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Ph.D., Economics 2019

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University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA

B.A. (cum laude), Business Economics 2014

PUBLICATIONS

"Endogenous Participation, Risk, and Learning in the Stock Market", *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, 2020, 1-33.

"Subjective Expectations, Experiences, and Stock Market Participation: Evidence From the Lab" Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 2021, 186: 672-689.

Abstract: Recent evidence suggests that stock market experiences, i.e. realized returns, impact subjective expected returns. I bring a model into the laboratory and find that experience-based subjective expected returns can help explain limited stock market participation. In the experiment, the probability of subjects participating in the stock market is increasing in both their subjective expected returns and past realized returns. I find that "learning from experience" generates heterogeneity in subjective expected returns, where subjects who "experience" low returns have lower subjective expected returns than subjects who only observe low returns. This experience effect is asymmetric, where subjects who experience high returns have no statistically significant difference in their subjective expected returns than subjects who only observe high returns. Finally, after a series of low returns, a fraction of subjects leave the stock market indefinitely.

WORKING PAPERS

"Heterogeneous Experience and Constant-gain Learning" (with John Duffy)

Abstract: Recent evidence suggests that agents may base their forecasts for macroeconomic variables mainly on their personal life experiences. We connect this behavior to the concept of constant-gain learning (CGL) in macroeconomics. Our approach incorporates both heterogeneity in the life cycle via the perpetual youth model and learning from experience (LfE) into a linear expectations model where agents are born and die with some probability every period. For LfE, agents employ a decreasing-gain learning (DGL) model using data only from their own lifetimes. While agents are using DGL individually, we show that in the aggregate,

expectations follow an approach related to CGL, where the gain is now tied to the probabilities of birth and death. We provide a precise characterization of the relationship between CGL and our model of perpetual youth learning (PYL) and show that PYL can well approximate CGL while pinning down the gain parameter with demographic data. Calibrating the model to U.S. demographics leads to gain parameters similar to those found in the literature. Further, variation in birth and death rates across countries and time periods can help explain the empirical time-variation in gains.

Works in Progress

"CEO Inflation Experience, Attention, and Corporate Decisions" (with Diego Garcia, Chanik Jo, and Siyuan Wu)

"Endogenous Stock Market Participation and Time-varying Volatility" (with Guanglian ${\rm Hu}$

"Learning, Hypothesis Testing, and Restricted-Perceptions Equilibrium"

Presentations

• 2023 Econometrics Society Australasian Meeting	
UNSW, Sydney	August 2023
• 29th International Conference for Computing in Economics	
Universite Cote d'Azur, Nice	July 2023
• 5th Behavioral Macroeconomics Workshop	
Bamberg University, Bamberg	June 2023
• BSE Workshop on Expectations in Macroeconomics	
Barcelona School of Economics, Barcelona	June 2023
• CEPR 8th European Workshop on Household Finance	
(as Discussant) Monash University, Melbourne	April 2023
• TU Wien Economics Seminar	
Vienna University of Technology, Vienna	Feb 2023
• The University of Sydney Macro-Trade Seminar	
The University of Sydney, Sydney	Sept 2022
• 3rd Conference on Advances in Macro-Finance	-
Monash University, Melbourne	Dec 2019
• 14th Annual Australia New Zealand Workshop in Experimental	
Economics, Monash Business School, Melbourne	Nov 2019
• 9th FIRN Annual Conference, Byron Bay, NSW	Nov 2019
• North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society,	
University of Washington	June 2019
• 10th International Workshop on Theoretical and Experimental	
Macroeconomics, Bank of Canada, Ottawa	June 2019
• 4th Annual Southwest Experimental and Behavioral Economics	
Workshop, Claremont Graduate University	May 2019
• UCI Macroeconomics Seminar, University of California, Irvine	Nov 2018
• IMBS Seminar, University of California, Irvine	Oct 2018
• 24th International Conference for Computing in Economics	
and Finance, Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan	June 2018
• 1st Behavioral Macroeconomics Workshop,	
University of Bamberg, Bamberg	June 2018
• 26th Symposium of the Society of Nonlinear Dynamics,	
Keio University, Tokyo	Mar 2018
• Midwest Macro Fall, University of Pittsburgh	Nov 2017
• 13th Annual Graduate Student Conference,	
Washington University in St. Louis	Oct 2017
• Luce Graduate Student Conference, University of California, Irvine	June 2017
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