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### **EDUCATION**

- 2004-2009 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Pittsburgh
- Dissertation: Essays on Strategic Information Transmission
  - Advisor: Andreas Blume
- 1999-2000 Master of Economics, The University of Hong Kong
- 1994-1997 Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics,  
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2009-present Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lehigh University
- 2005-2009 Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, University of Pittsburgh
- 2006-2007 Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Economics,  
University of Pittsburgh
- 1995-1997 Student Research Assistant, Department of Economics,  
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Game Theory, Microeconomic Theory, Experimental Economics, Behavioral Economics

### **PUBLICATION**

**"Authority and Communication in the Laboratory"** (with Wooyoung Lim), forthcoming,  
*Games and Economic Behavior*

### **WORKING PAPERS**

**"Expert Advice for Amateurs"**

**"Experimental Implementations and Robustness of Fully Revealing Equilibria in Multidimensional Cheap Talk"** (with Wooyoung Lim and Joseph Tao-Yi Wang)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

November, 2010 Faculty Travel Award, Provost's Office, Lehigh University  
Summer 2007, 08 Arts & Sciences Summer Research Fellowship,  
University of Pittsburgh  
Summer 2006, 08 Arts & Sciences-PBC and Alumni Travel Award,  
University of Pittsburgh  
March 2008 Outstanding Paper Presentation Award, The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts  
and Sciences Grad Expo, University of Pittsburgh  
2005-06, 2007-09 Teaching Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh  
2006-2007 Graduate Student Researcher Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh  
June 2005 Distinction in Microeconomic Theory Preliminary Exam,  
University of Pittsburgh

## **RESEARCH GRANT**

**"Authority and Communication in the Laboratory"** (with Wooyoung Lim)  
Faculty Research Grant, Lehigh University, Fall 2009

## **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

**"Experimental Implementations and Robustness of Fully Revealing Equilibria in  
Multidimensional Cheap Talk"**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Game Theory, NY, July 2011

**"Authority and Communication in the Laboratory"**

1) Department of Economics, Virginia Tech, April 2011

2) 2010 North-American Economic Science Association Conference, AZ, November 2010

3) The 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Game Theory, NY, July 2010

**Discussant**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Health Economics Conference, PA, October 2010

**"Expert Advice for Amateurs"**

1) Midwest Economic Theory Conference, OH, October 2008

2) Games 2008 – Third World Congress of the Game Theory Society, IL, July 2008

**"Contest Architecture with Performance Revelation"**

The 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Game Theory, NY, July 2006

## **TEACHING**

### **Instructor, Lehigh University**

Microeconomic Theory I (Ph.D.)  
Experimental and Behavioral Economics  
Intermediate Microeconomics

### **Instructor, University of Pittsburgh**

Intermediate Macroeconomics  
Introduction to Microeconomics

### **Teaching Assistant, University of Pittsburgh**

Microeconomic Theory II (Ph.D.)  
Intermediate Microeconomics  
Introduction to Game Theory  
Introduction to Microeconomics  
Introduction to Economics

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Referee for *Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Industrial Organization Education, Taiwan Economic Review*

Member of American Economic Association  
The Econometric Society  
Economic Science Association