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Curriculum Vitae  
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**Education**

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Ph.D. Candidate (ABD), Department of Economics, The University of Utah (2019 graduate)  
M.A., Department of Economics, The University of Denver (2007)  
B.A., Department of Economics, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan (2005)  
Minor, Chinese Literature

Doctoral Dissertation Title: Trade Openness, Structural Change, Productivity Growth in China  
Advisor: Professor Codrina Rada

**Academic Fields of Specialization**

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Development Economics  
International Economics  
East Asian Political Economy  
Industrial Organization (teaching field)  
Microeconomics (teaching field)  
Statistics (teaching field)

**Research Interests and Experience**

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Chinese political economy; investigation and identification of an economy's potential vital economic sectors; China's trade and development policies

**Teaching Interests and Experience**

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*Instructor, University of Utah (Fall 2013- current)*

In summary, I have taught Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Probability and Statistical Inference, and Political Economy in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender

*Teaching List*

Fall 2018, Online Intermediate Microeconomics, ECON 4010-090  
Summer 2018, Online Intermediate Macroeconomics, ECON 4020-090  
Spring 2018, Probability and Statistical Inference, ECON 3640-001  
Fall 2017, Probability and Statistical Inference, ECON 3640-001  
Summer 2017, Intermediate Macroeconomics, ECON 4020-090  
Spring 2017, Probability and Statistical Inference, ECON 3640-001  
Spring 2017, Political Economy in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender, ECON 1060-001  
Fall 2016, Online Intermediate Microeconomics, ECON 4020-090  
Summer 2016, Online Intermediate Microeconomics, ECON 4010-090  
Spring 2016, Online Intermediate Microeconomics, ECON 4010-090  
Fall 2015, Online Intermediate Microeconomics, ECON 4010-090  
Spring 2015, Probability and Statistical Inference, ECON 3640-001  
Spring 2015, Online Intermediate Microeconomics, ECON 4010-090  
Fall 2014, Probability and Statistical Inference, ECON 3640-002  
Summer 2014, Probability and Statistical Inference, ECON 3640-001  
Spring 2014, Probability and Statistical Inference, ECON 3640-001  
Fall 2013, Probability and Statistical Inference, ECON 3640-001

### **Publications and Work in Progress**

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Trade Openness, Structural Change and Productivity Growth in China (Job Market Paper)

Examination of China's Labor Productivity Growth across Provinces Within Sectors  
(Dissertation in Progress)

What Contributed to China's Labor Productivity Growth Across Provinces Within Sectors?  
(Dissertation in Progress)

Master's Thesis Title: Optimal Portfolio Selection Based on the Wu Reward-Risk Model (2007)  
Advisor: Professor Tracy Mott

### **Selected Academic Conferences and Presentations**

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Nov. 2018, Western States Graduate Conference, Paper Title: "Trade Openness, Structural Change, and Productivity Growth Within China"

April 2017, Macro Group, University of Utah, "Patterns of Labor Productivity Growth Patterns Within China"

2006, Guest Speaker at Northern Colorado University, "An Analysis of China's Economic Development Policies and Prospects"

2006, Guest Speaker at Northern Colorado University's Elementary School Teacher's Program, "Diversity in Kids' Education"

### **Grants and Awards**

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2013- current, Teaching Assistantship, University of Utah  
2011-2012, Research Assistantship, University of Alberta  
2010-2011, Teaching Assistantship, University of Utah  
2006, Fellowship, University of Denver

### **Honors and Prizes**

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2015, 2016 Nominated for Teaching Award for Graduate Instructor  
2008, ASUS Lean Six Sigma First Prize

### **Industrial Experience**

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*2014- present, Education Consultant*

Instructed students who speak Mandarin as their native language to apply for US and Canadian graduate schools.

*2008-2010, Business Development Manager, ASUS, based in Taipei*

Focused on pricing and sales strategies in the WiMAX market.

*2007-2008, Salesperson and Financial Analyst, Direct Marketing Worldwide, based in Lakewood, CO*

Focused on improving company's cash flows and increased products' presence in the retail market.

### **Community Service**

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2014-present, Volunteer instructor in Mandarin in the East Asian Club at the University of Utah

2013- present, Piano coach at Yamaha in Taiwan

2007-2008, Volunteer docent at Byers and Evans House Museum, Denver, CO

2006-2008, Volunteer in the University of Denver's Community Program

### **Language Skills**

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Mandarin (native speaker)

Taiwanese (native speaker)

English (business proficiency)

French (knowledgeable, in progress to conversation)  
Japanese (knowledgeable, in progress to conversation)

### **Computer and Programming Skills**

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R, Excel VBA, Stata, LaTeX, Eviews, Microsoft

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