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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Sep. 2022-	Assistant Professor at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
	National University of Singapore (NUS)
Sep. 2021-Aug. 2022	Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research and Freeman Spogli Institute
	Stanford University
Sep. 2019-Aug. 2021	Research Assistant Professor at Division of Social Science
	Junior Fellow of the Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study
	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)
Sep. 2018-Aug. 2019	Postdoctoral Fellow at Division of Social Science, HKUST

EDUCATION

Sep. 2017-Feb. 2018	Visiting Scholar at School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego
Sep. 2014-Sep. 2018	Ph.D. in Environmental Economics, HKUST
Sep. 2007-July 2011	B.A. in Economics, China Center for Economic Research, Peking University
	BSc. in Physics, School of Physics, Peking University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

• Environmental Economics, Development Economics, Health Economics, Urban Economics

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. "Can technology solve the principal-agent problem? Evidence from China's war on air pollution" (with Michael Greenstone, Guojun He and Ruixue Jia), *American Economic Review: Insights*, 2022, 4(1): 54-70. National Bureau of Economic Research, w27502.
- "The unintended impacts of agricultural fires: Human capital in China" (with Joshua Graff Zivin, Qu Tang, Yingquan Song and Peng Zhang), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2020, 147, 102560. National Bureau of Economic Research, w26205.
- 3. "Straw burning, PM_{2.5} and death: Evidence from China" (with Guojun He and Maigeng Zhou), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2020, 145, 102468.
- 4. "Avoidance behavior against air pollution: Evidence from online search indices for anti-PM_{2.5} masks and air filters in Chinese cities" (with Guojun He and Alexis K.H. Lau), *Environmental Economics and Policy Studies*, 2018, 20: 325-363.
- 5. "Statistical evidence on the impact of agricultural straw burning on urban air quality in China" (first and corresponding author, with Guojun He and Alexis K.H. Lau), *Science of the Total Environment*, 2020, 711, 134644.
- 6. "Time series forecasting of air quality based on regional numerical modeling in Hong Kong" (first and corresponding author, with Alexis K.H. Lau, Kai Sandbrink and Jimmy C.H. Fung), *Journal of Geophysical Research:***Atmospheres*, 2018, 123(8), 4175-4196.
- "Particulate air pollution and mortality in 38 of China's largest cities: Time series analysis" (with Peng Yin, Guojun He, Maoyong Fan, Kwok Yan Chiu, Maorong Fan, Chang Liu, An Xue, Yuhang Pan, Quan Mu and Maigeng Zhou), *The British Medical Journal*, 2017, 356, j667.

WORKING PAPERS

- 1. "Protecting the Center: Environmental regulation and regional inequality in China"
- 2. "Feel the burn: Mental and behavioral responses to air pollution in China"

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Jan. 2021-Dec. 2023 The Costs and Benefits of Environmental Regulation on Air Pollution in China

June 2020- The Socioeconomic Impacts of Environmental Issues in Hong Kong

Sep. 2018-June 2020 Trends and Determinants of Drug Abuse in Hong Kong June 2018-June 2020 Estimating the External Costs of Straw Burning in China

Dec. 2016- Personalised Real-Time Air Quality Informatics System for Exposure in Hong Kong

Jan. 2015-Jan. 2016 Distributions of Air Pollutants in Schools & Metro in Hong Kong

Sep. 2010-June 2011 An Application of Radiative Transfer Model for Solar Panel Efficiency Evaluation

HONORS AND AWARDS

Feb. 2021 Best Paper Award for Sustainable Paths Toward Carbon Neutrality, CICC Global Institute (CGI)

Apr. 2018 Best Research Award, Interdisciplinary Program Office, HKUST

Nov. 2017 Overseas Research Award, HKUST 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 Research Travel Grant, HKUST Sep. 2014 Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Award

Nov. 2010 Special Award for Green Business Idea and Champion in North China

Global Social Venture Competition 2010, China

Oct. 2010 Bronze Prize and Winner of Kawai Venture Capital Fund

The 12th Student Business Plan Competition, Peking University

May 2009 Excellence Award, 6th Mathematical Contest in Modeling, Peking University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2020-21 China's Sustainable Development, HKUST

Summer 2019-21 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, HKUST

Spring 2016-17 Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management, HKUST, Teaching Assistant (TA)

Spring 2015-17 Economics for Environmental Policy and Management, HKUST, Tutorial Instructor and TA

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- 2022: Stanford University; Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Meeting;
 National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Environment and Energy Economics Program Meeting, Chinese Economy Meeting; Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting (ASSA)
- 2021: Santa Clara University; Stanford University; London School of Economics; University of Mannheim; National University of Singapore; Chinese University of Hong Kong – Shenzhen; Jinan University; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics; NBER Chinese Economy Meeting; ASSA
- 2020: China Economics Summer Institute; Econometric Society World Congress; 3rd Annual LSE Workshop in Environmental Economics; AERE Summer Meeting; EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference; NBER Chinese Economy Meeting; ASSA
- 2019: NBER Summer Institute IT and Digitization Workshop, Environment and Energy Economics Workshop;
 Hong Kong Baptist University; European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE) –
 Annual Conference; ASSA
- 2018: International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics, Xiamen University; Association of Pacific Rim Universities 9th Research Conference on Population Aging, Hong Kong; World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (WCERE), Gothenburg; China Workshop Series, UC San Diego; ASSA
- 2017: Shanghai Jiaotong University
- 2016: EAERE Annual Conference; AERE Summer Meeting; Forum on Urban Emission and Air Quality Modelling, Tianjin
- 2015: Asian Oceania Geosciences Society 12th Annual Meeting, Singapore; Community Multi-Scale Air Quality Modelling Workshop, Hong Kong; The 9th Regional Air Quality Management Conference, Guangzhou

REFEREE SERVICES

 Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Review of Development Economics, Environment and Development Economics, Environmental Economics and Policy Studies, China Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Lancet, Scientific Reports, Atmospheric Environment

COMPUTER AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

- R, C, Python; Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, Origin; Linux; LaTeX, LyX
- Mandarin (native), English (fluent), Cantonese (proficient), Japanese (N3)