New York University, London School of Economics, Stanford University History Seminar, Stanford University Development Seminar, University of California at Berkeley Development Seminar, University of California Los Angeles Applied Micro Seminar, University of Toronto, Warwick University, University of Texas at Austin, Tsinghua University, Peking University CCER; NBER Long Run Growth Economics, U.C. Berkeley Conference on Endogenous Institutions and Conflict, China Summer Institute, CEPR-Development (Stockholm), CEPR-Political Economy (Barcelona), BEROCC, University of Houston Conference on Health and Development, NBER China, NBER Africa, NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy, Economic Growth) .

2008-09: MIT/Harvard Development/Labor Seminar, Princeton University Labor Seminar, Harvard University Labor/History Seminar, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Applied Micro Seminar, Brown University Macro and Growth Seminar, Stockholm University IIES, University of Colorado at Boulder, University College of London, Warwick University, Paris New School, University of Toulouse, University of Pompeu Fabra, McGill University, Ohio State University; NBER China, NEUDC, BREAD, China Summer Institute.

2007-08: Harvard University Labor Seminar, Columbia University Applied Micro Seminar, University of Michigan Ann Arbor Department of Economics, University of British Columbia, University of Connecticut, The World Bank Research Group (DC), National Taiwan University, Peking University CCER; NBER, ASSA Winter Meetings, BREAD-CIPREE, BREAD, SOLE, World Bank's Microeconomics of Growth Network, China summer Institute.

2006-07: Princeton University Development Seminar, Harvard-MIT Labor-Development Seminar, London School of Economics-University College of London Development Seminar, University of Maryland Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Maryland Department

of Economics, Rice University – University of Houston Applied Micro Economics Seminar, Oxford University, Università Bocconi, Stockholm IIES, The Federal Reserve at San Francisco, The National University of Singapore; NBER, CEPR-DE, ASSA Winter Meetings.

2005-06: University of California at Berkeley Seminar for Comparative Politics, The World Bank (Beijing), National University of Singapore, The University of Melbourne, CCER at Peking University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Fudan University; NBER, CEPR-DE, ASSA Winter Meetings; 2005-2006: NBER, NEUDC, Development Economics (Duke University), "China and the World" UC Berkeley-World Bank-Tsinghua, Econometrics Society (North America).

2004-05: Brown University, Princeton University, University of Chicago, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Harvard Business School, University of Maryland, Boston University, London School of Economics, Australia National University, Peking University, Fudan University, CCER at Peking University; BREAD, "Poverty, Inequality, Labour Market and Welfare Reform in China" World Bank-ANU-RSSS-RSPAS.

SELECT NON-ACADEMIC TALKS

Berlin Summit	2025
China Forum, UCSD and Council of Foreign Affairs	2024
China Business Conference, U.S. Chamber of Commerce	2024
U.S. Chamber of Commerce Beijing	2024

NATIVE LANGUAGES: Chinese, English

SELECT MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH and MEDIA APPEARANCE

The New Yorker, Wall Street Journal, Time, Mail, The Globe and Mail, Slate, Reuters, New York Times, National Public Radio, Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs, Science, Voice of America, Marginal Revolution, Business Times (in Chinese), Liberation (in French), Vedomosti (in Russian), BBC, CNA, CCTV1, Caixin (Chinese), Epoch Times, Kellogg Insights, Financial Times, Chicago Tribune, VOX, The New Yorker, The New York Magazine, Duetshe Welle, Der Spiegel.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

EIF Visiting Professor	2024-25
Fudan University, Special Term Professor	2019-
Global Development Network (Program Evaluation Methods), Consultant	2007-10
The World Bank (Beijing Office), Consultant	2007-8

SELECT NON-ACADEMIC WRITING

February 10, 2025 "Trump's Trade War is About More than Trade"

December 16, 2024 "China's Economy Has Not Peaked"

December 1, 2024 "Lessons from the First Immigration Crackdown"

November 20, 2024 "The Long View of Economics and Immigration"

August 16, 2024 "America Needs Political Age Limits"

August 9, 2024 "Would Trump Escalate the US-China Trade War?"

May 6, 2024 "What TikTok Got Wrong About America" *Project Syndicate*.

March 19, 2024 "The Truth about U.S. Immigration" *Project Syndicate*.

December 20, 2023 "Why are so many young Chinese depressed?" *Project Syndicate*.

November 17, 2023 "Zero-COVID's Long Tail" *Project Syndicate*.

September 25, 2023 "Is Chinese Youth Unemployment As Bad As It Looks?" *Project Syndicate*.

July 18, 2023 "Youth Unemployment and China's Economic Future" *Project Syndicate*.

May 25, 2023 "China's Youth Unemployment Problem" *Project Syndicate*.

January 5, 2023 "China's Brutal COVID Winter" *Project Syndicate*.

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November 21, 2022 "Post-War Reconstruction Is a Good Investment" *Project Syndicate*.

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July 10, 2022 "China's Great Wall of Public-Health Distrust" *Project Syndicate*.

March 10, 2022 "Will Putin's War Slow China's Growth?" *Project Syndicate*.

November 8, 2021 "The Case for Chinese Aid" *Project Syndicate*.

October 29, 2021 "China's Real COVID Crisis is Yet to Come" *Bloomberg*.

September 28, 2021 "Carbon Neutrality with Chinese Characteristics" *Project Syndicate*.

September 7, 2021 "The West's Unspoken Failure in Afghanistan" *Project Syndicate*.

July 29, 2021 "Good Bad Olympic Nationalism" *Project Syndicate*.

July 9, 2021 "What Should Development Aid Do?" *Project Syndicate*.

July 5, 2021 "The Economic Fundamentals of Chinese Communism's Successes and Failures" *Project Syndicate*.

June 3, 2021 "China's Three Child Policy Won't Help" *Project Syndicate*.

April 30, 2021 "The Two Sides of Chinese GDP" *Project Syndicate*.

April 7, 2021 "Rebuilding Social Trust in Post-COVID America" *Project Syndicate*.

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