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CURRENT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, **City University of Hong Kong** 2026–
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, **University College London** 2026–2027

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Research Intern, Competitiveness and Structural Issues Unit, **National Bank of Belgium** 2023–2024
Research Professional, **Becker Friedman Institute** 2018–2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, **University of Chicago** 2021–2026
Dissertation Committee: Esteban Rossi-Hansberg, Rodrigo Adão, Chad Syverson, Felix Tintelnot
M.A. in Economics, **University of Chicago** 2017–2018
B.S. in Economics (with distinction), **Central University of Finance and Economics** 2013–2017

PUBLICATIONS

“Endogenous Production Networks with Fixed Costs” (with Emmanuel Dhyne, Ken Kikkawa, Magne Mogstad, and Felix Tintelnot), *Journal of International Economics*, 2023, Volume 145, 103841
“Doing Business Far from Home: Multinational Firms and Labor Market Outcomes in Saudi Arabia” (with Alessandra L. González), *European Economic Review*, 2025, Volume 172, 104944

WORKING PAPERS

“Learning in Firm-to-Firm Trade” (with Emmanuel Dhyne)

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Firm Life Cycle, Endogenous Production Networks, and Frictional Labor Market” (with Emmanuel Dhyne and Toshiaki Komatsu)
“Policy Signals, Cultural Norms, and the Misallocation of Talent” (with Alessandra L. González and Jennifer Peck)
“Geographic Diversification in Home Insurance Markets” (with Christina Qiu and Mark Walker)
“Place-Based Industrial Policy in Endogenous Production Networks” (with Kieran Marray, Kathryn McDonald, Peter Öhlinger, and Ruochen Dai)
“Trade Credit Insurance and Supply Chain Resilience” (with TSZ Chai Fung, Honglin Li, and Woongchae Yoo)

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Gregory Chow Rising Star Award, Chinese Economists Society	2026
Mesoeconomics Minor Research Grant Scheme, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	2024
Industrial Organization Initiative Grant, Becker Friedman Institute	2022
Lee Prize (Macroeconomics), University of Chicago	2021
Bernie Munk Fellowship, University of Chicago	2021-2026
Economics Fellowship, University of Chicago	2021-2026

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

2026: Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Peking University (HSBC Business School); Tsinghua University; Peking University (Guanghua School of Management); University of Toronto; Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen); Chinese University of Hong Kong; City University of Hong Kong; University College London; Chinese Economists Society North America Annual Conference (Emory); Midwest International Trade and Theory Conference (Ohio State); New Faces in International Economics Conference (Penn State); SMU Trade Conference; GEP-CEPR Summer Trade Workshop (Nottingham); NBER Summer Institute (International Trade & Investment); CESifo Junior Workshop on International Economics; Global Value Chain Training and Research Workshop (UIBE); University of Chicago

2025: University of Chicago

2024: Chicago Chinese Social Research Group; University of Chicago

2023: Chicago Chinese Social Research Group; Labor, Firm, and Macro Reading Group (Penn); Midwest International Trade and Theory Conference (Tennessee); Annual Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Calgary); Workshop on International Economic Networks (Vienna); Midwest International Trade and Theory Conference (Georgia Tech); University of Chicago

2022: European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (Berlin); University of Chicago

2021: University of Chicago

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

City University of Hong Kong

EF4473 - International Trade (Undergraduate) *Semester A 2026/27*

EF8091 - Topics in Computational Economics (PhD) *Semester A 2026/27*

University of Chicago

International Economics (Undergraduate), TA for Professor Felix Tintelnot *Spring 2024*

Spatial Economics (PhD), TA for Professor Esteban Rossi-Hansberg *Winter 2024*

Topics in International Trade (PhD), TA for Professor Felix Tintelnot *Spring 2023*

International Economics (Undergraduate), TA for Professor Felix Tintelnot *Winter 2023*

Empirical Analysis II (PhD), TA for Professor Lars P. Hansen *Winter 2022*

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Professor Felix Tintelnot, University of Chicago *2021–2024*

Research Assistant for Professor Esteban Rossi-Hansberg, University of Chicago *2022–2023*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refereeing: *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Development Economics*