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EDUCATION

The University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver Sep.2016 – 2022 (*expected*)

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

The University of British Columbia, Vancouver Sep.2013 - May.2016

Bachelor of Arts *(First Class Honor)*

Double Major in Economics and Mathematics

Beijing University of Chemical Technology (BUCT), Beijing, China Sep. 2011 - Jun 2013

Transferred to University of British Columbia in September 2013

Major in International Economics and Trade

RESEARCH FIELDS

Macroeconomics, Labor Economics

RESEARCH

Learning from your family: occupational choice and intergenerational persistence [JMP]

Using both survey and administrative panel data from Germany, I document a new fact of characterizing occupational persistence across generations. Intergenerational occupational persistence is U-shaped in terms of occupational wage premia: workers in not only low but also high wage occupations have a particular larger probability of choosing their father's occupation. I develop a quantitative model of occupational choice and information frictions of abilities with multiple channels of intergenerational transmission (comparative advantage and occupational knowledge). In the model, workers who choose their father's occupation learn their abilities faster and exhibit lower occupational mobility over lifetime, which is consistent with patterns found in German data.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Save in bank or invest in children: impacts of the one-child policy

The puzzling evolution of Chinese household savings and borrowings

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Projects

Oil Prices and Canadian Exchange Rates, supervised by Dr. Kyungchul Song — Apr. 2016

Published in Iona Journal of Economics, vol (1) 2016, pp 46- 67

The Analysis of University Students' Life Satisfaction Based on Structural Equation Model (in Chinese), supervised by Dr. Zhiqiang Li — Jan. - Jun. 2012

Awarded 3rd place in BUCT Academic Innovations and Research Contest

Research Assistantships

Research Assistant for Dr. Giovanni Gallipoli (UBC) — Nov. 2017 – Mar. 2018

Research Assistant for Dr. Hiro Kasahara (UBC) — May 2016 – May 2017

Research Assistant for Dr. Matilde Bombardini (UBC) for manuscript "Trade, Pollution and Mortality in China" — Jan. 2015 – May 2016

Research Assistant for Dr. Xuezhi Liu (BUCT) for paper "Income Growth Model and Analysis: The per Capita Net Income of Rural Households in China" (in Chinese) — Jan. - Jun. 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant — 2018 - 2021

ECON 390 – Introduction to Economic Research (Undergraduate)

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award 2020 - 2021
Faculty of Arts Graduate Award, UBC 2016 - 2019

Hector Gordon Munro Scholarship in Economics, UBC 2015

The Trek Excellence Scholarship, UBC 2015

Dean's List Honor, UBC 2014 - 2015

Champion, BUCT Academic Career Planning Contest, BUCT 2013

People's Scholarship, BUCT 2013

The 3rd place, Academic Innovations and Research Contest, BUCT 2012

People's Scholarship, BUCT 2012

People's Scholarship, BUCT 2011

WORK EXPERIENCE

Koolearn Education Group Inc. (Canada) Sep.2015 - Present

Co-Founder

Pacific Educational Access for Kids (Non-profit Organization) Jul.2014 - Jan.2016

Director of External Affairs on Board of Directors

MISCELLANEOUS

Programming Language: Java and C

Computation Software: STATA, MATLAB, Stata, R, EViews, LaTeX, Office
Languages: English (fluent), Mandarin (Native)
Others: Canadian citizen

REFERENCES

Giovanni Gallipoli (Co-supervisor)

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