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Fields

Macroeconomics, International Finance, and Applied Econometrics

Appointment

Assistant Professor, **Florida Institute of Technology** 08/2026–Present

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, **UC Davis** 2021–2026

B.A. Economics and Mathematics, **Wesleyan University** 2017–2021
High Departmental Honors in Economics

Publications

Cheung, Jeff K.W., and Masami Imai, **"Zombie lending, labor hoarding, and local industry growth"**, *Japan and the World Economy*, Volume 71, 2024.

Working Papers

- **"Monetary Shocks, Currency Exposures, and the Cost of Sovereign Default"** [Job Market Paper; *Under Review*; *Summary*]
- **"500+ Job Applications Later: Reflections on the Economics PhD Job Market."** [*Under Review*; *Summary*]
- **"Evaluating Emerging Markets' Monetary Policy"** [*Summary*]
- **"Term Structure, Interest Volatility, and the Failure of the UIP Condition"** [*Summary*]

Work in Progress

"The Price of Everything Everywhere: 1850-2024" [*Summary*]
"The Currency Denomination of External Debts"
"Evaluating the Bank of Japan's Monetary Response"
"International Risk Spillovers"

Teaching

Course instructor, Florida Tech: Basic Economics (60+ students); UC Davis: Intermediate Macro Theory (61 students)

Teaching assistant, UC Davis: core courses (intermediate micro, intermediate macro, data analysis); electives (economic history, advanced macro, international macro, international finance); graduate econometrics.

Student	UC Davis Undergraduate Research Program	2024–2025
Faculty	Wesleyan QAC Summer Apprenticeship Program [*Poster*]	2020
Research	Research Assistant for Professor David Kuenzel at Wesleyan	2018–2021

Awards and	Google Cloud Research Credits Program, Google	2025–2026
Fellowships	Department Travel Award, UC Davis (3 awards)	2024–2025
	Department Research Award, UC Davis (2 awards)	2023–2025
	Department Fellowship, UC Davis (2 awards)	2022–2025
	Non-Resident Tuition Fellowship, UC Davis	2021–2024
	Plukas Thesis Award in Economics, Wesleyan University	2021
	White Prize, Wesleyan University	2021
	Phi Beta Kappa, Wesleyan University	2021
	Plukas Teaching Apprentice Award, Wesleyan University	2020
	Wesleyan Freeman Asian Scholarship	2017–2021

Seminars	2027 AEA/ASSA Annual Conference (Paper & Poster; *Scheduled*)	2027
	2026 FMA Annual Meeting (Poster)	2026
	WEAI 101st Annual Conference (LAC Macro, IEFS)	2026
	2nd Boston College PhD Conference	2026
	UC Davis Macro/International Lunchtalk (5 presentations)	2023–2026
	Wesleyan University Department of Economics	2025
	Bay Area Economic History Workshop	2025
	UC Davis Applied Micro Lunchtalk	2024
	WEAI 99th Annual Conference	2024
	Wesleyan Economics Thesis Presentation	2021

Refereeing	*Review of Economic Dynamics*	
Conferences	NBER Summer Institute 2025 (participant)	2025
Programming	Stata, Matlab, Python, Julia, R, LaTeX, SAS, SQL, SPSS	
Languages	Cantonese (Native), Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent)	
Citizenship	HKSAR, China (H-1B Status)	

References

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