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Appointments

- Elton Lewis Faculty Fellow in Liberal Arts, 2006 – Present.
- Professor in Economics, Texas A&M University, 2006 – present.
- Visiting Scholar, Boston University, Fall 2002.
- Visiting Scholar, Indian Statistical Institute, Spring 2001.
- Visiting Associate Professor in Economics, Caltech, Winter 2001.
- Visiting Professor and Jean Monnet Fellow, European University Institute, Fall 2000.
- Associate Professor in Economics, Texas A&M University, 2000 – 2006.
- Assistant Professor in Economics, Texas A&M University, 1994 – 2000.
- Visiting Scholar, University College London, Fall 1992.
- Lecturer, Delhi University, 1983 – 1985.

Education

- Ph.D., Economics, 1994, University of California, San Diego.
- M.A., Economics, 1989, Rutgers University.
- M.A., Economics, 1982, Delhi University.
- B.A. (Honors), Economics, 1980, Delhi University.

Publications

- “Is Reputation Good or Bad: An Experiment,” with Brit Grosskopf, *American Economic Review*, forthcoming.
- “Generalized Contest Success Functions,” with Birendra Rai, *Economic Theory*, 40 (2009), 139–149.
- “Players with Limited Memory,” with Steffen Huck, *Contributions to Theoretical Economics*, 4 (2004), article 6.
- “Strategy Similarity and Coordination,” with Farshid Vahid, *Economic Journal*, 114 (2004), 506–527.
- “Expedient and Monotone Learning Rules,” with Tilman Börgers and Antonio Morales, *Econometrica*, 72 (2004), 383–405.
- “Predicting How People Play Games: A Simple Dynamic Model of Choice,” with Farshid Vahid, *Games and Economic Behavior*, 34 (2001), 104–122.
- “Naive Reinforcement Learning with Endogenous Aspirations,” with Tilman Börgers, *International Economic Review*, 41 (2000), 921–950.
- “Continuous Approximations of Stochastic Evolutionary Game Dynamics,” with Valentina Corradi, *Journal of Economic Theory*, 94 (2000), 163–191.
Corrigendum: <http://www.nyu.edu/jet/suppl/2596.erratum.pdf>
- “Decision Rules with Bounded Memory,” *Journal of Economic Theory*, 90 (2000), 151–160.

- “Simple Play in the Prisoner’s Dilemma,” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 40 (1999), 105–113.
- “Payoff Assessments without Probabilities: A Simple Dynamic Model of Choice,” with Farshid Vahid, *Games and Economic Behavior*, 28 (1999), 294–309.
- “Learning Through Reinforcement and Replicator Dynamics,” with Tilman Börgers, *Journal of Economic Theory*, 77 (1997), 1–14.

Working Papers

- “Learning Mean–Variance Preferences,” with Carlos Oyarzun, revised and resubmitted, *Games and Economic Behavior*.
- “An Experiment on Case–based Decision Making,” with Brit Grosskopf and Elizabeth Watson, revision requested, *Games and Economic Behavior*.
- “Adaptive Learning with Indirect Payoff Information,” with Dana Heller.
- “Learning and Risk Aversion,” with Carlos Oyarzun.

Work in Progress

- “Learning Rules for Changing Environments: A Note.”
- “Choice and Learning: Theory and Evidence.”
- “In Search of Bad Reputation: A Series of Experiments,” with Brit Grosskopf.
- “Reputation and Advice: Political Correctness in the Laboratory,” with Brit Grosskopf.
- “An Experimental Investigation of Asymmetric Information in Contests and Auctions,” with Brit Grosskopf and Lucas Rentschler.
- “An Axiomatic Foundation of Learning,” with Carlos Oyarzun.
- “Inequality, Insecure Property and Conflict,” with Birendra Rai.

Book Reviews

- “Modelling Learning in Economics” by Thomas Brenner, Edward Elgar Press, *Journal of Economics*, 74 (2001), 109–110.
- “Debating Rationality: Nonrational Aspects of Organizational Decision Theory” edited by J. Halpern and R. Stern, Cornell University Press, *Journal of Economic Literature*, 37 (1999), 1182–1184.

Grants

- National Science Foundation, 2007–2010.
- Bush Program in the Economics of Public Policy, 1999–2001, Texas A&M University.
- Faculty Mini–grant, 2000, Texas A&M University.
- Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, 1999, Texas A&M University.

Professional Activities

- Member: American Economic Association, Econometric Society, Game Theory Society, Society for the Promotion of Economic Theory.
- Referee: Addison Wesley Longman, *American Economic Review*, *Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems*, *B.E. Press Journals in Theoretical Economics*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Journal*, *European Economic Review*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *International Economic Review*, *International Game Theory Review*, *International Journal of Game Theory*, Israel Science Foundation, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of Evolutionary Economics*, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, *Management Science*, *Mathematical Social Sciences*, National Science Foundation, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Theoretical Economics*, US–Israel Binational Science Foundation, *Water Resources Research*, etc.
- Discussant: Allied Social Science Associations, 2004; Economic Science Association, 2002; North American Winter Econometric Society, 2001; Economic Science Association, 2000; Economic Science Association, 1998; North American Summer Econometrics Society 1997; North American Winter Econometric Society 1997; Economic Science Association, 1997.

Presentations

- Meetings: European Economic Science Association, 2009; North American Summer Econometric Society, 2008; Singapore Economic Theory, 2007; Economic Science Association, 2007; South and South-East Asian Econometric Society, 2006; Stony Brook Game Theory Conference, 2006; North American Summer Econometric Society, 2006; Southern Economic Association, 2005; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory, 2005; Economic Science Association, 2004; Allied Social Science Associations, 2003; Economic Science Association, 2002; Public Choice and Economic Science Association, 2002; Midwest Economic Theory and International Trade, 2001; World Congress of Econometric Society, 2000; Game Theory Society, 2000; Economic Science Association, 2000; Stony Brook Game Theory Conference, 1999; Economic Science Association, 1999; Midwest Economic Theory and International Trade, 1998; Stony Brook Game Theory Conference, 1998; Economic Science Association, 1998; Institute of Operations Research and the Management Sciences, 1997; Economic Science Association, 1997; Arne Ryde, 1997; Australian Econometric Society, 1997; North American Summer Econometric Society, 1997; European Econometric Society, 1996; North American Summer Econometric Society, 1996; American Social Science Association, 1996; Southeastern Economic Theory and International Trade, 1995; American Social Science Association, 1995; Indian Statistical Institute, 1995.
- Seminars: Boston College, CERGE–EI (Prague); MPI (Human Development); MPI (Economics); UT Dallas; Victoria (Wellington); QMUL; Columbia; BU; Bristol; Exeter; Harvard; Duke; Purdue; Melbourne; Monash; UCLA; Caltech; Pompeu Fabra; Iowa; Colorado; Southern Methodist; Bonn; UCL; UNSW; Rice; Rutgers; Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania State; Arizona; UCSD; UT Austin.

Teaching

- Graduate: Microeconomic Theory, Game Theory, Topics, Independent Study.

- Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Principles of Microeconomics, Economic Development, Game Theory, Topics, Independent Study.

Graduate Student Advising

- Ph.D. (Main Adviser):
 - Lucas Rentschler (2010, expected).
 - Yu Yvette Zhang (2010, expected, co-chair).
 - Carlos Oyarzun (2007) – University of Alicante, Spain.
 - Elizabeth Watson (2007) – Trinity University.
 - Birendra Rai (2006) – Monash University, Australia.
 - Jung-Hun Cho (2006) – CERGE, Charles University, The Czech Republic.
 - Carolina Pagliacci (2000) – Central Bank of Venezuela.
- Ph.D. (Committee Member):
 - Xiaoyong Cao (2009) – University of International Business and Economics, China.
 - Thomas Martin (2009) – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
 - Jingyuan Li (2004) – Huangzhong University of Science and Technology, China.
 - Andy Luccasen (2003) – Nicholls University, Louisiana.
 - Sittisak Leelahanon (2002) – Thammasat University, Thailand.
 - John Wildenthal (2001) – TeleCheck.
 - Harold Zavarce (2000) – Central Bank of Venezuela.
 - Jose Contreras (2000) – Central Bank of Venezuela.
 - Tom Lee (1999) – National University of Singapore.
 - Jungze Xi (1998) – American Express.
 - Frederick Rankin (1996) – Colorado State University.
- M.A.: Michael Chung (Chair, in progress); Kershen Huang (Chair); Jinhyung Lee (Chair); Mike Proctor (Chair); Russell Vane (Chair); Fang Wang (Chair); Jason Carr (Chair); Guy Francis; Eun Young Kim; Dan Wei, Zhou Wei, Kang Yu

Administrative Responsibilities

- Graduate Director, TAMU: July 2008 – present.
- Committees: Junior Faculty Search, Senior Faculty Search, Head Search, Graduate Instruction, Qualifier Exam, Advanced Theory Field Exam, etc.
- External tenure reviewer, External Ph.D. committee member, etc.

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