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Academic Appointments

2024 - Associate Professor, Rice University
2024 - 2025 Visiting Associate Professor, Cowles Foundation and Yale University
2016 - 2024 Assistant Professor, Rice University

Education

2010 - 2016 Ph.D. in Economics, New York University
2004 - 2008 A.B. in Economics with High Honors, Princeton University

Research Fields

Empirical Industrial Organization, Applied Microeconomics, Applied Microeconometrics

Published and Accepted Articles

- “Not Knowing the Competition: Evidence and Implications for Auction Design” (2020), *RAND Journal of Economics*, Vol. 51, No. 3, pp. 840-867
- “Sequential Auctions with Synergy and Affiliation Across Auctions” (2021), *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 129, No. 1, pp. 148-181
- “Multidimensional Auctions of Contracts: An Empirical Analysis” (2022), with Isabelle Perrigne and Quang Vuong, *American Economic Review*, Vol. 112, No. 5, pp. 1703-1736
- “Identification of English Auctions When Losing Entrants Are Not Observed” (2022), *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, Vol. 85, 102875
- “Risk and Information in Dispute Resolution: An Empirical Study of Arbitration,” with Bernardo Silveira and Xun Tang, accepted at *Journal of Political Economy*

Working Papers

- “Liquid Markets: An Empirical Analysis of a Water Exchange”

Seminars and Conference Presentations

2024-2025 (scheduled) Yale, IO+ Conference at UChicago, Columbia, UT Austin, HKUST, ASSA Meetings
2023-2024 NYU Stern, IU Bloomington, Georgia Tech, Penn State, Boston College, U. Michigan, U. Wisconsin-Madison, Barcelona Summer Forum, EARIE-Amsterdam
2022-2023 Queen’s University, MIT, UC Berkeley environmental and energy economics, Harvard, Caltech, Northwestern, Seoul National University, Rice-Sciences Po IO conference, Cowles Conference on Models and Measurement, NBER Summer Institute IO
2021-2022 Cornell, SEA Meetings, ASSA Meetings, WUSTL, IIOC, Queen Mary University of London, IAAE London, UBC Summer IO Conference
2020-2021 Colby College, Carnegie Mellon, KAEA virtual seminar series, Stanford, UBC Sauder, PUC-Rio, Cowles Conference on Models and Measurement, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, IO² virtual seminar
2019-2020 DOJ, U of Toronto, Columbia, SEA Meetings

2018-2019	WUSTL Olin, Texas A&M, Lancaster Conference on “auctions, competition, regulation, and public policy,” IAAE Nicosia, SITE, Banff Empirical Microeconomics Conference
2017-2018	NYU Alumni Conference, Midwest Econometrics Group, UT Austin, Yonsei Young Economist Workshop, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (Seoul)
2016-2017	Yale, ASSA Meetings, Texas Camp Econometrics, IAAE Sapporo
2015-2016	SITE, 11th World Congress of the Econometric Society, USC, Carnegie Mellon, Chicago Booth, Chicago Harris, Rice, U Penn, FDIC, U of Minnesota, FTC

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

2022	KAEA Young Scholar Award
2018	Malcolm Gillis Award for Distinction in Undergraduate Teaching in Economics, Rice
2010 - 2015	MacCracken Graduate Fellowship, NYU
2015	Dean’s Student Travel Grant, NYU
2015	CV Starr Center Travel Grant, NYU
2011	Pass with distinction in the qualifying exam in Microeconomics, NYU
2008	Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University
2005	Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, Princeton University
2002	USAMO Qualification and Akamai Foundation AIME Scholarship

Teaching

Empirical Microeconomics, PhD (Rice University): Spring 2023, Spring 2024
Applied Econometrics, Undergraduate (Rice University): 2016-2023
Seminar Workshop, PhD (Rice University): Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Refereeing

AEJ: Microeconomics, AER: Insights, American Economic Review, Applied Economics Letters, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Empirical Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economic Review, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of the European Economic Association, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Design, Review of Economic Studies

Discussant

Montreal IO conference (2024), ASSA annual meeting (2024), NBER IO spring meeting (2023), ASSA annual meeting (2023), IIOC (2022), SEA (2021), KWEN virtual seminar series (2020), Lancaster Conference on “auctions, competition, regulation, and public policy” (2019), ASSA annual meeting (2019)

Other Professional Service

Organizer, “Bringing Models to Data in Microeconomics” paper session, ASSA Annual Meeting 2023
Organizer, “KAEA Mentoring Workshop I – Microeconomics”, ASSA Annual Meeting 2023
Organizer, Korean Women Economist Network (KWEN) Virtual Seminar Series, 2022

University and Department Service

Empirical Micro Seminar Co-organizer, 2023-2024
Undergraduate Committee, 2022-2023 to 2023-2024
Faculty Recruiting Committee, 2018-2019 and 2023-2024
Graduate Program Committee, 2019-2020 to 2021-2022
Second Year Graduate Research Seminar Organizer, 2019-2020
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2016-2017 to 2018-2019

PhD Advising

- Chair/Co-chair for: Giovanni Aiello (expected PhD 2025), Shosuke Noguchi (2025)
- Committee member for: Yingying Xu (2019), Daniel Prudencio (2021), Igor Hernandez (2022), Suguru Otani (2024), Masoud Jabbari (2025), Yuri Matsumura (2025)
- Third-year paper advisor for: Jingyun Huang (2027), Siyi Wang (2027)

Other Publications

Shub, Daniel E., Suzanne P. Carr, Yunmi Kong, and H. Steven Colburn (2008), "Discrimination and identification of azimuth using spectral shape," *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 124(5): 3132-3141.