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Employment

2022- Research Advisor - Bank of Canada

2020-2022 Principal Researcher - Bank of Canada

2015-2020 Senior Economist - Bank of Canada

Education

2009-2015 Ph.D., Economics - Pennsylvania State University

Thesis: Essays in Directed Search with Private Information

Committee: Neil Wallace (Co-Chair), Shouyong Shi (Co-Chair), Manolis Galenianos

2007-2009 M.Sc., Economics - Sharif University of Technology

2003-2007 B.Sc., Electrical Engineering - Sharif University of Technology

Fields of Interest

- Monetary Economics and Economics of Digital Currencies (e.g. CBDC and Stablecoins)
- Search Theory and Over-The-Counter Markets

Publications

- 1. Bank Market Power and Central Bank Digital Currency: Theory and Quantitative Assessment, forthcoming at Journal of Political Economy, 2022, Joint with Jonathan Chiu, Janet Hua Jiang and Yu Zhu, presented at:
 - World Congress of the Econometric Society, September 2020
 - Conference on the Economics of Central Bank Digital Currency by Bank of Canada and Riksbank, October 2019

- $\bullet\,$ Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics, September 2019
- IMF Annual Macro-Financial Research Conference, April 2019
- 2. Optimal Taxation in Asset Markets with Adverse Selection, European Economic Review, 2022
- 3. Central Bank Digital Currency and Monetary Policy, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, 2021, presented at:
 - Bank of England Chief Economist Workshop, July 2021 (invited)
 - Economics of Digital Currencies Conference, October 2018
 - Ryerson University, October 2020 (invited)
 - Canadian Economic Association conference, June 2018
 - Seminar at Monash University, Aug. 2017 (invited)
 - Workshop of the Australasian Macroeconomics Society and LAEF, Aug. 2017
 - Summer Workshop on Money, Banking Payments and Finance, Aug. 2017
 - Central Bank Research Association conference, June 2017
- 4. Adverse Selection with Heterogeneously Informed Agents, International Economic Review, 2020, presented at:
 - Summer Workshop on Money, Banking Payments and Finance, Aug. 2016
 - North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, June 2016
 - First Annual Carleton Macro-Finance Workshop, June 2016 (invited)
 - Midwest Macro Conference, May 2016
 - EconCon Conference, Princeton University, Aug. 2012
- 5. A Policy Framework for E-Money, Joint with Francisco Rivadeneyra, Canadian Public Policy, 2020, featured on Central Banking (here)
- 6. Constrained Efficiency with Adverse Selection and Directed Search, **Journal of Economic**Theory, 2019, presented at:
 - Seminar at University of Connecticut, Sept. 2015 (invited)
 - Summer Workshop on Money, Banking Payments and Finance, Aug. 2015
 - Penn Macro Jamboree, University of Pennsylvania, Dec. 2014 (invited)
 - Southwest Search and Matching Group, UCLA, Nov. 2014
 - Midwest Economic Theory Conference, Oct. 2014
 - Cornell-Penn State Macroeconomics workshop, Sept. 2014

Working Papers

- Central Bank Digital Currency and Banking: Macroeconomic Benefits of a Cash-Like Design, revised and resubmitted to Management Science, Joint with Jonathan Chiu
- Sorting and Adverse Selection, previously entitled: Directed Search with Complementarity and Adverse Selection, presented at:
 - Workshop of the Australasian Macroeconomics Society Joint with LAEF, Nov. 2018
 - Canadian Economic Association conference, June 2016
 - Midwest Economic Theory Conference, Oct. 2015
- Safe Payments, Joint with Jonathan Chiu, Janet Hua Jiang and Yu Zhu

Work in Progress

- Central Bank Digital Currency and Transmission of Monetary Policy Joint with Saroj Bhattarai
- Dealer Inventory and Market Liquidity, Joint with Jonathan Chiu and Janet Hua Jiang, presented at (slides available upon request):
 - NYU Search Theory Workshop, April 2019*
 - Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory, June 2018
 - Midwest Macro Conference, May 2018*
 - Canadian Economic Association, June 2017

Policy and Review Papers

- CBDC and Monetary Policy, Joint with Francisco Rivadeneyra and Yu Zhu
- Contribution to the BIS Innovation Hub Report on CBDCs and Financial Stability Risks
- Central Bank Digital Currencies and Banking: Literature Review and New Questions, Joint with James Chapman, Jonathan Chiu, Janet Jiang, Francisco Rivadeneyra and Yu Zhu.

Service

- Refereeing for
 - Review of Economic Studies
 - Review of Economic Dynamics
 - Journal of Money, Credit and Banking
 - Journal of Economic Theory
 - Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control
 - Journal of Banking and Finance
 - Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance
 - International Economic Review
 - Economic Theory
 - Economic Inquiry
 - Economics and Business Letters
 - Economies
 - China: An International Journal
 - Canadian Journal of Economics
 - Applied Economics Letters Review of Economic Studies
- Discussions
 - Saki Bigio and Liyan Shi, Private Information and Repurchase Options in Competitive Search Markets at Mad(ison) Money Meeting co-organized with Bank of Canada 2021

^{*} presented by a co-author

- Jiasun Li and William Mann, Initial Coin Offering and Platform Building at Bank of Canada Payments conference 2018
- Saroj Bhattarai, Some Unpleasant Central Bank Balance Sheet Arithmetic at CMSG 2017
- Derek Stacey, Posted Prices, Search and Bargaining at CEA 2016

• Conference Organizations

- Graduate Student Paper Award, Scheduled for 2023Q4
- Co-organizing the "Bank of Canada Annual Conference," 2020
- Co-organizing the "Conference on the Economics of Central Bank Digital Currency by the Bank of Canada and Sveriges Riksbank," 2019

• Lectures and Panel Participation

- Participating in panel at Central Banking Summer Meetings 2022 (<u>here</u>): "the Role of Stablecoins in the Payment landscape"
- Giving multiple lectures in training courses offered by Central Banking (<u>here</u>) on CBDC Implications for Banking, Financial Stability and Monetary Policy, 2021 and 2022.
- Participating in a panel at Georgetown/IMF Fintech Week session on "Crypto Assets and Monetary Policy Transmission," 2018.

Teaching Experience

Instructor

- ECON 5020- Microeconomics (graduate level), Carleton University, Winter 2023
- ECON 351- Money and Banking, Pennsylvania State University, Summer 2013 and Summer 2014

Teaching Assistant

• ECON 102, 104, 302, 304: Introductory and Intermediate Microeconomic and Macroeconomic Analysis, Pennsylvania State University