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CONTACT INFORMATION

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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- Jan 2020 – Present Senior Lecturer (Assistant Professor (Teaching) in the North American System), Department of Economics, National University of Singapore
- July 2021 – Present Director of Undergraduate Programme, Department of Economics, National University of Singapore
- Nov 2021 – Present Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)
- Dec 2021 – Present Research Advisor, Housing & Development Board, Singapore
- July 2017 – Present Affiliated Faculty, Institute for Application of Learning Science and Educational Technology (ALSET), National University of Singapore

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

- Jul 2015 – Dec 2019 Lecturer, Department of Economics, National University of Singapore
- Jun 2016 – Nov 2021 Research Affiliate, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)
- Jan 2015 – Jun 2015 Research Fellow, Centre for Research on the Economics of Ageing (School of Economics), Singapore Management University
- Jul 2014 – Oct 2014 Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Otago
- Jul 2009 – Jun 2010 Instructor, NUS Business School, National University of Singapore
- Jan 2009 – May 2011 Adjunct Lecturer, SIM University
- Aug 2007 – Dec 2007 Teaching Assistant, National University of Singapore
- Aug 2010 – Dec 2010

EDUCATION

- Jan – Jun 2014 Visiting PhD Student (VSRC), Princeton University
Sponsor: Professor Marta Tienda
- 2011 – 2014 PhD in Economics (Exceptional PhD Thesis award),
University of Otago
Thesis: *Three Essays on The Non-Labour Market Impacts of
Immigration*
Advisors: Professor Steven Stillman, Dr Tarja Viitanen, Dr Murat Genç
- 2007 – 2009 Master of Social Sciences (Economics) with Highest Distinction,
National University of Singapore
- 2003 – 2007 Bachelor of Social Sciences (2nd Upper Honours),
National University of Singapore

RESEARCH AREAS

Applied Microeconomics, Labour Economics, Economics of Immigration, Economics of Education

PUBLICATIONS

“Do Ethnically-Congruent Teachers Really Matter Little for Hispanic Students? A Re-Examination of the Data”, *Economics Letters*, 2021, 206: Article 109976.

“Do You Speak My Language? The Effect of Sharing a Teacher’s Native Language on Student Achievement”, *Southern Economic Journal*, 2021, 88(1): 245-273.

“Impact of Immigrant Peers on Native Students’ Achievement: Evidence from Australia, Canada and the United States”, *Australian Economic Review*, 2021, 54(1): 94-116.

“Breadth of University Curriculum and Labor Market Outcomes” (joint with Jessica Pan and Poh Lin Tan), *Labour Economics*, 2020, 65: Article 101873.

“The Effect of Immigration Shocks on Native Fertility Outcomes: Evidence from a Natural Experiment”, *IZA Journal of Development and Migration*, 2018, 8(18): 1-34.

“Immigrant Educators and Students’ Academic Achievement”, *Labour Economics*, 2018, 51(C): 152-169.

WORKING PAPERS

“Meritocracy to Parentocracy, and Back” (joint with Vincent Chua).

“Do College Admissions Criteria Matter? Evidence from Discretionary vs. Grade-Based Admission Policies” (joint with Rais Kamis and Jessica Pan).

“Should We Border? The Impact of Immigrant Students and the Role of Institutional Arrangements” (joint with Raphael Leong).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2020	National University of Singapore Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (for Teaching in AY2019/2020)
2020	National University of Singapore Provost Educator Award (PEA), Educator Development Fund
2017	National University of Singapore Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (for Teaching in AY2016/2017)
2014	University of Otago Exceptional PhD Thesis Award
2011 – 2014	University of Otago Doctoral Scholarship
2012	University of Otago Travel Grant
2010	National University of Singapore Graduate Students’ Teaching Award
2009	Singapore National Committee for Pacific Economic Co-operation (SINCPEC) Prize (Best student in the Master of Social Sciences programme at the National University of Singapore)
1998	Singapore Ministry of Education Edusave Scholarship

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics 2021 Conference, Beijing, China (virtual), Dec 2021

Speaker, EALE SOLE AASLE 2020 Conference, Berlin, Germany (virtual), Jun 2020

Speaker, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics 2019 Conference, Singapore, Dec 2019

Speaker, Singapore Economic Review Conference 2019, Singapore, Aug 2019

Speaker, European Society for Population Economics 2019 Conference, Bath, United Kingdom, Jun 2019

Speaker, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics 2018 Conference, Seoul, South Korea, Dec 2018

Speaker, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics 2017 Conference, Canberra, Australia, Dec 2017

Speaker, Singapore Economic Review Conference 2017, Singapore, Aug 2017

Speaker, Korean Economic Association – Asia-Pacific Economic Association Annual Conference, Seoul, South Korea, Jul 2017

Speaker, Singapore Economic Review Conference 2015, Singapore, Aug 2015

Speaker, Population Association of America 2015 Annual Meeting, San Diego C.A., United States, April 2015

Speaker, The Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance, Rimini, Italy, Jun 2014

Speaker, Pennsylvania Economic Association Annual Conference, Edinboro P.A., United States, May 2014

Discussant, Pennsylvania Economic Association Annual Conference, Edinboro P.A., United States, May 2014

Speaker, University of Melbourne – Princeton University International Perspectives on Immigration Workshop, Melbourne, Australia, Jul 2013

Speaker, 1st IZA@DC Young Scholar Program, Washington D.C., United States, Oct 2012

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2015 University of Melbourne, University of Queensland

2014 Princeton University, University of Otago, Singapore University of Social Sciences

2013 University of Otago (twice)

2012 University of Otago (twice)

SERVICE (PROFESSION)

Member of Executive Committee, NUS Department of Economics, 2020 – Present

Faculty Search Committee (Educator Track), NUS Department of Economics, 2018 – Present

Member of Scientific Committee, 2021 Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) Conference, 2021

Econometrics Curriculum Review Committee, NUS Department of Economics, 2020, 2021

Advisor, National University of Singapore Economics Society, 2016 – 2020

Member of Organising and Scientific Committee, 3rd Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) Conference, 2019

Member of Scientific Committee, 2nd Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) Conference, 2018

Member of Scientific Committee, 1st Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) Conference, 2017

Organising Committee, Singapore Health Economics Association Conference, May 2015

Session Chair, Pennsylvania Economic Association Annual Conference, May 2014

REFEREE FOR

Applied Economics, Asian Case Research Journal, Australian Journal of Labour Economics, Bulletin of Latin American Research, Economics of Education Review, German Economic Review, Higher Education, International Journal of Manpower, LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations, Migration Studies, Singapore Economic Review

SKILLS

Programming STATA

Languages English (native) and Mandarin (fluent)

REFERENCE

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