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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, expected May 2024

Dissertation Title: “Essays in Development and Environmental Economics”

M.P.P. Regional Development and Environment, Korea Development Institute (KDI) School of Public Policy and Management, 2017

Summa Cum Laude, Salutatorian

Minor in Sustainable Development

B.Ec. International Economic Relations, Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City, 2015

Honours with Distinction

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. “Structural Transformation, Agriculture, Climate, and the Environment.” (2023). *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*, Vol 17, No 2, with Christopher B. Barrett and Ariel Ortiz-Bobea.
2. “The Child Education and Health Ethnic Inequality Consequences of Climate Shocks in Vietnam.” (2022). *Economics of Education Review*, Vol 90, 102311.
3. “The Intertemporal Evolution of Agriculture and Labor over a Rapid Structural Transformation: Lessons from Vietnam.” (2020). *Food Policy*, Vol 94, 101913, with Yanyan Liu, Christopher B. Barrett, and William Violette.

WORKING PAPERS

1. “Climate Change and Intersectoral Labor Reallocation in a Developing Country”

Recipient of Distinguished PhD Research Paper by the Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics (NEUDC 2023, Harvard Kennedy School)

Abstract: I present a simple model to reconcile different findings in the prior climate-employment literature, incorporating roles for trade openness and intersectoral switching costs. Using Vietnamese data, I provide new evidence consistent with the model’s predictions. In most places, heat induces an outflow of workers from agriculture to non-agriculture in both the short and long terms. While all workers are equally likely to take an informal non-agricultural job, younger individuals incur lower costs and comprise most of those moving into formal non-agriculture. In places less integrated into global markets, the reallocation runs in the opposite direction due to general equilibrium effects.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

1. “Temperature Change and Factor-Biased Agricultural Technological Change when Labor Endowment Matters”
2. “Career Mentoring and Educational Choices: Field Experimental Evidence from Bhutan,” with Hyuncheol Bryant Kim, Norihiko Matsuda, and Ryotaro Hayashi
3. “Meta-analytic Review of Climate and Pollution Impacts on Human Capital,” with Patrick Behrer, Teevrat Garg, Alaka Holla, Trevor Dean Arnold, and Adriana Molina
4. “Environmental and Economic Impacts of Place-based Policies: Evidence from Industrial Zones in Vietnam“

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Cornell University (Teaching Evaluation Mean Scores)

† denotes Master’s level courses

TA, Applied Econometrics†, Professor Brian Dillon, Fall 2021/2023 (4.50/5.00)

Co-instructor, Math and Statistics camp for incoming Master’s students, Summer 2022

TA, Economics of Developing Countries, Professor Brian Dillon, Spring 2021/2022 (4.50/5.00)

TA, Research and Methods†, Professors Mark Conostas and Aija Leiponen, Fall 2020 (4.60/5.00)

TA, Risk Simulation and Monte Carlo Methods†, Professor Calum Turvey, Spring 2020 (4.65/5.00)

TA, Introduction to Economics of Development, Professor Steven Kyle, Fall 2019 (3.63/5.00)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

World Bank Group, Short-term Consultant, April 2022-June 2022

Project “Meta-analytic Reviews of Literature on Climate Change and Human Capital”

Asian Development Bank, Short-term Consultant, April 2021-March 2022

Project “Impact Evaluation for Skills Training and Education Pathways Upgradation”

Cornell University, RA for Professor Christopher B. Barrett, 2018-2020

KDI School of Public Policy and Management, RA for Professor Booyuel Kim, 2017-2018

VNU-Hanoi Institute for Economic and Policy Research, Researcher, 2016-2018

Project “Labor Productivity and Wage Growth in Vietnam”

Project “Development Characteristics of SME Sector in Vietnam: Evidence from the Vietnam Enterprise Census 2006-2015”

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conference, Workshop, and Seminar Presentations (*including scheduled*)

2024: University of Melbourne, Taipei School of Economics and Political Science (National Tsing Hua University)

2023: Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Climate Economics Pipeline Workshop (Harvard Kennedy School), Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, LSE Environment Week (London School of Economics), Development Workshop (Cornell University), North East Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC, Harvard University), Applied Economics and Policy Seminar Series (Cornell University), KDI School of Public Policy and Management

2021: Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (online)

Discussion

2023: “Global Gains From a Green Energy Transition: Evidence on Coal-Fired Power and Air Quality Dissatisfaction” by Timothy Besley (LSE) and Azhar Hussain (LSE), discussed at Midwest International Economic Development Conference

Referee Service

International Journal of Educational Development, American Journal of Agricultural Economics

Other Service

Application Reviewer and Co-Mentor for STAARS Fellows Program, 2020-2021

HONORS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

The Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics

Weiss Family Distinguished PhD Research Paper Award for “Climate Change and Intersectoral Labor Reallocation in a Developing Country” at NEUDC 2023, Harvard Kennedy School

Cornell University

Graduate School Fellowship Spring 2024, Conference Travel Grant 2021-2023

KDI School of Public Policy and Management

Outstanding Thesis & Academic Excellence 2016, Global Ambassador Scholarship 2015-2016

Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City

“Student of Five Merits” 2014, University of Economics and Law Dean’s List 2011-2015

Other organizations

Rencontres du Vietnam Odon Vallet Scholarship 2015, POSCO Asia Fellowship 2014, American Chamber of Commerce in Ho Chi Minh City Scholarship 2014

MISCELLANEOUS

Languages: Vietnamese, English, Korean (Intermediate)

REFERENCES

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