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Academic Experience

Assistant Professor of Economics – Elon University, Elon, NC	Starting Fall 2024
Graduate Student Instructor – University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY	2020-2024

Education

Ph.D. Economics – University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY	2019 - 2025
M.S. Economics – University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY	2019 - 2020
B. A. International Finance – Donghua University, Shanghai	2012 - 2016

Main Research Interest

Macroeconomics

Working Papers

"Economic Uncertainty's Impact on Aggregate Employment Fluctuations: Estimating the Importance of the Population's Age Distribution"

"Macroeconomic Uncertainty and Regional Wage Dispersion" [Draft available upon request]

"Impact of Oil Supply and Demand Shocks on Job Flows in U.S. Manufacturing", with [Dr. Ana María Herrera](#) and [Dr. Ryan Hanson](#) [Draft available upon request]

Working In Progress

"Labor Market Volatility on Uncertainty and Demographics" [Draft will be available soon]

Teaching

Elon University

ECO 1000: Principles of Economics – Includes Micro and Macro, In-person, 2024, 33 students, 2 sections

University of Kentucky

ECO 202: Principles of Macroeconomics (Honors) – In-person, 2023, 67 students.

ECO 402: Intermediate Macroeconomics – In-person, 2022, 7 students.

ECO 201: Principles of Microeconomics – Hybrid, 2022 & 2021, 40 and 43 students.

ECO 391: Business and Economics Statistics – Online, 2021, 20 students.

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

Doctoral Research Excellence Award, Gatton College of Business and Economics, University of Kentucky, 2024

Teaching Assistant Fellowship, University of Kentucky, 2019-2024

Block Funding Awards & Luckett Fellowship & Max Steckler Fellowship, University of Kentucky, 2019-2024

Graduate Student Award, Southern Economic Association, 2023

Nominated as Top Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Economics, University of Kentucky, 2023

Gunther Economics Research Paper Award, Department of Economics, University of Kentucky, 2022 and 2023

Research Grant

Summer Research Grant – \$3,000, University of Kentucky, 2022

Travel Fund – \$700, CSWEP Mentoring Workshop, 2022

Research Assistant

Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet Workforce Program Analysis Project, Summer 2023

Dr. Michael Clark and Dr. Kenneth R. Troske, Center for Business and Economic Research

Kentucky Research Data Census Firm Dispersion Project, Summer 2022

Dr. Ana María Herrera, University of Kentucky

Zillow Housing Characteristics and Transaction Project, Fall 2021

Dr. Christopher R. Bollinger and Dr. Lala Ma, University of Kentucky

Teaching Assistant**University of Kentucky**

ECO 702: Advanced Macroeconomic Theory II – Recitation TA for Dr. Steven Lugauer (PhD level)

ECO 590: Introductory Quantitative Economics – TA for Dr. Adib Bagh (Graduate level)

ECO 499: Introductory Econometrics for Economics and Finance – TA for Dr. Yoonbai Kim (Using R)

ECO 391: Economics and Business Statistics – Recitation TA for Dr. Alejandro Dellachiesa; 180 students

Non-Academic Employment

Wealth Management Advisor, Institution Business Development, Huatai Futures, Shanghai, 2018 - 2019

Loan and Treat Intern, Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Shanghai, 2016

Undergraduate Thesis Advising

Emma Leonard, Elon University (Class of 2025)

Academic Service

Graduate Student Workshop Lead, Department of Economics, University of Kentucky, 2022-2023

Software Skills

Stata, MATLAB, R, LaTeX, EViews, Python, Overleaf, Dropbox, and Microsoft Office

Languages

English (proficient) and Mandarin (native)

Seminars, Workshops, & Conferences**2025**

Eastern Economic Association (EEA): New York City, NY

2024

Southern Economic Association (SEA): Washington, D.C.

Federal Statistical Research Data Center Annual Conference (FSRDC): Salt Lake City, UT

American Economic Association (AEA): San Antonio, TX

2023

Southern Economic Association (SEA): New Orleans, LA

Kentucky Economics Association (KEA): Berea College, KY

Department Workshops: Apr. & Sep., University of Kentucky, KY

2022

Committee for the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) Workshop, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Referee

Empirical Economics (1)

Review of Economic Analysis (1)

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Society for Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics, Chinese Economists Society

References

Dr. Ana María Herrera (Doctoral Co-Advisor)

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Dr. Steven Lugauer (Doctoral Co-Advisor)

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Dr. Christopher R. Bollinger

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Dr. Darshak Patel (Teaching)

Senior Lecturer, Director of Undergraduate Studies

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