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## EMPLOYMENT

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Aug, 2013-present	Assistant professor of Economics, Weber State University
Aug, 2007-May, 2013	Graduate Research Assistant at Interdisciplinary Center for Economics Science (ICES), George Mason University
May, 2011-June, 2011	Undergraduate Class Instructor, George Mason University

## EDUCATION

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*Ph.D. in Economics*, George Mason University, 2013

Dissertation Title: *Endogenous Network Formation: Experiments and Methods*

Committee: Daniel Houser (Chair), Tyler Cowen, Carlos Ramirez, Robert Axtell

Research Fields: Experimental methodology, Behavioral Economics, Social Network Theory, Network Analysis, Cluster Analysis,

*MA in Economics*, George Mason University, 2010

*B.S. in Economics*, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2007

## RESEARCH

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### Publications:

*Growing Stars: A Laboratory Analysis of Network Formation*, with Daniel Houser, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, forthcoming  
<http://econpapers.repec.org/paper/gmswpaper/1035.htm>

*Deception in Networks: A Laboratory Study*, with Daniel Houser, Journal of Public Economic Theory, forthcoming  
[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2514037](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2514037)

*Exploring Network Behavior Using Cluster Analysis*, with Daniel Houser, New Perspectives on Internationalization and Competitiveness, edited by Eskil Ullberg, Springer, 2015  
[http://www.springer.com/new+%26+forthcoming+titles+\(default\)/book/978-3-319-11978-6](http://www.springer.com/new+%26+forthcoming+titles+(default)/book/978-3-319-11978-6)

*China Bashing: Does Trade Drive the 'Bad' News about China in the U.S.?*, with Carlos Ramirez, Review of International Economics, Vol. 20, Issue 2, pp. 350-363, 2012  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1467-9396.2012.01026.x/abstract>

### **Completed Papers:**

*Money or Friends: Social Identity and Deception in Networks*, with Daniel Houser and Yifan Dai, Revise and Resubmit, European Economic Review  
<http://ssrn.com/abstract=2560067>

*Convex Time Budgets and Individual Discount Rates in the Long Run*, with Therese Grijalva, Jayson Lusk and Douglass Shaw, Under Review, American Journal of Agriculture Economics  
[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2514056](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2514056)

### **Working Papers:**

*Promoting the “Right” Stars: Network Formation with Heterogeneous Agents and Imperfect Information*, with Daniel Houser

*Shouts and Whispers: A Laboratory Analysis of Public Versus Private Communication in Networked Groups*, with Yifan Dai

*I'll Be There: A Natural Field Experiment on Keeping and Breaking Promises*, with Jared Barton

### **Research in Progress:**

*Interpersonal Time Discounting*, with Therese Grijalva, Douglass Shaw and Jayson Lusk

*Intra-household time preference*, with Therese Grijalva and Matthew Gnagey

*Design Tontine for Biodiversity*, with Gregory Parkhurst

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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| 2013-Present | Instructor, Weber State University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principle Microeconomics (10 sessions)</li><li>• Mathematical Economics (1 session)</li><li>• Introduction to Research Methods (2 sessions)</li><li>• Undergraduate Thesis (1 session, 11 student projects)</li></ul> |
| 2011         | Instructor, George Mason University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principles of Microeconomics (1 session)</li></ul>   |

## **GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS**

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### **Grants**

- 2015 Research, Scholarship and Professional Growth (RSPG) grant (\$5070)  
2013 Academic Resources and Computing Committee (ARCC) grant (\$15104)  
2013 National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$7,227)  
2010 Student investigator in Mason research grant to Dr. Castillo and Dr. Petrie (\$10,000)

### **Honors**

- 2012 Economics Department Outstanding Student Presentation Award  
2011 ICES Outstanding Doctoral Candidate Summer Fellowship  
2010 APEE 2010 Young Scholar Award  
2009-2011 Pre-doc Fellowship, International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics  
2004-2006 Academic Excellency Scholarship of Shanghai Jiaotong University  
2006 Leadership Award from Red Cross Shanghai (top 10 at the municipal level)

### **Scholarships**

- 2007-2013 ICES Doctoral Student Fellowship, George Mason University

## **CONFERENCE ATTENDENCE AND INVITED TALKS**

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### *“I’ll Be There: Promises in the Field”:*

Economic Science Association (ESA) 2014 North American Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Oct, 2014  
Goddard School Research Brown Bag series, Weber State University, Oct, 2014

### *“Shouts and Whispers: An laboratory Analysis of Public Versus Private Communication in Networked Groups”*

Economic Science Association (ESA) 2014 International Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, June, 2014

*“Growing the Right Star: Growing the Right Stars: A Laboratory Study on Network Formation with Heterogeneous Agents”:*

Economic Science Association (ESA) 2013 North American Conference, Santa Cruz, Oct, 2013

*“Star Network Formation with Homogeneous Agents”:*

Weber State University, Job Talk, Jan, 2013

Stanford Institute of Theory Economics (SITE) 2012 Workshop, San Francisco, CA, Sep, 2012

Economic Science Association (ESA) 2012 International Conference, New York, NY, June, 2012

ICES End-of-Semester Conference, Arlington, VA, May, 2012

Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE) conference, Las Vegas, NV, Mar, 2012

*“Money or Friends: Social Identity and Deception in Networks”:*

Chapman University, Research Brown Bag Series, Orange County, CA, Oct, 2013

Utah Valley University, Finance and Economics Department Seminar Series, Orem, Oct, 2013

Weber State University, Research Brown Bag Series, Ogden, UT, Sep, 2013

Economic Science Association (ESA) 2012 North American Conference, Tucson, AZ, Nov, 2012

*Conference participant:*

10th Annual Economics Teaching Conference, San Diego, CA, Nov, 2014

The Scholarship of Teaching and Engagement (SoTE) Conference, Orem, UT Mar, 2014

Innovative Teaching Conference, Weber State University, Park City, UT, 2013

Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington D.C. Nov, 2011

Econometric Society World Congress, Shanghai, China, Aug, 2010

Economic Science Association Conference, Arlington, VA, July, 2009

## **SUMMER SCHOOLS**

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2012 “The Science of Complexity: Understanding the Global Financial Crisis 2012”, held by Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study and the Santa Fe Institute

2011 “Bounded Rationality”, held by Max Planck Institute

2009 “Social Change”, held by Institute of Humane Studies

## **REFEREE ACTIVITIES**

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Economic Letters  
European Economic Review  
Games and Economic Behavior  
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization  
Journal of Neuroscience, Psychology, and Economics  
Quarterly Journal of Political Science  
Social Science Quarterly

## **LANGUAGES**

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English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native)

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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Z-tree, STATA, Matlab, R, UCINET

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

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gardening, paddle-boarding, hiking, distance swimming, scuba diving

## **REFERENCES**

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