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Major Fields of Concentration

Growth and Development, Demography and Economics of the Family, Monetary Economics

Education

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Ph.D.	Economics	University of Minnesota (expected)	2010
M.A.	Economics	University of Minnesota	2009
M.A.	Economics	London School of Economics	2004
B.S.	Economics and Finance	University of Hong Kong	2003

Dissertation

Title: "Sex Ratio Imbalance in China"
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References

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Honors and Awards

- Summer 2009 Graduate Research Partnership Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Spring 2009,
Fall 2008
Spring 2008 *Distinguished Instructor Award*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2003 Dean's List, University of Hong Kong.
- 2003 BNP Paribas Scholarship.

Teaching Experience

- Summer 2008 -
Spring 2009 *Instructor*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Taught *Money and Banking*.
- 2007 - 2008
Fall 2006 *Instructor*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Taught *Principles of Microeconomics*.
- Spring 2007 *Instructor*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Taught *Principles of Macroeconomics*.
- Fall 2004 -
Fall 2006 *Recitation Leader*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Taught *Principles of Microeconomics*.

Research Experience

- Spring 2001 -
Spring 2003 *Research Assistant*, Department of Economics, University of Hong Kong.
Research Assistant for Professor Chi-Wa Yuen.

Work in Progress

- “Economic Cost of Chinese Characters”
“Cyclical Relationship of Money and Output”

Computer Skills

Matlab, Mathematica, Stata, LaTeX

Languages

Cantonese (Fluent), Mandarin (Fluent), English (Fluent)

Dissertation Abstract

“Sex Ratio Imbalance in China”

China has the most distorted sex ratio at birth in the world. In 2000, the ratio was 120 boys per hundred girls in China, which is way beyond the biologically stable ratio of 105. The one-child policy, uniquely implemented in China in 1979, imposes a substantial fine on families with "above-quota" births that may increase the sex ratio as parents may commit infanticide of the daughter for the avoidance of fine and an extra draw for a son. By using the Non-Han Chinese as a control group, I identify the effect of the "one-child" policy on the Han-Chinese in urban area and the "one-son-two-child" policy in the rural area by studying the variations of sex ratios and fertility rates in different birth orders. I solve and estimate a model in which families face a two stage problem. First, parents decide whether to quit pregnancy given the existing family structure. Second, if they continue with pregnancy, and given the revealed sex of the yet to be born child, parents make a decision about abortion subject to a stochastic abortion cost. Counterfactual policy experiments are then carried out to examine the effect of a change in the fertility policy on sex ratio. I find that the "Two-child" policy can generate a 16% decrease in the overall sex ratio for rural Han Chinese, compared to a 4% decrease by a 5% reduction in above-quota fine.