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Birth place: Shanghai, China

Citizenship: USA

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Yale University Department of Economics, Associate Professor (Parental Leave, 2015 Spring)	2013-
Kellogg SOM at Northwestern University, Visiting Professor	2016-2017
New York University Dept. of Economics (Stern), Visiting Scholar	2016 Spring
Center for Evaluation and Development in Manheim, Research Fellow	2016-
New York University Dept. of Economics, Visiting Scholar	2014 Fall
Yale University Council on East Asian Studies, Affiliate	2014-
Yale Leitner Center for Political Economy, Affiliate	2014-
Yale University Department of Economics, Assistant Professor	2009-2013
Princeton University, Industrial Relations Section, Visiting Scholar	2011-2012
EIEF Visiting Scholar (Summer)	2008-2014
University of Chicago Booth Business School, Visiting Scholar	2009 April
Harvard University Department of Economics, Visiting Scholar	2007-2009
Harvard Academy Scholar (Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship)	2007-2009
Brown University Department of Economics, Assistant Professor	2005-2009
Brown University Populations Studies and Training Center, Affiliate	2005-2009

EDUCATION

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Political Economy, Historical Development

PUBLICATIONS

“Government Distortion in Independently Owned Media: Evidence from U.S. Cold War News Coverage of Human Rights” (with David Yanagizawa-Drott) Forthcoming in the *Journal of European Economics Association*, 2015.

“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” *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.

“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.

“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.

WORKING PAPERS

“Life Cycle Wage Growth Across Countries” (formerly titled “Experience Matters ...” with Benjamin Moll, David Lagakos, Tommaso Porzio and Todd Schoellman) (2015) NBER Working Paper 18602. Accepted at the *Journal of Political Economy*.

“Elections in China” with Monica Martinez-Bravo, Gerard Padró-i-Miquel and Yang Yao (2014) NBER Working Paper 18101 (2012).

“Social Fragmentation, Elections and Public Goods: Evidence from China” (with Gerard Padro-i-Miquel and Yang Yao) (2012) NBER Working Paper w18633. Invited for resubmission at the *Journal of Public Economics*.

“Making Democracy Work: Culture, Social Capital and Elections in China” (with Gerard Padro-i-Miquel, Yiqing Xu and Yang Yao) (2015).

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

“Trust, Growth and Political Stability” (with Nathan Nunn and Jaya Wen)

“The Long-run Effects of Agricultural Productivity on Conflict, 1400-1900” (with Murat Iyigun and Nathan Nunn) (2015)

“The Long-run Effects of Climate Change on Conflict, 1400-1900” (with Murat Iyigun and Nathan Nunn) (2015)

“Economic Transition and Private-Sector Labor Demand: Evidence from Urban China” (with Lakshmi Iyer, Xin Meng and Xiaoxue Zhao) (2013) NBER Working Paper 19733. Invited for resubmission at the *Journal of Comparative Economics*.

“Lifecycle Human Capital Accumulation Across Countries: Evidence from U.S. Immigrants” with Benjamin Moll, David Lagakos, Tommaso Porzio and Todd Schoellman) (2014) NBER Working Paper 21914. Invited submission for the *Journal of Human Capital’s* special issue honoring Gary Becker.

“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.

“Understanding the Influence of Government-Owned Media: Evidence from Air Pollution in China” (with Jie Bai, Mikhail Golosov, Kai Yan) (2015)

“Xi Jinping's Anti-Corruption Campaign and the Import of Luxury Goods in China” (2015) (with Jaya Wen)

“Do Local Elections in Non-Democracies Increase Accountability? Evidence from Rural China” with Monica Martinez-Bravo, Gerard Padró-i-Miquel and Yang Yao (Revised April 2011) NBER Working Paper 16948.

“Quantity-Quality and the One Child Policy: The Positive Effect of Family Size on School Enrollment in China” (2009) NBER Working Paper w14973. *In preparation for “Gender and Development”,* UNU Wider Oxford University Press.

“On the Road: Transportation Infrastructure and Economic Growth in China” (with Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo) (2012) NBER Working Paper 17897.

OLDER WORKING PAPERS

“The Rise of China and the Natural Resource Curse in Africa” with Erik Meyersson and Gerard Padro i Miquel (2008).

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

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Missing Women and the Price of Tea in China: The Effect of Sex-Specific Earnings on Sex Imbalance.” *China Labor Economics Vol. 3*, Beijing: China Academy of Social Sciences Press, 2007, pp. 3-28. (Chinese)

“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.

SELECT WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Does State-Sector growth crowd out or crowd in Private-Sector Growth in China?” (with Jaya Wen)

“Famines in Centrally Planned Economies: Theory and Evidence from the U.S.S.R. and China” (with Andrei Markevich and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya)

“Social Trust and Health Practices: Evidence from Cesarean Births” (with Gabriella Santangelo).

“The Statistical Value of an American Life in terms of U.S. Foreign Aid” (with Anna Schrimpf)

“The Determinants of Chinese Media Content” (with Zhao Chen and Jingbing Feng)

“Immigrants and the Making of America” (with Nathan Nunn and Sandra Sequeira)

“This Historical Impact of Electricity and Lights on Swedish Productivity” (with Nathan Nunn and Erik Prawitz)

TEACHING

Graduate:

Northwestern University (Economics Department): Advanced topics in economics

Northwestern University (Kellogg SOM): Leadership seminar

Yale University: Economic Development and Political Economy, Economics of the Population

Brown University: Development Economics, Empirical Methods, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Population

Undergraduate:

Yale University: Development Economics, Introduction to Econometrics, Economics of the Population

Brown University: Population Economics, Development Economics, Development Economics, Econometrics

Other:

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

Keynote: "Gender Discrimination in Developing Countries - Causes and Remedies" (University of Zurich and UNICEF) 2016

Russell Sage Foundation Award 881502 (with Nathan Nunn and Sandra Sequeira) 2014

Keynote Address: Conference on "Information and Coordination in Markets and Institutions" 2014

Plenary Address: Toulouse School of Economics TIGER 2014

The Journal of European Economic Association Excellence in Refereeing Award 2013

American Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award 2013, 2014

Kiel Institute Excellence Award in Global Economic Affairs 2013

Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship 2012-2014

Keynote (Junior) Address: Kiel Institute PEGNet Conference 2011

Yale Economics Growth Center Faculty Grant 2010, 2011

NSF 0922087: Village Democracy Survey (with Gerard Padro i Miquel) 2009-2012

IGC: Transportation Networks in China (with Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo) 2009-2011

NBER Africa Project: Food Aid (with Nathan Nunn) 2008-2010

Brown University Watson Institute Rhodes Fellowship 2008

Harvard Academy Scholars Post-doctoral Fellowship 2007-2009

Social Science Research Council Fellowship for Development and Risk 2002-2003

MIT George P. Schultz Fund 2002-2005

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2000-2003

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

NBER, BREAD, CEPR, Econometrics Society, ASSA

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Conference Program/Organizing Committees: EEA, 2010, 2011; NEUDC, 2007, 2009, 2016; BREAD (pre-conference) 2008; Conference of China Development Studies (Shanghai Jiaotong University) 2013; International Economic Association Congress (Amman, Jordan) 2014; 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 panel member.

Editorial Service:

The Journal of Development Economics, Associate Editor

2010 -

The Journal of European Economics Association, Associate Editor 2013 –
Economica, 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*, *DFID*, *European Research Council*.

SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY

Freshman/Sophomore advisor, Yale University 2013 -
Graduate Admissions Committee, Yale University 2011, 2014
Undergraduate Theses Advising, Yale University 2013 -
Undergraduate Economic Faculty Advisor, Yale University 2009-
Graduate Admissions Committee, Brown University 2005-2007

Ph.D. Thesis Committee

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: Maelys de la Rupelle (Paris School of Economics 2011); Bei Jin (Stockholm University, IIES, 2013); Nicole Hidebrandt (NYU, 2015); Emilia Soldani (NYU, 2015).

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

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, Caijing (Chinese), Epoch Times

CONSULTING

Global Development Network (Program Evaluation Methods) 2007-2010
The World Bank (Evaluation of Bank Lending to Micro-and-Small Firms in China) 2007-2008

NATIVE LANGUAGES: Chinese, English

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

2016-2017: Columbia University, Northeastern University, Oklahoma University, Conference on “Business Cycles, Financial markets, and Monetary Policy with Special Applications to China”
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 Pittsburgh 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), BERO, 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.