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POSITION

Department of Economics, UCLA, Associate Professor, July 2008~
Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Associate Professor, July 2007 ~ May 2008
Department of Economics, UCLA, Assistant Professor, July 2001~ June 2008
Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University, Visiting Scholar, February 2008
Department of Economics, University of Tokyo, visiting scholar, October 5 ~ 10, 2006
Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, visiting Assistant Professor
July, 2004 ~ June, 2005
Department of Economics, Columbia University, visiting scholar, December 13 ~ 17, 2005
Department of Economics, University of Tokyo, visiting scholar, November 2 ~ 5, 2005

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D., Economics, 1996-2001
Thesis title: "Private Information in Repeated Games", completed in May 2001
University of Tokyo, M.A, Economics, 1994-1996
University of Tokyo, B.A, Economics, 1990-1994

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic Theory, Game Theory, Industrial Organization, Financial Economics

AWARD AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2006-2007 Faculty Research Grant, UCLA, June 2006
- 2005-2006 Faculty Grant Program, UCLA, June 2005
- NSF grant # 0417883 "Endogenous Monitoring", September 2004
- 2003-2004 Faculty Grant Program, UCLA, June 2003
- 2002-2003 Faculty Grant Program, UCLA, June 2002
- The William Pork Carey Prize, for the best doctoral dissertation
Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, April 2002
- 2001-2002 Assistant Professor Initiative, UCLA, March 2002
- The Beth Hayes Prize, for the best research; awarded in alternate years
Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, March 2000
- The Lawrence Robbins Award, for the best first year student (shared with Liwa Rachel Ngai)
Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, September 1997
- University Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, fall 1996, spring 1997, spring 1998, spring 1999

PUBLISHED PAPERS

- The Full Surplus Extraction Theorem with Hidden Actions, 2008.
The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics: Vol. **8** : Iss. 1 (Advances),
- Folk Theorem with Communication, February 2008, forthcoming in *Journal of Economic Theory*.
- Less is More: An Observability Paradox in Repeated Games (joint with M. Kandori)
International Journal of Game Theory **34** (2006), 475-493.
- Efficiency in Repeated Games Revisited: The Role of Private Strategies (joint with M. Kandori), *Econometrica* **74** (2006), 499-519.
- The Maximum Efficient Payoff in the Repeated Prisoners' Dilemma (joint with G. Mailath and T. Sekiguchi), *Games and Economic Behavior* **40** (2002), 99-122.
- Belief-Based Equilibria in the Repeated Prisoners' Dilemma with Private Monitoring (joint with V. Bhaskar), *Journal of Economic Theory* **102** (2002), 40-69.

WORKING PAPERS

- Secret Contracts for Efficient Partnerships (joint with D. Rahman), June 2008.
Revised and resubmitted to *Econometrica* (2nd round).
- Optimal Contract and Efficient Partnership with Private Monitoring (joint with D. Rahman), November 2006. (This is now incorporated into "Secret Contracts for Efficient Partnerships").
- Endogenous Monitoring (joint with M. Kandori), December 2004.
- Firm Reputation and Horizontal Integration (joint with H. Cai), March 2008.
Revised and resubmitted to *RAND Journal of Economics* (1st round)
- Informational Smallness and Private Monitoring (joint with R. McLean and A. Postlewaite), August 2007.
1st revision for *Journal of Economic Theory*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Finite State Equilibria for Dynamic Games (with M. Kandori).
- A Foundation of Dynamic Bargaining with Incomplete Information (with Vasiliki Skreta).
- Folk Theorem for Repeated Auction
- Folk Theorem and Complexity

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Position

Associate Editor: The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics

Referee

American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, Econometrica, Economics and Philosophy, Economic Theory, European Journal of Political Economy, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economic Review, International Journal of Game Theory, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Mathematical Social Sciences, National Science Foundation, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, SSHRC, The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics.

Advisee

- Ziyong Yao, UCLA 2007, Position: Assistant Professor, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Seda Ertac, UCLA 2006, Position: Assistant Professor, Koc University, Postdoc at University of Chicago for 2006 - 2007.
- Joon Song, UCLA 2006, Position: Assistant Professor, Essex University
- Matias Iaryczower, UCLA 2005, Position: Assistant Professor, California Institute of Technology.

Presentation

2008

- Keio University
- WEAI annual meeting at Hawaii
- University of California San Diego
- University of California Irvine
- Kyoto University
- John Hopkins University
- Princeton University

2007

- University of Wisconsin
- University of Michigan
- University of Western Ontario
- 18th International Conference on Game Theory (Plenary Talk)

- SED Annual Meeting at Plague
- Ohio State University

2006

- Arizona State University (Carey School of Business)
- University of Texas Austin
- University of Minnesota
- Far Eastern Econometric Society Meeting at Beijing
- Econometric Society Summer Meeting at Minneapolis
- SWET conference at Arizona State University
- Washington University, St. Louis (Olin School of Business)

2005

- Invited speaker for Mini-Conference on Repeated Games at CalTech
- University of Southern California
- Econometric Society World Congress at London
- SAET Economic Theory Conference at Vigo
- Rutgers University

2004

- Columbia University
- New York University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Arizona State University (Carey School of Business)
- Second World Congress of Game Theory Society at Marseille
- SED Annual Meeting at Florence
- University of Texas Austin
- SWET conference at UC Irvine

2003

- University of California Berkeley
- University of California Riverside
- Essex University
- London School of Economics
- NBER Decentralization Conference at Purdue
- MEDS, Kellogg School of Business
- Pennsylvania State University

2002

- Econometric Society Summer Meeting at UCLA
- SWET conference at UC San Diego

2001

- Kobe University
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University

- University of Rochester (Simon Business School)
- University of California Los Angeles
- University of Southern California

2000

- World Congress of the Econometrics Society at Seattle
- First World Congress of Game Theory Society at Bilbao
- 12th International Conference on Game Theory at Stony Brook
- Invited Speaker for Cowles Foundation Microeconomic Theory Conference, "Repeated Games with Private Monitoring", at Yale

1999

- Inter-University conference at Yale

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Economic Association

Member, Econometric Society