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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics	University of Chicago	Expected June 2012
M.A. in Economics	University of Chicago	2007
B.A. in Economics, Statistics	University of California, Berkeley	2004

RESEARCH AREA

Primary: International Economics, Macroeconomics

Secondary: Urban/Regional Economics, Industrial Organization

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Measuring Trade Barriers: An Application to China’s Domestic Trade”

Domestic trade protectionism across Chinese provinces appears to have risen even as China has become more integrated with the global economy (Young, 2001; Poncet, 2003). I examine this claim for the period 1992 to 2002 by exploiting Chinese provincial level domestic trade data. Because of the difficulty in measuring trade barriers and limited domestic trade data, existing studies on the topic relied on indirect inferences or estimation of border effects. I apply a method of calculating trade barriers that addresses the limitation of the data with making minimal estimation assumptions. I verify that domestic trade barriers rose from 1992 to 1997, as suggested by previous studies. With an updated time series of data for the period 1997 to 2002, I find that the increase of trade barriers slowed compared to the earlier period. Finally, I derive an extended version of the trade barriers measure in a gravity model that allows for product upgrading. This accounts for features of industries that have experienced high growth in China in the later period. With this extension, I find that the change in domestic fixed trade barriers is even more pronounced than in the benchmark model. As domestic trade is almost twice as large as international trade in China's economy, an implication of the findings of this paper is that domestic trade can potentially overtake international trade as the more important driver of China's growth if the decline in domestic trade barriers were to hasten.

SECONDARY PAPER

“Gravity Redux: How Does City Structure Affect External Trade?”

“Product Cycles and City Hierarchy”

PUBLISHED PAPERS

“Does Leapfrogging Cause Growth? Evidence from across Countries.” (with Zhi Wang and Shang-Jin Wei). *NBER Working Paper*. in *Annual Bank Conferences on Development Economics Volume 2010*.

“Measurement and Inference in International Reserve Diversification”, *Peterson Institute for International Economics Working Paper*, 07-6, 2007.

“The Case for an International Reserve Diversification Standard” (with Edwin Truman), *Peterson Institute for International Economics Working Paper* 06-2, 2006.

“The Next Emerging Market Crisis: What Might it Look Like?” , (with Morris Goldstein), a chapter in *Financial Crises: Lessons from the Past, Preparation for the Future*, Brookings Institution Press and the World Bank Group, 2005.

“Exchange Rate Regime Arrangements of the Poorer Half of the World: A Panel Mixed Logit Analysis,” Undergraduate thesis at UC Berkeley. (thesis advisor: Barry Eichengreen)

RESEARCH/WORK EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Intern, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System	Summer 2011
International Economist, United States International Trade Commission	Summer 2008
Research Assistant, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business	2007 – 2008
Associate Fellow, Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research	Summer 2006
Research Assistant, Peterson Institute for International Economics	2004 – 2006
Intern, Center for Strategic International Studies	2002
Research Apprentice, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley	2002 – 2003
Research Apprentice, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley	2001 – 2002

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching assistant for: Introduction to Macroeconomics (undergraduate, 2008), Economics Analysis I & II (Consumer Theory, Theory of Firm) (undergraduate, 2009 and 2010), Urban Economics (undergraduate, 2008-2010); Investments (MBA, 2010); Macroeconomics (EMBA, University of Chicago Singapore campus, 2011)

PRESENTATIONS

Federal Reserve Board International Finance Workshop (2011); Eastern Economics Association Conference (2011); International Economics Working Group at University of Chicago (2009-2011); Capital Theory Working Group at University of Chicago (2011); Economic Policy Workshop at University of Chicago (2009-2011); ASSA Meetings (discussant in 2007; presenter in 2009); City, Space, Society Workshop at University of Chicago (2009); UC Berkeley Conference on Urban Space (2009); ASSA (2007, discussant); Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research Seminar (2006), Southwestern Economics Association Annual Meeting (2005)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*

AWARDS

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (top TA voted by graduating EMBA class of AXP cohort)	2012
Teaching Excellence Award, University of Chicago Booth School of Business	2011
Margaret Reid Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago	2011– 2012
Esther and T.W. Schultz Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago	2010– 2011
Provost’s Summer Fellowship, University of Chicago	2009
The University Unendowed Scholarship, University of Chicago	2007– 2010
Southwestern Economics Association Top Undergraduate Paper Award	2005
Awarded High Honors in Economics, at UC Berkeley	2004
Cal Alumni Association Leadership Award	2003
2nd (Oratorical) and 6th (Expository) at Southern California Novice Speech Championships	1998

LANGUAGES

English, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin); Spanish (intermediate written; basic oral)

ACTIVITIES

Basic Keel Boat certification by US Sailing Association	2011
Producer of Annual Skit Show of the Economics Department at University of Chicago	2009
Participant in Soldier's Field 15K running race and Lincoln Park Zoo 10K race	2009
Open water scuba dive certified by PADI	2008
Editor-in-chief, SinoTalks (a student magazine on Chinese current affairs), UC Berkeley	2002– 2004
President, Society of Hong Kong and Chinese Affairs, UC Berkeley	2002– 2003
Advanced Level degree (piano) from Certificate of Merit	2000

REFERENCES

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