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Current Position

Assistant Professor
Department of Economics, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Major Fields of Concentration

Applied Micro Theory, Urban and Regional Economics, International Trade, Industrial Organization

Education

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Year</i>
Ph.D.	Economics	University of Minnesota	2008
M.A.	Economics	University of Minnesota	2006
M.A.	Economics	National Taiwan University	2002
B.A.	Economics	National Taiwan University	1998

Dissertation

Title: "Central Place Theory and Zipf's Law"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Thomas Holmes, Samuel Kortum

Honors and Awards

- 2007-2008 Dissertation Fellowship for Taiwan Students Abroad, Taiwan Ministry of Education.
- 2004 Summer Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2003-2004 Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2002 Postgraduate Research Scholarship, Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University, Australia
- 2002 Honorary Mention, Best Master's Thesis Competition, 2002 Taiwan Economics Association.

Working Papers

"Central Place Theory and City Size Distribution," June 2010.

“Optimal City Hierarchy: A Dynamic Programming Approach to Central Place Theory,” October 2009,
with Thomas Holmes

“Plants and Productivity in Regional Agglomeration,” November 2010, with Thomas J. Holmes and Sanghoon Lee

“Size Distributions of Ethnic Groups,” November 2010.

Work-in-Progress

“Central Place Regularities and Spatial Fractal Structure Across Economic Regions,” with Tomoya Mori and Tony E. Smith”

“Are Clustered Firms More Differentiated?” with Travis Ng and Yi Lu.

“Fundamental Law of Highway Congestion: Revisited with Data from Japan” with Kin Tai Cheung and Hongliang Zhang.

Presentation

“Central Place Theory and City Size Distribution,” presented at:

1. 54th Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Savannah, Georgia, November, 2007.
2. Seminar at Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, December 19, 2007.
3. University of Chicago recruiting seminar, January 17, 2008.
4. University of Toronto recruiting seminar, January 28, 2008.
5. Joint seminar of urban economics workshop of Kyoto University and Osaka University, July 18, 2008.
6. Seminar at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan, July 23, 2008.
7. International Conference on Economic Integration, Trade, and Spatial Structure, Nogaya University, August 18-19, 2008.
8. Seminar at the City University of Hong Kong, September 23, 2008.
9. Seminar at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, September 26, 2008.
10. International Conference on "Globalization: Cultures, Institutions and Socioeconomics," Hong Kong, December, 2008.
11. 56th Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, San Francisco, November, 2009.

“Optimal City Hierarchy: A Dynamic Programming Approach to Central Place Theory,” presented at:

1. Midwest Theory Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 20-22, 2007.
2. 55th Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, New York, New York, November, 2007.
3. Seminar at Academia Sinica, November 4, 2008.
4. Seminar at National Taiwan University, November 6, 2008.
5. The Econometric Society 2009 North American Summer Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, June 4-7.
6. Annual Meeting of Society of Economic Dynamics, Istanbul, Turkey, July 2009.

“Plants and Productivity in Regional Agglomeration,” presented at:

1. Seminar at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, December 3, 2009.
2. Seminar at University of Hong Kong, March 10, 2010.

3. Seminar at Academia Sinica, May 2010.
4. Seminar at Fudan University, May 2010
5. Econometric Society World Congress, Shanghai, August 2010.
6. Seminar at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, November 2010.
7. 57th Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Denver, November, 2010.

“Group Formation, Cultural Transition, and the Size Distributions of Ethnic Groups,” presented at:

1. Seminar at Chinese University of Hong Kong, March 19, 2010.

Journal Referee

Academia Economic Papers, Environment and Planning A, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Review of Urban & Regional Development Studies, Taiwan Economic Review, Papers in Regional Science.

Teaching Experience

- 2008-2010 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Economics, Chinese University of Hong Kong. Taught *International Trade (Graduate)*, *Review of Quantitative Methods (Graduate)*, and *Methods of Economic Statistics*.
- 2005-2008 *Instructor*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Taught *Principles of Microeconomics*, *Principle of Macroeconomics*, *Introduction to Econometrics*, and *Urban Economics*.
- 2004-2005 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Led recitation sections for *Introduction to Econometrics* and *Principles of Microeconomics*.
- 2000-2001 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Economics, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan. Led recitation sections for *Principles of Economics*.