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Education

- Ph.D., University of Washington, 1988.
- B.Soc.Sc. with First Class Honours, The University of Hong Kong, 1985.

Academic Experience

- Chair of Economics and Henry G. Leong Professor in Economics, School of Economics and Finance, The University of Hong Kong, 2006–present; Lecturer, 1989–1996; Senior Lecturer, 1996–2001; Professor, 2001–2005; Honorary Professor, 2005–2006; Acting Head, 1999–2001.
- Chairman, Board of Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Hong Kong, 2009–present; Associate Dean (Research), 2008–2009.
- Special Term Professor, Guanghua School of Management, Peking University, 2006–2009.
- Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2005–2006.
- Visiting Scholar, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, 2001–2002.
- Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University, 1994–1995.

- Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics and Center for the Study of the Economy and the State, University of Chicago, 1988–1989.

Public Service

- Member of Competition Commission, 2014–present.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence Scheme, 2014–present.
- Member of Telecommunications (Competitive Provisions) Appeal Board, 2013–present.
- Member of Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service, 2012–present.
- Member of Minimum Wage Commission, 2011–present.
- Co-Editor, *Economics E-Journal*, 2007–present.
- Associate Editor, *Pacific Economic Review*, 2003–present.
- Member of Executive Committee, Hong Kong Economic Association, 1999–2005.
- Member of the Business and Economics Panel of Research Assessment Exercise 2014 (2013–present); the Selection Panel for the Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme (2012–2014); the Selection Committee of NSFC/RGC Joint Research Scheme (2008–2010); and the Humanities, Social Sciences and Business Studies Panel of the Research Grants Council (2005–2011).
- Member of Academic Review Panel for Study on Design of Voluntary Supplementary Financing Scheme, Food and Health Bureau (2010); the Task Force on Implementation of Labour Market Analysis, Vocational Training Council (1999–2005), Vocational Training Council; the Skills Upgrading Scheme Steering Committee, Education and Manpower Bureau (2000–2001); Course Development Committee, Employees Retraining Board (1995–1999); and Hong Kong Advanced Level Examinations Economics Subject Committee, Hong Kong Examinations Authority (1989–1992).

Publications

Books

- (With Eugene Silberberg) *The Structure of Economics: A Mathematical Analysis*, 3d. ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2001. 668 + xvii pp. Published with an *Instructor's Manual* by the same authors, New York: McGraw-Hill, 2001, 64 pp. Translated into Chinese and published by Tsinghua University Press, Beijing, 2003.
- (With William Chan) *Labour Market in a Dynamic Economy*. Hong Kong: City University of Hong Kong Press, 1997. 155 + xvii pp. Also published in Chinese by the Commercial Press, Hong Kong, 1997, 205 + xiii pp.

Journal articles

- (With Heng Chen) "Aspiring for Change: A Theory of Middle Class Activism." *Economic Journal* (forthcoming).
- (With Heng Chen) "Falling Dominoes: A Theory of Rare Events and Crisis Contagion." *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* (forthcoming).
- (With Heng Chen and Yang Lu) "The Power of Whispers: A Theory of Rumor, Communication and Revolution." *International Economic Review* (forthcoming).
- (With Ettore Damiano and Li Hao) "Competing for Talents." *Journal of Economic Theory* 147 (November 2012): 2190–2219.
- (With Ettore Damiano and Li Hao) "Optimal Deadlines for Agreements." *Theoretical Economics* 7 (May 2012): 357–393.
- (With Hon-Kwong Lui) "The Effects of Public Housing on Internal Mobility in Hong Kong." *Journal of Housing Economics* 20 (March 2011): 15–29.
- (With Jun Han) "Age Structure of the Workforce in Growing and Declining Industries: Evidence from Hong Kong." *Journal of Population Economics* 24 (January 2011): 167–189.
- (With Ettore Damiano and Li Hao) "First in Village or Second in Rome?" *International Economic Review* 51 (February 2010): 263–288.

- “Mutual Admiration Clubs.” *Economic Inquiry* 48 (January 2010): 123–132.
- (With Jimmy Chan) “Media as Watchdogs: The Role of News Media in Electoral Competition.” *European Economic Review* 53 (October 2009): 799–814.
- (With Li Hao) “Viewpoint: Decision-Making in Committees.” *Canadian Journal of Economics* 42 (May 2009): 359–392.
- (With Ettore Damiano and Li Hao) “Credible Ratings.” *Theoretical Economics* 3 (September 2008): 352–392.
- (With William Chan and Ka Fai Choi) “Investing in Reputation: Strategic Choices in Career-Building.” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 67 (September 2008): 844–854.
- (With Jimmy Chan) “A Spatial Theory of News Consumption and Electoral Competition.” *Review of Economic Studies* 75 (July 2008): 699–728.
- (With Hon-Kwong Lui) “Men, Money, and Medals: An Econometric Analysis of the Olympic Games.” *Pacific Economic Review* 13 (February 2008): 1–16.
- (With William Chan and Li Hao) “A Signaling Theory of Grade Inflation.” *International Economic Review* 48 (August 2007): 1065–1090.
- “The Comparative Statics of Differential Rents in Two-Sided Matching Markets.” *Journal of Economic Inequality* 5 (August 2007): 149–158.
- (With Douglas Allen and Krishna Pendakur) “No Fault Divorce and the Compression of Marriage Ages.” *Economic Inquiry* 44 (July 2006): 547–558.
- (With Ettore Damiano and Li Hao) “Unravelling of Dynamic Sorting.” *Review of Economic Studies* 72 (October 2005): 1057–1076.
- (With Hon-Kwong Lui) “The Shrinking Earnings Premium for University Graduates in Hong Kong: The Effect of Quantity or Quality?” *Contemporary Economic Policy* 23 (April 2005): 242–254.
- “The Self-Perpetuation of Biased Beliefs.” *Economic Journal* 114 (April 2004): 377–396.
- (With Li Hao) “Delegating Decisions to Experts.” *Journal of Political Economy* 112 (February 2004, Part 2): S311–S335.

- (With Li Hao) "Self-Fulfilling Early Contracting Rush." *International Economic Review* 45 (February 2004): 301–324.
- (With William Chan and Junsen Zhang) "Marital Transfer and Intrahousehold Allocation: A Nash-Bargaining Analysis." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 52 (September 2003): 133–146.
- (With William Chan) "Long Term Effectiveness of the Hong Kong Employees Retraining Programme." *Pacific Economic Review* 8 (January 2003): 79–98.
- (With Bo-sin Tang) "Optimal Site Area for High-Density Housing Development." *Habitat International* 26 (December 2002): 539–552.
- (With Li Hao and Sherwin Rosen) "Conflicts and Common Interests in Committees." *American Economic Review* 91 (December 2001): 1478–1497.
- (With Chi Fai Leung) "Some Preliminary Findings on Hong Kong Business Cycles." *Pacific Economic Review* 6 (February 2001): 37–54.
- (With Li Hao) "Risk Sharing, Sorting, and Early Contracting." *Journal of Political Economy* 108 (October 2000): 1058–1091.
- (With William Chan) "An Evaluation of the Hong Kong Employees Retraining Programme." *Asian Economic Journal* 14 (September 2000): 255–281.
- (With Eugene Silberberg and Paul Tseng) "The LeChatelier Principle: the Long and the Short of It." *Economic Theory* 16 (September 2000): 471–476.
- "Testing Rent Sharing Using Individualized Measures of Rent: Evidence from Domestic Helpers." *Economic Inquiry* 38 (July 2000): 470–486.
- "A Competitive Theory of Equilibrium and Disequilibrium Unraveling in Two-Sided Matching." *RAND Journal of Economics* 31 (Spring 2000): 101–120.
- "Estimating the Effects of Immigration in One City." *Journal of Population Economics* 13 (January 2000): 99–112.
- (With Hon-Kwong Lui) "A Direct Test of the Efficient Marriage Market Hypothesis." *Economic Inquiry* 37 (January 1999): 29–46.
- (With Hon-Kwong Lui) "Does School Quality Matter? Evidence from the Hong Kong Experience." *Asian Economic Journal* 12 (June 1998): 153–170.

- “Retirement Patterns in Hong Kong: A Censored Regression Analysis.” *Journal of Population Economics* 10 (October 1997): 443–461.
- (With C. Leigh Anderson and Gene Swimmer) “An Empirical Analysis of Viewer Demand for U.S. Programming and the Effect of Canadian Broadcasting Regulations.” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 16 (Autumn 1997): 525–540.
- “Gender Gap in Hong Kong: An Update.” *Asian Economic Journal* 9 (November 1995): 311–319.
- “Decomposing Wage Residuals: Unmeasured Skill or Statistical Artifact?” *Journal of Labor Economics* 15 (July 1997, Part 1): 555–566.
- “Sectoral Shifts: Impact on Hong Kong Workers.” *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development* 4 (July 1995): 135–152.
- “Risk Avoidance under Limited Liability.” *Journal of Economic Theory* 65 (April 1995): 627–634.
- “Market-Procured Housework: The Demand for Domestic Servants and Female Labor Supply.” *Labour Economics* 1 (September 1994): 289–302.
- (With Hon-Kwong Lui) “The Structure of the Female Earnings Gap in Hong Kong.” *Hong Kong Economic Papers* 23 (1994): 15–29.
- (With Pak Hung Mo) “Simple Analytics of Productive Consumption.” *Journal of Political Economy* 102 (April 1994): 372–383.
- (With Hon-Kwong Lui) “The Narrowing Gender Gap in Hong Kong: 1976–1986.” *Asian Economic Journal* 7 (July 1993): 167–180.
- “Commodity Bundling and the Automobile Market.” *Hong Kong Economic Papers* 22 (1992): 13–20.
- (With Yoram Barzel) “The Demand Curves for Giffen Goods are Downward Sloping.” *Economic Journal* 102 (July 1992): 896–905. Reprinted in Y. Barzel, *Productivity Change, Public Goods and Transaction Costs*, Aldershot: Edward Elgar, 1995.
- “A Diagrammatic Proof that Indirect Utility Functions are Quasi-Convex.” *Journal of Economic Education* 23 (Winter 1992): 53–55.

- “The Value of Product Diversity.” *Oxford Economic Papers* 43 (April 1991): 217–223.
- “Statistical Models of Consumer Behavior with Heterogeneous Values and Constraints.” *Economic Inquiry* 28 (January 1990): 79–98.
- “Rationing and Rent Dissipation in the Presence of Heterogeneous Individuals.” *Journal of Political Economy* 97 (December 1989): 1384–1394. Reprinted in A. Lockard and G. Tullock, eds., *Efficient Rent Seeking: Chronicle of an Intellectual Quagmire*, Boston: Kluwer, 2001.

Chapters in books

- “Employment and Labour Earnings.” Pp. 119–134 in H.C.Y. Ho and L.C. Chau, eds., *The Hong Kong Economy in Transition*. Hong Kong, Asian Research Service, 1996.
- “Labour and Employment.” Pp. 149–164 in D. McMillen and S.W. Man, eds., *The Other Hong Kong Report 1994*. Hong Kong, Chinese University Press, 1994.

Commentaries and reviews

- Published nine commentaries on economic affairs in Hong Kong in *HKCER Letters* between 1994 and 2003.
- Published three articles to introduce economic ideas to general audience in *Hong Kong Economic Journal Monthly* (in Chinese) between 1990 and 1991.
- Wrote a book review of *Economic Policy-Making in the Asia-Pacific Region* (edited by J.W. Langford and K.L. Brownsey), published in *Asian Journal of Public Administration* 12 (December 1990): 274–276.

Consultancy reports

- (With May Tam) *Labor Market Crisis at Mid-Life? A Report of the Employment Prospects of People Aged 40–49*. Prepared for the Hong Kong Institute of Economics and Business Strategy and the Education and Manpower Bureau, 2000.
- *Report on Recent Labor Market Conditions*. Prepared for the Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research, 1995.

Working papers

- “Delay Cost, Knowledge Hierarchy, and Wages: Theory and Evidence,” September 2015 (with Cheng Chen).
- “Deliberating Collective Decisions” February 2015 (with Jimmy Chan, Alessandro Lizzeri, and Leeat Yariv).
- “Investment in Concealable Information by Competing Experts,” December 2014 (with Navin Kartik and Frances Xu Lee).
- “Does Competition Promote Disclosure?” October 2014 (with Navin Kartik and Frances Xu Lee).
- “Optimal Delay in Committees,” June 2012 (with Ettore Damiano and Li Hao).
- “Sniping to Manipulate Closing Prices in Call Auctions: Evidence from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange,” May 2012 (with Kam-Ming Wan).
- “Sincere Voting in Large Elections,” May 2011 (with Ettore Damiano and Li Hao).
- “Picking up the Losses: The Impact of the Cultural Revolution on Human Capital Re-investment in Urban China,” March 2011 (with Jun Han and Junsen Zhang).
- “Delay in Strategic Information Aggregation,” October 2010 (with Ettore Damiano and Li Hao).

Professional Activities

- Referee for 59 journals including *American Economic Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, and *Review of Economic Studies*.
- Reviewer of monographs for Blackwell, Routledge, Wiley, Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research, and Hong Kong Institute of Educational Research.
- Grant application reviewer for Hong Kong Research Grants Council, National Science Foundation (United States), National Science Council (Taiwan), Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada), Economic and Social Research Council (United Kingdom), and Nuffield Foundation.

- External reviewer for Academia Sinica, Hong Kong Baptist University, Lingnan University, National Taiwan University, National University of Singapore, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Tulane University, and University of Virginia.
- Chair: External Academic Review Panel, Department of Economics, University of Macau, 2012; and Accreditation Panel of M.Sc. in Applied Economics, Hong Kong Baptist University, 2010.
- External member: Selection Committee for Chair Professor of Economics, Lingnan University, 2006; Selection Committee for Research Excellence Awards Scheme, Lingnan University, 2007; and Promotion Committee, University of Macau, 2008.
- External examiner: M.Phil. examination (Hong Kong Baptist University); M.Phil. and Ph.D. examinations (Chinese University of Hong Kong).
- Expert testimony: Legislative Council House Committee, 1999; and Legislative Council Panel on Manpower, 2000.
- Organized the UBC-HKU Summer Microeconomics Seminars from 2007 to present, and co-organized the Japan-Taiwan-Hong Kong Contract Theory Conference from 2013 to present.
- Member of organizing or program committee for the Hong Kong Economic Association Biennial Conference (2000), the Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society (2006, 2008), and the All China Economics International Conference (2006, 2007).
- Research papers presented at 42 conferences and at 26 academic institutions and universities.
- Guest lectures delivered at Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Hong Kong Labour Department, Vocational Training Council, Zhejiang University, Peking University, and National Tsing Hua University.

Awards and Honors

- External research funding: Research Grants Council Area of Excellence (co-investigator); Research Grants Council General Research Fund projects (five projects as principal investigator, totalling HK\$1.35 million; and four projects as co-investigator).
- Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Economics, University of Washington, 1988.
- Outstanding Teacher Award, Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, 1999.
- Faculty Outstanding Teaching Award, Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Hong Kong, 2008.
- Harvard-Yenching Scholarship, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, 2001–2002.
- Houde Honorary Lecture, National Tsing Hua University, 2011.
- Elected to the Council of Fellows of the East Asian Economic Association, since 2001.

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