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GRADUATE STUDIES

Princeton University

2021 - present

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics.

PRIOR EDUCATION

M.A. in Computational Social Science (Econ track), The University of Chicago. 2017 - 2019

B.S. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, Renmin University of China. 2012 - 2016

B.A. in Economics, Peking University. 2014 - 2016

FIELDS

- Primary: International Trade, Macroeconomics.
- Secondary: Spatial Economics, Urban Economics.

WORKING PAPERS

“Firm-to-firm relationship, uncertainty, and trade”

“The labor market dynamics of U.S. inventors” (with Meghana Gaur)

“The effects of agglomeration on customer traffic & commercial real estate values: Evidence from grocery store openings” (with Franklin Qian and Qianyang Zhang)

“On the role of health in climbing the income ladder: Evidence from China” (with Gordon Liu and Franklin Qian)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The dynamics of directed technological change” (with Benny Kleinman, Ernest Liu, and Stephen Redding)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

- 2022-2023: Research assistant for Professor Stephen Redding, Princeton University.
- 2021-2022: Research assistant for Professor Gregor Jarosch, and Ezra Oberfield, Princeton University.
- 2019-2021: Senior Research Specialist, International Economics Section, Princeton University. Assistant

research projects for Professor Gene Grossman, Eduardo Morales, and Esteban Rossi-Hansberg

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Macroeconomics (Princeton Econ), Fall 2026
- Introduction to Macroeconomics (Princeton Econ), Spring 2026
- Food and Agricultural Economics (Princeton Econ), Spring 2024, Spring 2025
- Microeconomics (Chicago Booth), Fall 2018

HONORS and GRANTS

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| – Avinash K. Dixit Prize, International Economics Section, Princeton University
for Outstanding Achievements in International Economics | 2024 |
| – International Economics Section Summer Fellowship. Princeton University. | 2023-2025 |
| – Real Estate Research Institute (RERI) funding. | 2022 |
| – Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University. | 2021-2027 |
| – Social Science Scholarship, The University of Chicago. | 2017-2019 |

SEMINARS and CONFERENCES

- 2024: UEA European Meeting.