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Education

- 2008 - 2014 Ph.D. Economics, Johns Hopkins University
Advisor: Dr. Robert A. Moffitt
Dissertation: "Essays on the Labor Market, Housing, and Children's Outcomes."
- 2005 - 2008 M.A. Economics, Beijing University
- 2001 - 2005 B.A. Economics and Mathematics, Wuhan University

Employment

- 2023-present Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of North Texas.
- 2023 August Short-term Visiting Scholar, MIT Center for Real Estate.
- 2016-present Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of North Texas.
- 2014-2016 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Lusk Center for Real Estate, University of Southern California.

Research Fields

Labor Economics, Urban and Real Estate Economics, Household Finance, Chinese Economy

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. "Housing Wealth as Precautionary Savings: Evidence from Urban China," with Gary Painter and Ninghua Zhong, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 57(2), 761-789, 2022.
2. "Human Capital Externalities or Consumption Spillovers? The Effect of High-skill Human Capital across Low-skill Labor Markets," with Shimeng Liu, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 87, 2021.
3. "Land Use Regulations and Urban Growth of African Americans," *Economic Development Quarterly*, 35(4), 338-350, 2021.
4. "Impact of Land Use Regulation Across the Conditional Distribution of Home Prices: An Application of Quantile Regression for Group Level Treatments," with Tammy Leonard and Lei Zhang, *Annals of Regional Science*, 66, 655-676, 2021.
5. "Property Tax Limits and Female Labor Supply: Evidence from the Housing Boom and Bust," with Shimeng Liu, at *Journal of Housing Economics*, 50, 2020.
6. "Housing Demand and Household Saving in China: Evidence from a Housing Reform," with Binkai Chen and Ninghua Zhong, *Journal of Housing Economics*, 49, 2020.
7. "Impact of Property Tax Abatement Incentives on Economic Growth," with Tammy Leonard, Lei Zhang, and Connor Reed, *Economic Development Quarterly*, 34(2), 209-221, 2020.
8. "The Effect of Home Ownership on Post-unemployment Wages," *Regional Science and Urban Economics (lead article)*, 74, 1-17, 2019.

9. "Market Facilitation by Local Government and Firm Efficiency: Evidence from China," with Robert Cull, Lixin Xu, Li-An Zhou, Tian Zhu, *Journal of Corporate Finance*, 42, 460-480, 2017.
10. "Environmental Compliance and Firm Performance: Evidence from China," with Yang Yao, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 74(3), 397-424, 2012.

Working Papers

1. "Does Rent Regulation Affect Tenant Unemployment? Evidence from New York City," R&R at *Journal of Urban Economics*, with Hanchen Jiang and Luis Quintero.
2. "More Credit, More Babies? Bank Credit Expansion, Housing Prices, and Fertility."
3. "Financial Deregulation, School Finance, and Student Achievement," with Jian Zou.
4. "Property Division Law and Fertility: Evidence from China," with Ang Sun, Emma Zang and Zitong Wang.

Selected Work In Progress

1. "Housing Wealth and Female Labor Supply: Evidence from Geographically Linked Microdata," (U.S. Census Research Data Center Project).
2. "SNAP Asset Limits and Households Financial Well-beings." with Robert Moffitt
3. "Causal Analysis of Child-care Policies." with Hanchen Jiang, invited to submit for *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources, and Population Economics*.

Grants

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| 2024-2025 | U. Wisconsin-Madison RDRC SSA Grant (\$127,950), with Dr. Robert Moffitt |
| 2023-2024 | UNT Research Seed Funding (\$10,000), with Dr. Lauren Fischer and Dr. Yang Zou |
| 2022-2023 | UNT Scholarly and Creativity Award (\$4,000) |
| June 2022 | UNT Creative and Research Enhancement for Engagement (CREATE) Program (\$5,000) |
| 2021-2022 | UNT Team Mentoring Grant (member) (\$5,000) |
| June 2017 | UNT Faculty Summer Research Grant (\$1,000) |

Fellowships, & Awards

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| 2023-2024 | NBER NSF Mentorship Program
Project "Bank Credit Expansion and Wealth Inequality" (Submitted in January 2024) |
| May 2021 | Scholar at Proposal Development Summer Institute, Russell Sage Foundation |
| 2019-2020 | Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Scholars Program Fellow |
| July 2019 | Homer Hoyt Institute Best Paper Award, Asian Real Estate Society |
| 2008-2014 | Graduate Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University |

Conference and Seminar Presentations ^{*(scheduled)}

- 2024 University of Arkansas, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Brownbag), PAA*, SOLE*
- 2023 AREUEA-ASSA Conference, UNT Seminar, Census SIPP Virtual Conference, Texas Christian University, Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School, NBER Fertility Conference, MIT Asia Real Estate Symposium, USC Lusk Center's Real Estate Research Seminar, Southern Methodist University, AREUEA Virtual Seminar
- 2022 UNT Seminar, Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference, Society of Labor Economist Annual Meeting (SOLE), UEA, Texas A&M University
- 2021 AREUEA-ASSA Conference, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Jinan-SMU-ABFER Conference on Urban and Regional Economics
- 2020 Upjohn Researcher Workshop, AREUEA National Conference, Jinan University, CES North America Conference, UNT Seminar
- 2019 AREUEA National Conference, UNT Business School Seminar, CES North America Conference, Biennial Conference for China Development Studies
- 2018 Upjohn Researcher Workshop, UNT Public Administration Seminar
- 2017 AREUEA-ASSA Conference, Texas A&M University, Chinese Economists Society (CES) North America Conference
- 2016 University of North Texas (UNT) Seminar, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Tongji University, Central University of Finance and Economics
- 2015 University of Southern California (USC) Lusk Center's Real Estate Research Seminar, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) National Conference, Annual Urban Research Day Symposium (UC Irvine), Annual Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (UEA)

Teaching Experience

University of North Texas:

Advanced Microeconomics (ECON 5340-Grad): Spring 2023-present

Labor Economics (ECON 4290-UG/Grad): 2016-present

Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 3550-UG): 2016-present

Honors College Mentored Research Experience (ECON 3996-UG): Spring 2022

Special Problems (ECON 5900-Grad): Spring 2018, Fall 2018

University of Southern California:

Economics for Policy, Planning and Development (MPP 501): Spring 2015

Service Activities

University of North Texas:

2023-2024 Committee Member, Political Science Department Faculty Search Committee

2022-2023 Committee Member, Department Lecture Search Committee

2021-present Committee Member, UNT Aspire IChange Network Team

2020-present Committee Member, Department Personnel Affairs Committee (PAC) Committee

2019-present Committee Member, Department Academic Integrity Appeals Committee

2019-2020 Committee Member, Department Faculty Search Committee

2018-2023	Department Coordinator, <i>We Care We Count</i> -UNT Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign
2017-2023	Department Coordinator, State Employee Charitable Campaign
2017-present	Grader for Department Comprehensive Exams
2016-2023	Committee Member, Department Awards Committee

Professional Services and Activities

2023-present	Research Advisor, Texas Zoning Atlas, Collaborative of the National Zoning Atlas
2024-present	AREUEA-Membership Committee
2023-present	AREUEA-Women in Real Estate Network Committee

Ad Hoc Referee:

Regional Science and Urban Economics (×2), *Journal of Regional Science* (×5), *Journal of Housing Economics* (×3), *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, *China Economic Review* (×4), *Applied Economics*, *Empirical Economics* (×2), *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *PLOS ONE*, *Economic Development Quarterly* (×2), *International Review of Financial Analysis*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Economics of Transition and Institutional Change*, *Small Business Economics*, *Journal Economics of Governance*, *International Studies of Economics*

Professional Affiliations

2014-present	American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists, American Real Estate Urban Economics Association, Urban Economics Association, and Chinese Economists Society
2021-present	U.S. Census Bureau, Special Sworn Status Researcher