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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Washington, WA

Ph.D. Economics

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M.P.A. Education and Social Policy

2008

National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan

B.S. Computer and Information Science

2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Labor Economics, Public Economics, Health Economics
Secondary: Regional Economics, Applied Microeconomics

DISSERTATION

Title: Essays on Intergenerational Transfers and Living Arrangements
Principle Advisors: Neil Bruce & Robert D. Plotnick

WORKING PAPERS

“Geographical Proximity, Informal Care, and Inter-vivos Transfer”
(Job Market Paper)

Informal care from adult children provides important old-age support for frail seniors, yet it is unclear whether this costly service is balanced by parents' financial transfers. This paper examines the flow of inter-vivos transfers by children's residential distance using data from the Health and Retirement Study. Results show that children in closer proximity are more likely to receive transfers both on the intensive and extensive margins. A closer examination of the interaction effects suggests that the difference comes from the increased likelihood of care provision when a child lives in closer proximity.

“The Changing Faces of Today's Workers – Examining the Evolution of Workforce Demographics”

Identifying demographic shifts in the workforce is key to recognizing upcoming challenges and designing effective economic development policies. This report utilizes the Quarterly Workforce Indicators, a large aggregated time series of local labor markets, to analyze the changes in the age, gender, and racial compositions from 1990 to 2011. The findings show that, prior to the recession, the average worker is becoming older, more racially diverse, while the gender composition is relatively stable. However, these demographic shifts are disrupted by the Great Recession. New patterns emerged after the recession, suggesting that younger, female, and minority workers are disadvantaged in the recovery of this economic downturn.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Determinants of Family Living Arrangements”

This study identifies the key factors that affect a child's residential distance to the parent. Using the family panel data from the Health and Retirement Study, this paper examines the extents of influences from a family's socioeconomic status and a child's own financial resources on the outcome of family living arrangements. Preliminary

findings show limited evidence for economic factors to influence older adult children's geographical proximity.

“Policy Process of Long-term Care Policy in the United States”

This paper examines the policy process of the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Act. The CLASS Act aimed to expand the availability of long-term care while reducing the government spending. It was a significant legislation that broke away from the past paradigms of long-term care policies. However, this hard-fought bill, passed in 2010 as a part of the Affordable Care Act, was later deemed unworkable by the administration and eventually repealed in 2013. This paper examines how this legislation successfully captured the fleeting policy window during the health care debate, but failed to be implemented at the later stage.

OTHER PAPERS Chien-Hao Fu (2008) *“Limited Equity Cooperative Housing: A Housing Alternative for Seattle’s Seniors”*

Collaborated research project with the Northwest Cooperative Development Center. This paper examines the senior housing market in the Seattle-Everett area and proposes Limited Equity Cooperative Housing as a plausible model to meet senior’s needs for affordable housing.

Chien-Hao Fu, Dennis Osorio, Jill Reese and Gerald Smith (2007) *“Northwest Job Gap Study: Living in the Red”*

Joint work with the Alliance for a Just Society (formerly the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations.) This study estimates the minimum living wages required for a family to meet their basic needs living in each county of the Northwest region. It also use the 2007 labor data to calculate the job gap – the shortage of jobs that offered wages higher than the living wage.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Independent Instructor University of Washington, WA
Intermediate Macroeconomics Spring 2013
Intermediate Microeconomics Winter, Spring 2011
Introduction to Microeconomics Spring, Summer, Autumn 2010

Teaching Assistant University of Washington, WA
Introduction to Microeconomics Spring, Autumn 2009 Summer 2011
Introduction to Macroeconomics Winter 2010

Instructor Army Communications, Electronic, and Information School, Taiwan
Developed interactive education technology for R.O.C. Army trainees 2003-2005
Commendation for distinguished services

SCHOLARSHIPS
AND AWARDS

Social Policy Research Fellowship 2011-2013
West Coast Poverty Center, UW (Seattle, WA)

Trainee 2009-present
Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, UW (Seattle, WA)

Locke Fellowship in Social Justice 2007
Evans School of Public Affairs, UW (Seattle, WA)

Winner, Wireless Communication Industry Software Competition 2003
Industrial Technology Research Institute (Hsinchu, Taiwan)

Winner, 12th Spring Creativity Competition 2003
National Chiao Tung University (Hsinchu, Taiwan) **Scholar** 2001-2002

TSMC Education and Culture Foundation (Hsinchu, Taiwan)
Poly Exchange Scholar 2001-2002
Polytechnic University (Brooklyn, NY)

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Social Policy Research Fellow, West Coast Poverty Center, UW (Seattle, WA) 2012-2013

Worked with the Employment Security Department of Washington State to evaluate and develop the use of Quarterly Workforce Indicators. Identified the demographic shifts of the workers in WA since 1990 and after the recession.

Public Policy Intern, Alliance for a Just Society (Seattle, WA) 2007-2008
Conducted policy research and analysis on issues including immigration, health care, and living wages for the Northwest region. Organized campaign with local grassroots activists.

Assistant Researcher, Himalaya Foundation (Taipei, Taiwan) 2005-2006
Researched and developed Information Technology solutions for government and non-profit organizations. Promoted access to IT for disadvantaged groups and organizations by collaborations with local governments.

SKILLS

Computer: STATA, R, SPSS, SAS, MS Office, L^AT_EX
Languages: English (fluent), Chinese (native)

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