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### Citizenship

P.R.China; Permanent Resident of Canada

### Education

Ph.D.	Economics	University of Western Ontario	May 2010
M.A.	Economics	Peking University	June 2003
B.A.	Economics	Peking University	June 2001

### Dissertation

**“Essays on International Economics: Technology Diffusion, Knowledge Spillovers, and Higher Education”**

Committee: John Whalley (co-chair), James MacGee (co-chair), Hiroyuki Kasahara

### Research Fields

International Trade, International Macroeconomics, Economic Development, Applied Economics, Public Policy, International Business

### Teaching Fields

Graduate: International Trade, International Finance, Macroeconomics

Undergraduate: International Economics, Macroeconomics, Development, Microeconomics, Econometrics, Mathematical Economics, International Business, Chinese Economy

### Research Papers

- (1) “International Trade, Technology Diffusion, and the Role of Diffusion Barriers”
- (2) “Borders and Distance in Knowledge Spillovers: Dying over Time or Dying with Age? - Evidence from Patent Citations,” *CESifo Working Paper Series No. 2625*
- (3) “The Higher Educational Transformation of China and Its Global Implications,” with John Whalley, Shunming Zhang and Xiliang Zhao, *The World Economy*, revise and resubmit 2010. Earlier version available as *NBER Working Paper No. 13849, March 2008*.
- (4) “Approaches to Fostering Productivity Growth in Brazil, China and India,” with Manmohan Agarwal and John Whalley, *CIGI Working Paper No. 47, April 2010* (under review)

### Work in Progress

“China’s Growth Performance and Its Determinants,” with Manmohan Agarwal and John Whalley

## Honors and Awards

### **The University of Western Ontario:**

- Dean's Award for Research Excellence, 2009
- Graduate Thesis Research Award, 2008-2009, 2007-2008
- Second Prize, the 22nd Annual Western Research Forum, 2009
- International Graduate Student Scholarship, 2005-2009
- Western Graduate Research Scholarship, 2005-2009

### **Ministry of Commerce, China:**

- China's First Prize, National Award for Research Excellence, 2004  
(*Research on China's International Trade at Industry Level, joint with Xiaopeng An, et. al.*)

### **Ministry of Education, China and China Association For Science and Technology:**

- First Prize (Beijing Area), National Challenge Cup Competition for Academic and Scientific Achievements among University Students, 2001

### **Peking University (Representative Awards):**

- The Promising Academic Research Talent Award, 2001  
(*To the top 10 graduate and undergraduate students in all fields*)
- Top Prize University Scholarship (top 5%), 1997-2000, 2001-2002
- Outstanding Social Work Award, 1999-2000
- Award for Graduate Association Excellence, 2001
- First Prize, Challenge Cup Competition for Academic Research, 2001

## Refereeing

### **Journals:**

*Economics of Education Review, Canadian Public Policy (2), China Economic Review*

### **Professional Meetings:**

Academy of International Business Annual Meeting 2010 (2)

## Invited Conference Presentations

### **"International Trade, Technology Diffusion, and the Role of Diffusion Barriers"**

- Academy of International Business (AIB) Annual Meeting (competitive session), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2010 (scheduled).
- Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference, Banff, Canada, May 2010.
- Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Annual Meeting, Quebec City, Canada, May 2010.
- Midwest International Economics Conference, *Penn State Univ.*, October 2009.

### **"Borders and Distance in Knowledge Spillovers: Dying over Time or Dying with Age? – Evidence from Patent Citations"**

- Academy of International Business (AIB) Annual Meeting (interactive session), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2010 (scheduled).
- American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meetings, Atlanta, U.S., January 2010.
- Midwest International Economics Conference, *Ohio State Univ.*, October 2008.
- Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Annual Meeting, *Univ. of British Columbia*, June 2008.
- CESifo Area Conference on Global Economy, *Univ. of Munich*, Germany, January 2008.
- China National International Trade Conference, *Xiamen Univ.*, China, October 2007.
- Applied Econometrics Association Conference on Patent and Innovation, *Hitotsubashi Univ.*, Japan, December 2008 (did not attend due to personal reasons).

### **"Bilateral Technology Diffusion and Trade"**

- Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Annual Meeting, *Univ. of Toronto*, May 2009.

### **“The Higher Educational Transformation of China and Its Global Implications”**

- The Emergence of China and India in the Global Economy, *LSE*, UK, July 2008.
- CIGI 08, *The Center for International Governance Innovation*, Waterloo, Canada, October 2008 (Presenter and Panelist).

### **Discussant at Professional Meetings**

Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Annual Meeting, Quebec City, Canada, May 2010.

- Discussant in the session: International Economics: Monopolistic Competition and Trade

Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, *Univ. of British Columbia*, June 2008.

- Discussant in the session: International Economic Issues: China and Japan
- Discussant in the session: Productivity, Innovation and Trade

### **Invited Seminar Presentations**

2010: Syracuse University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, University of Winnipeg, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville (did not attend due to personal reasons).

### **Research Assistantships**

- May 2007 - present, University of Western Ontario, for Professor John Whalley
- 2000 - 2002, Peking University E-Business Center, for Dr. Celine Yi Shen

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **The University of Western Ontario**

- Instructor: International Finance, Summer 2009
- Teaching Assistant: International Finance (Winter 2009), International Trade (Fall 2008), Intermediate Microeconomics (Fall 2008), Mathematical Economics (Winter 2008), Economics of China (Fall 2007), Introductory Economics (Fall 2005)
- Teaching Training: Advanced Teaching Program at university level (with certificate), Winter 2009

#### **Peking University**

- Teaching Assistant: Development Economics (a session instructor with 30 students), Fall 2002

### **Professional Experience**

**Research Fellow, June 2003 - June 2005**, *Planning Research Institute*, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, China.

### **Professional Associations**

Canadian Economic Association, American Economic Association, Chinese Economist Society, Academy of International Business

### **Other Research**

- Policy Brief:  
“Higher Education Transformation in China and Its Global Implications,” with John Whalley, Shunming Zhang, and Xiliang Zhao, *CIGI Policy Brief No. 3*, May 2008.
- “China’s higher education transformation and its global implications,” with John Whalley, Shunming Zhang, and Xiliang Zhao, *VOX*, 18 April 2008 (invited).

## **Other Skills**

**Programs:** Matlab, Stata, R, Fortran, GAMS, Latex, Eviews, ArcGIS

**Languages:** English, Chinese (Native)

## **References**

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