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## Research Interest

Global supply chains, firm innovation, applied network theory.

## Employment

**2022-** Assistant Professor, Lehigh University  
**2017-** Assistant Professor, Syracuse University (Maternity leave, 2020-2021)  
**2016-2017** Instructor, Syracuse University

## Education

**2009-2016** PhD in Economics, University of Toronto  
*Distinction in Microeconomics Comprehensive Exam*  
**2008-2009** MA in Economics, University of British Columbia  
**2004-2008** BA in Economics, Nanjing University

## Awards, Scholarships and Fellowships

**2020-2021** The SOURCE RA Grant, Syracuse University  
**2018-2019** Maxwell School Office of the Dean Summer Project Assistantship  
**2014-2015** University of Toronto Doctoral Completion Award  
**2011-2014** University of Toronto Dorothy Powell Graduate Scholarship in International Economics  
**2009-2014** University of Toronto Fellowship  
**2008-2009** University of British Columbia Tuition Fellowship

## Teaching Experience

**2019-** The Chinese Economy, undergraduate level, Syracuse University  
**2018-** Topics in International Trade, PhD level, Syracuse University  
**2016-** International Trade, undergraduate level, Syracuse University  
**2012-2016** International Trade, undergraduate level, University of Toronto

## Research Papers

### **The Missing Option in Firm Boundary Decisions**

(*The European Economic Review*, Volume 132, 2021, 103602.)

Previous Title: “Global Supply Chains without Principals”

### **What’s the Big Idea? Multi-Function Products, Firm Scope and Firm Boundaries**

(with Daniel Treffer, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organizations*, 2020, Volume 180: 381-406.)

Previous Title: “The Choice between Quality and Cost: Implications for Firm Scope and Firm Boundaries”

Previous Title: “Contracts, Product Design, and Firm Boundary Decisions”

Previous Title: “Quality and Scope in Production Networks”

## Working Papers

### **Judicial Quality, Production Efficiency, and Firm Boundary Decisions**

### **Quality innovation, Cost innovation, Exporting, and Firm Productivity Evolution:**

### **Evidence from the Chinese Electronics Industry**

(with Luhang Wang and Yimin Yi)

Previous Title: “Innovation, Trade, and Dynamic Firm Productivity: Evidence from China”

## Work in Progress

### **Distance to Technological Frontier**

### **Quality innovation, Cost innovation, R&D, and Firm productivity evolution**

(with Yoonseok Lee)

Previous Title: “Quality vs. Cost Innovation”

## Conferences and Seminars

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| <b>2021</b> | CEA annual conference<br>Southern Economic Association<br>Canadian Economic Annual Conference<br>Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society<br>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  |
| <b>2020</b> | Empirical Investigations in International Trade<br>Women in International Economics Workshop<br>AEA CSWEP CeMENT Workshop  |
| <b>2019</b> | Workshop on “Technical Changes, U.S.-China Trade and Labor Market Outcomes”  |
| <b>2018</b> | MIT Sloan Organizational Economics Seminar<br>Econometric Society China Meeting in Shanghai<br>Tsinghua University<br>East China University of Science and Technology<br>Central University of Finance and Economics |
| <b>2017</b> | Empirical Investigations in International Trade in Washington D.C.<br>Econometric Society Asian Meeting in Hong Kong   |

- 2016** Syracuse University  
Colgate University  
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville  
University of California at Merced  
University of Florida.
- 2015** Canadian Economic Annual Conference in Toronto  
80th International Atlantic Economic Conference in Boston
- 2014** Midwest Economic Theory and International Trade Conference in Indianapolis
- 2013** Canadian Economic Annual Conference in Montreal
- 2012** RCEF Cities, Open Economies, and Public Policy in Toronto

## **Referee Experience**

Canadian Journal of Economics (+3);  
Journal of Development Economics (+1);  
Journal of Games, Economic Behavior and Organizations (+2);  
Journal of International Economics (+2);  
Review of International Economics(+1).