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### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

August, 2004-present: Assistant Professor of Economics, Clemson University

### OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2007- August 2008, National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University  
2005 summer, 2006 summer, Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University  
2003-2004: Research Assistant for Professor Eric Hanushek, Stanford University  
2000: Summer Intern, Policy Development and Review Department, IMF  
1999-2002: Teaching Assistant, Stanford University  
1994-1997: Research Assistant for Professor Gang Yi, China Center for Economic  
Research, Beijing University, Beijing, P.R. China

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, June 2004  
M.A. in Economics, Beijing University, Beijing, P.R. China, July 1997  
B.A. in Economics, Beijing University, Beijing, P.R. China, July 1994

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Economics, Economics of Education, Development Economics

### PUBLICATIONS

- “Political Economy of Income Distribution Dynamics,” *Journal of Development Economics*, August 2008, 87(1), 119-139.
- “Parental Income and Return to College Education in Urban China” (with Cheng Yuan), *Economic Research Journal (Jingji Yanjiu)*, China’s top refereed journal in economics, impact/citation info @ <http://www.erj.cn/english.asp>, May 2009, 44(5), 42-52.
- “The Effects of Welfare Reform on the Academic Performance of Children in Low-Income Households” (with Amalia R. Miller), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Fall 2009, 28(4), 577-599.
- “A Value-Added Estimate of Higher Education Quality of U.S. States,” forthcoming, *Education Economics*
- “Quality-Consistent Estimates of International Schooling and Skill Gradients” (with Eric A. Hanushek), forthcoming, *Journal of Human Capital*

### WORKING PAPERS

- “Effects of College Educational Debt on Graduate School Attendance and Early Career and Life Choices”, December 2007 (under review)

- “Intergenerational Effects of Welfare Reform” (with Amalia Miller), July 2008 (under review)
- “Classroom Peer Effects and Academic Achievement: Evidence from a Chinese Middle School” (with Katherine Carman), July 2008, revised August 2009 (under review)
- “Consumption Taxes, Income Taxes, and Saving: Evidence from OECD Countries” (with William Dougan), May 2009
- “Monetary and Exchange Rate Dynamics during Disinflation: an Empirical Analysis” (with A.J. Hamann and A. Arias), IMF working paper No. 05/33, March 2005
- “Should We All Go to Harvard? Matching between Students and Colleges” May, 2004.

### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

- “College Admission Expansion, Labor Market Transition, and Return to College Education in China” (with Cheng Yuan)
- “Vocational Education and Life-Cycle Employment” (with Eric Hanushek and Ludger Woessmann)
- “China’s Rural Medical Care Insurance Reform and Use of Medical Service” (with Cheng Yuan, and Dehua Wang)

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- “International Finance,” with Gang Yi, Shanghai Renmin Press, China, 1999
- “Money Supply and the Hyperinflation of the Early 1990s in China,” *Economic Perspectives*, 1996:7 (in Chinese)

### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- Summer Research Grant, College of Business and Behavioral Science, Clemson University, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
- Young Investigator Development Grant, University of Kentucky Poverty Research Center, October 2007- September 2008 (with Amalia Miller)

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellowship, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, September 2007 – August 2008
- John Stauffer National Fellowship in Public Policy, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, September 2007 – August 2008
- Research Fellowship, John M. Olin Program in Law and Economics, Stanford Law School, Summer, 2001
- Asia Pacific Scholars Fellowship (Young Fellow), Stanford University, 1997-1999
- Stanford Economics Department Fellowship, 1997-1998 (declined)
- Bank of Tokyo Scholarship, Beijing University, 1996
- Distinguished Graduate Award, Beijing University, 1994
- Guang Hua Excellence Award, Beijing University, 1990-1994
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, National Competition in Physics for High School Students, China, 1988

### **TEACHING**

- Introductory Econometrics (with computer lab, for economics majors and master’s students)
- Public Finance (for undergraduate economics majors)
- Empirical Public Finance (for economics Ph.D. students)

Public Finance (for economics Ph.D. students)  
Principles of Microeconomics

### **ADVISING**

*Clemson University:*

Master's dissertation: Caihua Zheng (second reader); Xin Chen (second reader)

Undergraduate Honor Thesis: Katie Ballard

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

*Referee:* American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Economics Bulletin, Economic Inquiry, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Southern Economic Journal

*Discussant:* SEA (2006, 2007), AEFA (2007, 2008[2]), Stanford Center for International Development (SCID) China Conference (October, 2008)

### **DEPARTMENT SERVICES**

Organizer of Clemson University Economics Department Junior Faculty Lunch Seminar (September 2004 to May 2007), Public Finance Comprehensive Exam committee

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

2009: Stanford University School of Education, April; Clemson University, April

2008: National Tax Association annual conference, November; Clemson University, October; NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminars, Paris, June; UC Santa Barbara, June; Beijing University School of Economics, May; Beijing University Guanghai School of Management, May; Tsinghua University, May; Beijing Normal University, May; Stanford University Hoover Institution, May; AEFA annual meetings (2), April; University of Oregon, February; Stanford University Economics Junior Faculty Seminar, January

2007: San Francisco State University, November; Stanford University School of Education, November; Stanford University Hoover Institution, November; SEA Annual Meetings, November; Econometric Society North America Summer Meetings, June; Society of Labor Economics, May; NBER Education and Higher Education Program Meetings, April; AEFA annual meetings, March

2006: Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, November; Clemson University, October; Journal of Comparative Studies, economics workshop, Beijing, China, July; Clemson University Economics Junior Faculty Seminars, April; American Education Finance Association (AEFA) annual meetings, March;

2005: Clemson University Economics Junior Faculty Seminars, April, October;

### **CONSULTING:**

Center of the American Experiment

### **AFFILIATIONS:**

American Economic Association, American Education Finance Association