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**Birthplace:** China

**Citizenship:** USA

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Yale University Department of Economics, Assistant Professor	2009-
Chicago Booth School Center for Global Development Visiting Scholar	2009
Harvard University Department of Economics, Visiting Scholar	2007-9
Harvard University, Academy Scholar	2007-9
Brown University Department of Economics, Assistant Professor ( <i>On Half Leave 2007-9</i> )	2005-9
Brown University Populations Studies and Training Center, Faculty Affiliate ( <i>On Half Leave 2007-9</i> )	2005-9

## EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. Economics	2005
Dissertation: <i>Three Essays on Development Economics in China</i>	
University of Texas at Austin, Plan I Honors Program, B.A. with High Honors	2001
Majors: Economics, Japanese	

## TEACHING

### Graduate:

Economics of the Population, Yale University	2011
Development Economics, Brown University	2006-9
Empirical Methods, Brown University	2007-9
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Population, Brown University	2005-7

### Undergraduate:

Development Economics, Yale University	2011
Economics of the Population, Yale University	2010-11
Population Economic, Brown University	2006-7
Development Economics, Brown University	2006
Development Economics, MIT (Teaching Assistant)	2004-5
Econometrics, MIT (Teaching Assistant)	2005
Principles of Micro Economics, UT Austin (Supplemental Instructor)	1998-2000
Principles of Macro Economics, UT Austin (Supplemental Instructor)	1998-2000

### Other:

Empirical Methods (with Joshua Angrist)	2006 Summer
Empirical Methods, Ford Foundation Training for Chinese Female Applied Micro Economists at CCER Peking University	2005-2008
Impact Evaluation, World Bank Workshop for the Chinese Ministry of Health	2009 July
Impact Evaluation, Global Development Network	2007 January

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Political Economy

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Missing Women and the Price of Tea in China: The Effect of Sex-Specific Income on Sex Imbalance,” *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 123(3), August 2008.

“The Strategic Determinants of U.S. Human Rights Reporting: Evidence from the Cold War” (with David Yanagizawa) *Journal of European Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, Vol. 2 No. 2-3, 2009 May-June.

“Income Inequality and Progressive Income Taxation in China and India, 1986-2010” (with Thomas Piketty) *American Economic Journal – Applied Economics* Vol. 1 No. 2, April 2009.

“The Columbian Exchange: a Historical Change in Food, Disease and Ideas” (with Nathan Nunn) *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 24 No. 2, 2010 Spring.

“The Impact of Potatoes on Old World Population and Urbanization” (with Nathan Nunn) (2010) *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Forthcoming May 2011.

“The Determinants of Food Aid Provisions to Africa and the Developing World” (with Nathan Nunn) *NBER Africa Volume*, Forthcoming.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“The Institutional Causes of Famine in China, 1959-61” (with Xin Meng and Pierre Yared) (2010) NBER Working Paper w16361

“Do Local Elections in Autocracies Increase Accountability? Evidence from China” (with Monica Martinez-Bravo, Gerard Padró-i-Miquel and Yang Yao) (2011) NBER Working Paper 16938.

“Aiding Conflict: The Unintended Consequences of U.S. Food Aid on Civil War” (with Nathan Nunn) (2010)

“Watchdog or Lapdog? The Effect of U.S. Strategic Objectives on Human Rights News Coverage During the Cold War” (with David Yanagizawa) (2009) NBER Working Paper w15738

“Life-Cycle Model and Household Savings: Micro-evidence from urban China” (with Abhijit Banerjee and Xin Meng) (2010)

“The General Equilibrium Effects of China’s Urban Housing Reform on Labor Mobility and the Wage Structure” (with Lakshmi Iyer, Xin Meng and Xiaoxue Zhao) (2011)

“On the Road: Transportation Infrastructure and Economic Growth in China” (with Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo) (2009)

“The Long Run Impact of Famine on Survivors: Evidence from China’s Great Famine 1959-61” (with Xin Meng) (2009) NBER Working Paper w14917.

“More Missing Women, Fewer Dying Girls: The Impact of Abortion on Sex Ratios at Birth and Excess Female Mortality in Taiwan” (with Ming-Jen Lin and Jin-Tan Liu) (2010) NBER Working Paper w14541.

“Quantity-Quality and the One Child Policy: The Positive Effect of Family Size on School Enrollment in China” (2009) NBER Working Paper w14973.

### **SELECT WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Food and Conflict: The Historical Effect of Potatoes on Conflict in Europe” (with Murat Iyugun and Nathan Nunn)

“Social Capital and Democracy: Evidence from Kinship Networks and Village Elections in China” (with Gerard Padro-i-Miquel, Yiqing Xu and Yang Yao)

“The Evolution of Private Firm Growth in China 1998-2005” (with Abhijit Banerjee)

“Oil: China’s Rising Demand and Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Erik Meyersson and Gerard Padro-i-Miquel)

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Missing Women and the Price of Tea in China: The Effect of Sex-Specific Earnings on Sex Imbalance,” *China Labor Economics Vol. 3*, Beijing: China Academy of Social Sciences Press, 2007, pp. 3-28. (Chinese)

### **SERVICE to JOURNALS**

Associate Editor: *Journal of Development Economics*, 2010-2013

Referee: *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economic and Statistics*, *Economic Journal*, *American Economic Journal--Applied*, *American Economic Journal--Macro*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of European Economics Association*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Demography*, *European Journal of Population*, *Journal of Business Economics*, *National Science Foundation Research Grants*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*

### **INVITED SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

2011-12: PEGNet (Junior Keynote Speaker)

2010-11: MIT/Harvard Labor Development Seminar, Yale University Labor Seminar, Yale University Political Economy Seminar, Yale University Development Seminar, University of Maryland Development Seminar, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Science and Technology University, Stockholm University IIES, Paris School of Economics, Science Po, New School of Economics, Warwick University, Oxford, CEPR Development, International Growth Center, NBER China, NBER India, BREAD (Cambridge, NYU), NEUDC, U.C. Berkeley Conference on Endogenous Institutions and Conflict

2009-10: Yale University, New York University, London School of Economics, Stanford University History Seminar, Stanford University Development Seminar, University of California at Ber-

keley Development Seminar, University of California Los Angeles Applied Micro Seminar, University of Toronto, Warwick University, University of Texas at Austin, Tsinghua University, Peking University CCER; NBER Long Run Growth Economics, U.C. Berkeley Conference on Endogenous Institutions and Conflict, China Summer Institute, CEPR-Development (Stockholm), CEPR-Political Economy (Barcelona), BEROC, University of Houston Conference on Health and Development, NBER China, NBER Africa, NBER Summer Institute Political Economy

2008-09: MIT/Harvard Development/Labor Seminar, Princeton University Labor Seminar, Harvard University Labor/History Seminar, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Applied Micro Seminar, Brown University Macro and Growth Seminar, Stockholm University IIES, University of Colorado at Boulder, University College of London, Warwick University, Paris New School, University of Toulouse, University of Pompeu Fabra, McGill University, Ohio State University; NBER China, NEUDC, BREAD, China Summer Institute

2007-08: Harvard University Labor Seminar, Columbia University Applied Micro Seminar, University of Michigan Ann at Arbor Department of Economics, University of British Columbia, University of Connecticut, The World Bank Research Group (DC), National Taiwan University, Peking University CCER; NBER, ASSA Winter Meetings, BREAD-CIPREE, BREAD, SOLE, World Bank's Microeconomics of Growth Network, China summer Institute

2006-07: Princeton University Development Seminar, Harvard-MIT Labor-Development Seminar, London School of Economics-University College of London Development Seminar, University of Maryland Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Maryland Department of Economics, Rice University – University of Houston Applied Micro Economics Seminar, Oxford University, Università Bocconi, Stockholm IIES, The Federal Reserve at San Francisco, The National University of Singapore; NBER, CEPR-DE, ASSA Winter Meetings

2005-06: University of California at Berkeley Seminar for Comparative Politics, The World Bank (Beijing), National University of Singapore, The University of Melbourne, CCER at Peking University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Fudan University; NBER, CEPR-DE, ASSA Winter Meetings; 2005-2006: NBER, NEUDC, Development Economics (Duke University), “China and the World” UC Berkeley-World Bank-Tsinghua, Econometrics Society (North America)

2004-05: Brown University, Princeton University, University of Chicago, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Harvard Business School, University of Maryland, Boston University, London School of Economics, Australia National University, Peking University, Fudan University, CCER at Peking University; BREAD, “Poverty, Inequality, Labour Market and Welfare Reform in China” World Bank-ANU-RSSS-RSPAS; 2003-2004: Social Science Research Network, MacArthur Network for Inequality; 2002-2003: Social Science Research Network, Harvard East Asia Conference

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2002-2003: Social Science Research Network, Harvard East Asia Conference

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

Yale Economics Growth Center Faculty Grant (x 3)	2010 - 11
NSF 0922087: Village Democracy in China with Gerard Padro i Miquel (Economics and Political Science Programs)	2009 - 12
IGC: Transportation Networks in China with Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo	2009 - 11
NBER Africa Project: Food Aid with Nathan Nunn	2008 - 10
Brown University Watson Institute Rhodes Fellowship	2008 Summer
Harvard Academy Scholars Post-doctoral Fellowship	2007 - 9
Social Science Research Council Fellowship for Development and Risk	2002 - 3
MIT George P. Schultz Fund	2002 - 5

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2000 - 3  
National Merit Scholar 1996-2000

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

BREAD, NBER, CEPR, AEA, Econometrics Society, SOLE

**ADVISING**

Ang Sun (2011), David Yanagizawa (2010), Emilio Gutierrez (2009) , Adriana Camacho (2008),  
Yoo-mi Chin (2007), Isaac Mbiti (2006), Taiwo Olumide (2007), Adrienne Lucas (2006)

**SERVICE to the UNIVERSITY**

Graduate Admissions, Yale University 2010-  
Undergraduate Economic Faculty Advisor, Yale University 2009-  
Graduate Admissions, Brown University 2005 - 7

**CONSULTING**

Global Development Network 2007 - 10  
The World Bank (Evaluation of the Impact of Access of Commercial Micro-and-Small Lending  
on Firms in China) 2007 - 8

**MEDIA**

*Business Times* (Chinese), Voice of America, *Liberation* (French), *Wall Street Journal*, *Time*,  
Canada.com, VOXEU, Globe and Mail

**LANGUAGES**

English, Chinese, Japanese