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CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Trade
Industrial Organization
Economic Growth and Development
Technological Change

PAST & CURRENT POSITIONS:

Assistant Professor of Economics, Vanderbilt University, 1991-1998.

Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, City University of Hong Kong,
1998-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Economics	Stanford University	1991
M.A.	Economics	Stanford University	1988
Master program	Urban Planning	University of Hong Kong	1983-85
B.Sc.	Engineering	University of Hong Kong	1980

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomics, International Trade, International Finance,
Principles of Economics, Intermediate Macroeconomics,
Industrial Organization, Environmental Economics, Urban Economics
Master: Microeconomic Theory, International Trade & Economic Development,
Managerial Economics (MBA), Supervision of over thirty MA theses
PhD: Economic Growth and Development, International Trade, Advanced
Microeconomics

Member of nine doctoral dissertation committees at Vanderbilt University,
1991-1998

Other teaching interests: Economic development of East Asia and China

PUBLISHED OR FORTHCOMING ECONOMICS PAPERS

1. "The Product Cycle and the World Distribution of Income: A Reformulation," Journal of International Economics, November 1995, pp. 369-382.
2. "Patent Length and the Rate of Innovation," (with Andrew Horowitz) International Economic Review, November 1996, pp. 785-801.
3. "Learning-by-doing, Technology Choice and Export Promotion," Review of International Economics, June 1995, pp. 186-198.
4. "International Intellectual Property Rights Protection and Rate of Product Innovation," Journal of Development Economics, February 1998, pp. 133-153.
5. "Schumpeterian Growth with Gradual Product Obsolescence," Journal of Economic Growth, March 1998, pp. 81-103.
6. "Adjustment Costs and Gradual Trade Liberalization," (with Taiji Furusawa) Journal of International Economics, December 1999, pp. 333-361.
7. "Strategic Policy towards Multinationals for Oligopolistic Industries," Review of International Economics, February 2002, pp.200-214.
8. "Competition for FDI in the Product Cycles," Japan and the World Economy, 13 (2001), pp.61-81.
9. "Intellectual Property Rights Protection and Endogenous Economic Growth," (with Y.-K. Kwan), Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, 27 (2003), pp.853-873.
10. "The North's intellectual property rights standard for the South?" (with Larry D. Qiu), Journal of International Economics, 59 (2003), pp.183-209. The paper will also appear in Keith E. Maskus (ed.) The WTO, Intellectual Property Rights and the Knowledge Economy, Edward Elgar, United Kingdom (2004).
11. "A Game-Theoretic Analysis of China's WTO Accession," (with Rick Bond and Stephen Ching), Pacific Economic Review, 8: 2 (2003), pp.117-125.
12. "Protection of Trade for Innovation: The Roles of Northern and Southern Tariffs" (with Larry D. Qiu), Japan and the World Economy, 16 (2004), pp.449-470.
13. "International Protection of Intellectual Property" (with Gene Grossman), American Economic Review, December 2004, pp.1635-1653.

DISCUSSIONS/COMMENTS

1. Comment on "Regulating Services Trade: matching Policies to Objectives" by Richard Snape, in Takatoshi Ito and Anne O. Krueger (eds.) Trade in Services in the Asia-Pacific Region, The University of Chicago Press, 2003, pp.96-97.
2. Comment on "Globalization and Harmonization: the case of accounting services in Japan"

by Fukunari Kimura, in Takatoshi Ito and Anne O. Krueger (eds.) Trade in Services in the Asia-Pacific Region, The University of Chicago Press, 2003, pp.371-373..

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. “The Economic Implications of the Re-unification of Hong Kong with China,” Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law, Vol. 30, No. 4, October 1997, pp. 735-745.
2. “Why is the U.S. Still No.1 ?” Economic Times, Spring 1994, Vol. 3, No. 1, a supplement to Michael Parkin, Economics, Second Edition, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company.

WORKING PAPERS

1. “Accession Rules and Trade Agreements: The Case of the WTO,” (with Rick Bond), manuscript, February 2002.
2. “The Economics of Intellectual Property Protection in the Global Economy: A Survey,” manuscript, 2001
3. “The Role of Most-Favored Nation Rule in WTO Accession,” (with Rick Bond and Stephen Ching), manuscript, August 2003.
4. “The Most-Favored Nation Rule in Club Enlargement Negotiation”, manuscript, January 2005.
5. “International Protection of Intellectual Property: An Empirical Investigation” (with Isabel K. Yan), manuscript, May 2006.
6. “Outsourcing of Innovation,” (with Ray Riezman and Ping Wang), manuscript, February 2005.
7. “Understanding China’s Trade Flows,” (with Fred Y. Kwan), manuscript, June 2005.
8. “Was Global Patent Protection Too Weak Before TRIPS?” manuscript, November 2005.
9. “Endogenous Present-Biasedness and Policy Implementation” (with Taiji Furusawa) manuscript, June 2006.
10. “Parallel Imports and Price Controls” (with Gene Grossman), manuscript, July 2006.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

1. “Gradual Cooperation in the Joint Provision of a Public Good”
2. “Technology Diffusion and Technological Change” City University of Hong Kong, manuscript, 2002.
3. “Parallel Imports,” manuscript, May 2005.
4. “International Protection of Intellectual Property with Firm Lobbying” (with Isabel K. Yan and Gerald Willmann), manuscript, June 2005.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer Assistant, Trade Policy Division, World Bank, June-August 1988.

Consultant to the World Bank, 1991, on the project “Transfer of Foreign Technology to Manufacturing Firms in Taiwan,” (including traveling to Taiwan and conducting field interviews with Taiwanese firm managers for a month in July 1991.)

Visiting Scholar, Boston University, January-July 1995

Visiting Fellow, Department of Economics, Princeton University, January-May 2001 and June 2005-Jan 2006

RECENT REFEREEING FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS OR FUNDING AGENCIES

International Economic Review
American Economic Review
Journal of Development Economics
Regional Science and Urban Economics
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control
Journal of International Economics
Review of International Economics
Canadian Journal of Economics
Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics
RAND Journal of Economics
European Economic Review
National Science Foundation
Journal of Economics and Management Strategy
Economics and Politics
Journal of Economic Growth
Southern Economic Journal
International Journal of Industrial Organization
Research Grants Council of Hong Kong
Review of Economic Studies
Econometrica

PRESENTATIONS IN PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Southeastern International Economics Meeting 1991, 1992, 1995
 Midwest International Economics Meeting, Spring & Fall 1992, Fall 1993, Spring & Fall 1994, Spring & Fall 1995, Fall 1996, Spring & Fall 1997, Spring 1999, Spring 2001, Spring 2004, Spring 2005
 Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting 1992, 1993, 1996
 Allied Social Science Association Meetings, January 1993, 1996, 1998, 2004, 2006
 Western Economic Association Meeting, Summer 1993
 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, January 1994, 1999, 2002
 7th World Congress of the Econometric Society in Tokyo, August 1995.
 Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society, July 1997, 1999, 2001.
 International Conference on “Economic Development and Growth” organized by Academia Sinica of Taiwan, May 1996
 International Conference on “Dynamics, Economic Growth and International Trade” in Hong Kong, July 1997.
 European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Berlin (September 1998), Madrid (August 2004)
 Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association, Berlin (September 1998), Madrid (August 2004)
 International Conference on “Innovation, Appropriation Strategies and Economic Policy” organized by the French Ministry of Industry, in Paris, November 1999
 Annual Meeting of the Society of Economic Dynamics, Costa Rica, June 2000
 Conference on “International Trade and Political Economy” organized by Research Institute in Economics and Business of Kobe University in May 2000
 International Conference “WTO and China” in Hong Kong, March 2001
 International Conference “WTO and World Trade” in Seattle, April 2001
 International Conference “Dynamics and Trade” in Kobe, July 2001.
 International Conference “Money, Growth and Distribution” in Academia Sinica (Taipei), September 2001
 International Conference “Negotiating Russia’s WTO Accession ” in Moscow, organized by Centre for Economic and Financial Research (CEFIR), Russia, June 2002.
 Society for Advancement of Economic Theory Conference in Rhodes, Greece, July 2003.
 International Conference “Growth and Development in the Global Perspective” in Academia Sinica (Taipei), July 2004.
 CES-Ifo Conference “Understanding China’s Economy” in Munich, June 2005

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

John M. Olin Graduate Fellowship, 1990-1991.

Graduate Research Fellowship, Stanford Center for Conflict and Negotiation (SCCN), 1989-1990.

Stanford SCCN Grant (to study technology transfer to Taiwan), 1990-1991.

Principal Investigator of Small Scale Research Grant, City University of Hong Kong, 1998.
 Topic: “Strengthening Intellectual Property Rights in Less Developed Countries: The Impacts on China and East Asia”. Amount: HK\$40,740 (approx. US\$5,250)

Principal Investigator of Competitive Earmarked Research Grant, Research Grants Council, Government of Hong Kong SAR, 1999. Topic: “The Economic Impact of the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights under the Auspices of the World Trade

Organization, with Special Focus on China and East Asia". Amount: HK\$450,000 (approx. US\$58,000)

Principal investigator of Competitive Earmarked Research Grant, Research Grants Council, Government of Hong Kong SAR, 2000. Topic: "WTO Accession and Negotiations: Economic Theory and Case Studies." Amount: HK\$250,000 (approx. US\$32,050)

Principal Investigator of Strategic Research Grant, City University of Hong Kong, 2003. Topic: "Understanding China's Trade Flows". Amount: HK\$171,000 (approx. US\$21,920)

Principal Investigator of Strategic Research Grant, City University of Hong Kong, 2004. Topic: "An Analysis of China's Trade and FDI Flows and their Importance to China's Growth". Amount: HK\$180,000 (approx. US\$23,075)

Co-Investigator of Germany/Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme 2005 (travel and lodging grant). Topic: "International Protection of Intellectual Property when Industries Lobby". Amount: HK\$18,200.

Faculty Research Award, Faculty of Business, City University of Hong Kong, 2005 (awarded to three faculty members, once every two years)

Principal investigator of Competitive Earmarked Research Grant, Research Grants Council, Government of Hong Kong SAR, 2005. Topic: "International Trade, Outsourcing and Intellectual Property Rights Protection" Amount: HK\$422,816 (approx. US\$54,200)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, International Economics and Finance Society (life member)

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, Mandarin Chinese and Cantonese Chinese; some knowledge of French.

OTHER WORKING EXPERIENCE

1980-1985: Assistant Civil Engineer and then promoted to Chartered Civil Engineer at Watson Hawksley Asia Engineering Consultants, Hong Kong. Duties include: design, project management and supervision of construction of a wastewater treatment project for a population of 500,000 and a water supply project for a population of one million.

SERVICES IN CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (since August 2002)

(EF = Department of Economics and Finance; FB = Faculty of Business)

EF Department Research Degree Coordinator (Director of Graduate Study) 2001- 2005

Chair of Organizing Committee of International Conferences "Recent Advances in International Economics" organized by City University of Hong Kong, May 2004 and in May 2005.

Member of FB Faculty Graduate Studies Committee 2001- present

Member of Staffing Committee of EF Department 2004.

Member of EF Departmental Steering Committee 2004-2005

Founding Chairman of CityU Staff Association Singing Group 2003-present

REFERENCES: Available upon request