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Education:

University of California, Berkeley, PhD Candidate	2008-present
University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Student (PhD program in Economics)	2005-2008
Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts (<i>cum laude</i> and Distinction in All Subjects, Economics)	2002-2005
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Honor Thesis: An Economic Analysis of Prison Building	

Research Interest:

Psychology and Economics, Experimental Economics, Finance, Application of Software Engineering in Economic Research

Working Papers:

“Demand for, and Effects of, a Commitment Device for Online Games” with Daniel Acland

- We recruit players of a popular massive multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG) and randomly provide them with software that allows them to commit how long they would like to play the game prior to playing. The experiment has three objectives. First to identify any behavioral change induced by the availability of commitment device by observing subjects’ computer usage patterns. Second to test if our device has any effect on subjects’ academic performance. Last to investigate if subjects are willing to pay for commitment device such as ours.

“Do Online Game Players Overplay?” with Daniel Acland

- We implement on a browser-based multi-player online game an experiment investigating self-control problem among players. By providing different types of commitment devices to the players, we investigate whether players have self-control problem and distinguish between the different models that could potentially explain overplaying behavior.

Experience:

Research Assistant, Professor David Ng, Dept. of Applied Economics and Management, 11/03-05/07
Cornell University

- Econometric analysis—Analyze financial data with SAS, STATA and RATS
- Programming—Programming of econometric procedures such as regression with Hansen-Hodrick standard errors; creating in-house applications for different specialized purposes like data-sorting and file transfer.
- Data-processing—experienced in handling financial datasets from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP), Institutional Brokers Estimate System (I/B/E/S) and Standard and Poor's COMPUSTAT and Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

Graduate Student Instructor, Dept. of Economics, University of California, Berkeley

- Microeconomic Analysis (Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008)
- GSI Practicum (Fall 2007, Spring 2009)

Architectural Assistant, Urbanage International Limited, Hong Kong 06/03-07/03

Assistant, HKeducationCITY.net, Hong Kong 06/02-07/02

Honors:

Dean Normative Time Fellowship 2008-2009

Phi Beta Kappa 2005

Dean's List 2002-2003

National Society of Collegiate Scholars 2003

Hong Kong Policy Research Institute Public Policy Competition, First Prize, Open category 2003

- The competition called for proposal to revive Hong Kong's economy as the city recovers from SARS outbreak.

Hong Kong International Airport Second Phase Design competition, First Prize 2001

- Students were invited by the Hong Kong Airport Authority to suggest uses of 1000 acres of barren reclaimed land.

Computer Skills:

Statistical: SAS, STATA, RATS, Excel

Windows Programming: Visual Basic, Visual C++, Windows SDK

Web Programming: PHP, MySQL, Javascript, Java, HTML, CSS, Flash

Computer Administration: Microsoft Certified Professional in NT 4

Computer Graphics: 3dsmax, AutoCAD, After Effects, Photoshop, Premiere

Other Information:

Citizenship: Hong Kong SAR, China

Language: Fluent in Cantonese, English and Mandarin