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Education

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Ph.D.	Economics	University of Minnesota (expected)	2010
M.A.	Economics	University of Minnesota	2009
M.A.	Economics	Wuhan University	2005
B.A.	Economics	Wuhan University	2002
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Honors and Awards

- Summer 2009 *Distinguished Instructor Award*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Fall 2008 *Distinguished Instructor Award*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2003 Outstanding Graduate Student, Renmin Fellowship, Wuhan University, China
- 2003 Winner of the First Economics Competition, Wuhan University, China
- 2001 Outstanding Undergraduate Student, Renmin Fellowship, Wuhan University, China

Teaching Experience

- Summer 2007 - present *Instructor*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Taught *Principles of Macroeconomics*, *Intermediate Macroeconomics*, and *International Trade*.
- 2006 - 2007 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Led recitation sections for *Principles of Microeconomics*, and *Principles of Macroeconomics*.
- 2002 - 2005 *Instructor*, Wuhan University, China. Taught *International Trade*, *Advanced Macroeconomics*, *International Macroeconomics*, and graduate level *Monetary Economics*,

Research Experience

- December 2007 - May 2008 *Visiting Scholar*, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Spring 2008 *Research Assistant*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Research Assistant to Professor Timothy Kehoe.

Papers

“Income Inequality and International Trade,” work in progress.

“Foreign Direct Investment and Home Bias,” joint with Mingyi Kang, 2008.

Computer Skills

STATA, Matlab

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English (fluent), Mandarin (native)

Dissertation Abstract

Empirical study shows a strong positive relationship between a country’s variety of imports and its income level. Richer countries tend to import more types of goods, as well as higher quantities, than poor ones. A standard CES utility model can not predict this relationship without assuming high fixed export costs. A non-

homothetic model, on the other hand, delivers the correct sign but is inconsistent with the fact that variety of imports is negatively correlated with income inequality within a country (measured by Gini coefficient). This paper weaves the two facts together into a coherent whole by introducing heterogeneous households in a non-homothetic utility model, hence connects the import pattern to both across and within country income differences.