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Education:

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Pennsylvania, expected May 2009
M.A. in Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2008
M.Sc. in Finance and Economics (with Distinction), University of Southampton, U.K., 2002
B.A. in Economics, Major: International Trade, Xiamen University, China, 1999

Dissertation: “Why Are Health Care Report Cards So Bad (Good)?”

Abstract: I provide a signaling-game theoretical foundation, upon which a new empirical framework is proposed, to study the effects of issuing quality report cards for health care providers. I find that, when patients and providers are matched randomly, multidimensional measures in the existing report cards render them the optimal mechanism that reveals the provider types without causing providers to select patients. However, asymmetric distributions of patient types between providers, caused by the referring physician, may force the high-quality provider to shun patients in order to signal himself. Despite this imperfection, the existing report cards cause the *minimum* selection compared with alternative report mechanisms.

In contrast to prior research, my results imply that a traditional single difference-in-differences estimate is not sufficient to indicate providers' selection behavior, and cannot capture the report cards' long run welfare effect with short run data. In my new empirical framework, a treatment effect will be estimated once every period. More broadly, my study can be extended and applied to other industries with experts, such as automobile service, law and education.

Committee: Jan Eeckhout (Chair), Mark Pauly, Andrew Postlewaite, Elena Krasnokutskaya

Research Interests:

Health Economics, Industrial Organization, Applied and Empirical Microeconomics

Teaching Interests:

Major: Health Economics, Industrial Organization, Game Theory
Minor: Microeconomics, Statistics and Mathematics for Economics, Law and Economics

Research Papers:

“Why Are Health Care Report Cards So Bad (Good)?”, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Pennsylvania, 2008

“Character Evidence and Regulation of Skilled Experts”, Working Paper, University of Pennsylvania, 2008

“Word-of-mouth in Movies with Platform Release: Theory and Evidence”, joint with Qiang Pan, Working Paper, University of Pennsylvania, 2007

“Dynamic Innovation of Durable Complementary Goods”, Working Paper, University of Pennsylvania, 2006

Conference:

American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2008, “Word-of-mouth in Movies with Platform Release: Theory and Evidence”

Honors and Awards:

Nominee of Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students, University of Pennsylvania, 2007

Judith Rodin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2006-2007

(Awarded to outstanding students from developing countries)

University of Pennsylvania Fellowship, 2003-2004

Royal Economic Society Junior Fellowship, U.K., 2003-2004 (turned down)

Economics Research Studentship, University of Southampton, 2003

Development Trust Studentship, University of Southampton, 2002-2003

(Awarded to outstanding students in the School of Social Science)

Teaching Experience:University of Pennsylvania

Course Instructor, Undergraduate Level:

Statistics for Economics, Fall 2008

Economic Growth and Stability, Summer 2008

Introductory Macroeconomics, Spring 2008

Game Theory, Summer 2007

Introductory Microeconomics, Summer 2006

Teaching Assistant, Ph.D. Level:

Industrial Organization, Fall 2005

Game Theory and Applications, Spring 2005/ Spring 2006

Mathematics for Economics, Fall 2004

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Level:

Intermediate Microeconomics, Fall 2005/ Spring 2006/ Fall 2006

Industrial Organization, Fall 2005

Work Experience:

Full Time: Business Director, Xiamen SEZ Foreign Trade Group, China, 1999 – 2000

Part Time: Project Analyst on Education Quality, Student Administration and Registry Department, University of Southampton, U.K., 2002 – 2003

Additional Skills:

Languages: Chinese (Native), English (Fluent)

Programming Skills: STATA, MATLAB

Employment Interests:

Academic, Government, Health Care System and Private Sector

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