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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Washington, 2004-present

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M.A. Economics, University of Washington, 2006

B.S. Economics, magna cum laude, University of the Pacific, 2004

Teaching and Research Fields

Primary field: Macroeconomics

Secondary field: Monetary Economics

Teaching Experience

Instructor Michael G. Foster School of Business, University of Washington
Managerial Economics; Summer 2008-present
Intermediate Macroeconomics; Autumn 2006-Summer 2007

Department of Economics, University of Washington

Intermediate Macroeconomics; Summer 2006

Introductory Macroeconomics; Summer 2005, Winter 2006, Spring 2006

Lead TA Department of Economics, University of Washington; 2007-08 Academic Year

TA Department of Economics, University of Washington
Introductory Macroeconomics; Winter 2005, Spring 2005, Autumn 2006

Supplemental Math Department, University of the Pacific
Instructor *Calculus II*; Fall 2002

Research Experience

2006 Research Assistant to Yu-chin Chen, Dept. of Economics, University of Washington.

Dissertation

Title: "Essays on the Macroeconomic Implications of Credit Availability and House Price Dynamics"

Job Market Paper: "House Prices and Mortgage Credit Availability: Is the Relationship Reinforcing?"

Abstract: Sustained growth in U.S. house prices has recently coincided with a surge in mortgage lending. As a result, the possibility of a reinforcing relationship between mortgage lending and house prices has received increased attention. Using inflation-adjusted U.S. national data, an Engle-Granger two-step method is used to examine the possibility of a two-way interaction between house prices and mortgage credit. Dynamic ordinary least squares estimation in the first step finds evidence of a long-run relationship between the two variables. The second step employs an error correction model to test for a short-run relationship and finds that growth in mortgage credit does respond contemporaneously to a change in house prices, but the immediate response of house price growth to a change in mortgage credit dies out after one quarter.

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Honors and Fellowships

2008 Instructor of the Quarter, Finance and Business Economics, University of Washington

2008 Excellence in Teaching Award Finalist, University of Washington

2006 Steven Langton Teaching Award, Dept. of Economics, University of Washington

2004 York Fellowship, Dept. of Economics, University of Washington