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Employment

2015-present Research Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
2010-2014 Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University

Education

Ph.D., Northwestern University, 2015
M.S., Northwestern University, 2013
M.Phil., University of Hong Kong, 2009
M.Econ., University of Hong Kong, 2007
B.A., Shantou University, 2006

Academic and Policy Papers

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- [2] “[The candidates in their own words: A textual analysis of 2016 presidential primary debates](#),” *AEI Economic Perspectives*, 2016.
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- [6] [“Governmental system and economic volatility under democracy,”](#) with Chen Cheng and Christopher Li, 2015.
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- [27] [“How did Trumpcare collapse and where will other Trump ‘deals’ go?”](#) *The Paper (Pengpai)*, March 31, 2017.

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Media Appearances or Coverage

Print:

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- [30] "[Saudis have the most to lose by dumping US assets](#)," *Newsmax* article, April 21, 2016.
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- [34] Other coverage: The Australian, Investors' Business Daily, Newsweek, Real Clear Politics, Real Clear World, Voice of America, and various Chinese media outlets (such as FT Chinese, Jiemian, People.cn, Sina Finance, Sohu Finance, Tencent Finance, WSJ Chinese, and Yahoo Finance).

Television:

- [35] Voice of America's "VOA Connect," "Issues and Opinions," and "Eye on America."

Radio/Podcast:

- [36] Interview on *Ricochet Political Economy Podcast* (episode "[Handle with care: China's porcelain economy](#)" on February 25, 2016).

Business School Case

"Herbalife under Attack: A Case Study in Investor Activism," with Nicola Persico (Northwestern), *Kellogg Case Study*, in preparation (teaching notes: [part 1](#), [part 2](#)).

Honors and Awards

2009-2014	Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University
2007-2009	Graduate Fellowship, University of Hong Kong
2006	Li Ka-shing Foundation University Medal, Shantou University