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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Boston College, 07/2011-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2011.
Dissertation: “Sourcing, Technology Transfer, and International Trade.”
Committee: Wolfgang Keller (chair), James Markusen, Keith Maskus.

Graduate Classes in Economics, Peking University, China, 2005.

B.A. in Economics, First Class Honors (top 3%), Chu Kochen Honors College, Zhejiang University, China, 2004.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Trade, Development Economics, Economic Geography

PUBLICATIONS

“Multinational production and choice of technologies: New evidence on skill-biased technological change from China.”

Economics Letters, 2010, 108(2): 181-183.

“Geographic concentration and vertical disintegration: Evidence from China.”

Journal of Urban Economics, 2009, 65(3): 294-304.

(w. Yi Lu)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“China’s Foreign Trade: Perspectives from the Past 150 Years.”

The World Economy, 2011, 34: 853-892.

(w. Wolfgang Keller and Carol H. Shiue)

“The Effect of Potential Foreign Entry in the Banking Sector.”

Economics Bulletin, 2009, 29(1): 141-149

(w. Jie Mao)

WORKING PAPERS

“Cross-Border Production, Technology Transfer, and the Choice of Partner.”

“Firm Heterogeneity and Trade Costs.” (w. Luis Castro and Yiqing Xie)

“Multinational Enterprises and Endogenous Agent Skill Upgrading.” (w. Yibei Liu and James Markusen)

“Cross the Imagined Border: Trade and Nationalism.” (w. Xiaohuan Lan).

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2011 Purdue University, University of Texas at Austin, Boston College, Monash University, NBER Summer Institute (invited participant), Midwest Trade Study Group (Vanderbilt University)

2010 Paris School of Economics, ETH Zurich, University of Mannheim, Graduate Institute at Geneva, University of Colorado at Boulder, European Trade Study Group, European Economic Association, Western Economic Association, Canadian Economic Association

2009 Midwest International Economics Group (Penn State University)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boston College

International Trade Theory (Ph.D. field course, 2011)

University of Colorado at Boulder

Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (2008, 2009)

(TA) Introduction to Statistics (2007)

(TA) Introduction to Microeconomics (2005, 2006)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

The Chair Jacquemin Award (the sole winner), European Trade Study Group (ETSG), 2010.

Reuben A. Zubrow Fellowship in Economics for Excellence in Teaching and Research, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2009, 2010.

Graduate Fellowship, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010.

College of Arts and Sciences Special Fellowship for Outstanding Graduate Students, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2009.

Morris E. Garnsey Fellowship, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2008.

First Class Academic Fellowship, Zhejiang University, 2001-2004.

Excellent Leadership Award, Zhejiang University, 2001-2004.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of birth: January 8, 1981

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Fluent)

Citizenship and visa status: China (F1/OPT)