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**Education:**

Ph.D. in Economics	Expected May 2010	Texas A&M University
Ph.D. in Biology	Received May 2004	Duke University
B. S. in Biology	Received July 1998	Peking University

**Certificates:**

- Nonlinear and Complex Systems Certificate, Duke University May, 2004
- Ecology Certificate, Duke University May, 2004

**Research Interest:**

- Microeconomic Theory, Experimental Economics, Industrial Organization, Applied Econometrics
- Theoretical Ecology, Evolution and Population Genetics

**Dissertation:**

“Buy-It-Now Auctions: Theoretical, Experimental and Empirical Investigations”

Committee: Brit Grosskopf (chair), Rajiv Sarin (co-chair), Qi Li, Guoqiang Tian, Sila Çetinkaya

**Awards:**

- S. Charles Maurice Graduate Fellowship in Economics for outstanding fourth year Ph.D. student, Department of Economics, Texas A&M university 2009
- Gail Frey Monson Memorial Scholarship for outstanding female Ph.D. student, Department of Economics, Texas A&M University 2008
- PERC E. Ralph Daniel Scholarship for outstanding second year Ph.D. student, Department of Economics, Texas A&M University 2007
- Graduate Scholarship, Department of Biology, Duke University, 1998-2004

### Working Papers:

- Risk averse or impatient? An experimental study of Buy-it-now auctions. (Job Market Paper, with Brit Grosskopf)
- Multi-stage auctions with Buy-it-now price. (with Rajiv Sarin)
- A model of online auction price process: Monotonicity, time-varying coefficients and multi-level individual effects.
- Nonparametric panel estimation of online auction price process. (with Jingping Gu and Qi Li)  
Revision requested by *Empirical Economics*.
- Can participation fee influence bidding behavior in auction experiments? (with Rodolfo M. Nayga, Jr, Dinah P.T. Depositario and Robert D. E. Mariano)
- An empirical investigation on eBay auctions with buy-it-now price.
- Home alone children: relaxation of household registration system and rural subsidies on rural-urban migration in China.

### Publications:

- Animal-dispersal dynamics promoting dioecy over hermaphroditism. (with J. Vamosi and W. Wilson). *The American Naturalist* (2007) 170(3): 485-491.
- Genetic Analysis of Arabidopsis GATA Transcription Factor Gene Family Reveals a Nitrate Inducible Member Important for Chlorophyll Synthesis and Glucose Sensitivity.(with Y. Bi, T. Signorelli, R. Zhao, T. Zhu and S.Rothstein). *Plant Journal* (2005) 44, 680-692.
- On the Origin of Self-incompatibility Haplotypes: Transition through Self-incompatible Intermediates. (with M. Uyenoyama and E. Newbigin). *Genetics* (2001) 157: 1805 – 1817.
- The influences of ecological processes on stigma-height dimorphic species.(with A. Baker and W. Wilson) (2003) Abstracts, The Ecological Society of America 88th Annual meeting, Savannah, GA. p. 372.

### Experience:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| • Instructor         | Intermediate Microeconomics   | Texas A&M University | Spring 2009 |
| • Teaching Assistant | Microeconomics (Ph.D. course) | Texas A&M University | Spring 2007 |
| • Research Assistant | Department of Economics       | Texas A&M University | 2006-2008   |
| • Teaching Assistant | Department of Biology         | Duke University      | 2000-2003   |
| • Research Assistant | Department of Biology         | Duke University      | 1998-2000   |

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