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#### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Claremont McKenna College, Robert Day School of Economics and Finance, Visiting Associate Professor  
University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Chinese Studies, Visiting Scholar  
National University of Singapore, East Asian Institute, Research Associate

#### MY STORY

I got in on the ground floor for study of China's economic reforms doing dissertation research at Nanjing University in 1981-82. On finishing my Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin, I landed a plum job in the only economics department in the US that takes study of Asia as central to its mission – at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I got tenure and could easily have lived out a comfortable life in paradise. But worldly adventure beckoned and in 1994 I jumped into the sea (the Chinese expression for leaving the security of state employment for the wilds of the private sector), taking up residence in Beijing to pursue freelance consulting and observe China's transformation up close. Major projects I took on included work for the Asian Development Bank on improving China's cross-border economic relations with Central Asia and developing survey techniques to measure small-scale industrial activity for the GDP accounts.

The door to China closed for me in 2003 when I became *persona non grata* along with others who had contributed to an academic volume on Xinjiang, China's westernmost region. But another door opened, at the National University of Singapore where I went on to spend four years, the first at the East Asian Institute, the second in the Economics Department, and finally two at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. I continue to hold the position of Research Associate at EAI and spent the summer of 2009 in residence producing two Background Briefs for the Singapore government: "Explaining China's High Saving" and "Economic Corridors for the Greater Mekong Subregion".

Since August 2008 my teenage daughter and I have made our home in Los Angeles. I am teaching a course on the Chinese economy at Claremont McKenna College in spring 2010 and hold a Visiting Scholar position at the UCLA Center for Chinese Studies. My research currently focuses on Chinese saving behavior and macroeconomic imbalances. A *Wall Street Journal Asia* op-ed of Jan 7, 2010 argues in support of China's exchange rate policy. A 2009 paper in the *China Economic Quarterly* makes the case that households and government, not enterprises as is commonly believed, are behind the rise in the saving rate during the 2000s.

## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D.</b> , Economics, University of Wisconsin – Madison, USA	1984
Dissertation: <i>An Economic Analysis of Schistosomiasis Control Programs in the PRC</i>	
Class attendance & research, Nanjing University, PRC	2/81-6/82
<b>M.S.</b> , Economics, University of Wisconsin – Madison, USA	1979
<b>B.A.</b> , Economics, Drury College, USA	1977

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

<b>Claremont McKenna College</b> , Robert Day School of Economics and Finance	
Visiting Associate Professor	2010
<b>National University of Singapore</b>	
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Visiting Associate Professor	2006-08
Economics Department, Visiting Fellow	2005-06
East Asian Institute, Visiting Senior Research Fellow	2004-05
<b>University of Hawaii at Manoa</b> , Department of Economics	
Associate Professor with tenure	1991-97
Assistant Professor	1984-91

**Courses taught recently:** The Chinese Economy; Economic Reform and Public Policy in China; Macroeconomic Policy; Economic Policy in a Global Economy; Economic Development Policy

## PAST ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Peking University, PRC	summer 1992, fall 1995, spring 2003
Columbia University, East Asian Institute	1991-92
Nankai University, Tianjin, PRC	spring 1989
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, PRC	summer 1987
Chung-Hua Institute for Economic Research, Taiwan	summers 1985, 1986

## CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

### Freelance consultant on China and neighboring countries

**Areas of analysis:** cross-border economic cooperation involving China, Southeast Asia and Central Asia; human development; macroeconomic measurement; sample survey operations; international trade; regional development; income distribution; labor economics; economic development.

**Clients:** Asian Development Bank; China Development Research Foundation; World Bank; Ford Foundation; American Chamber of Commerce in Beijing.

**Executing Agencies:** PRC National Bureau of Statistics; PRC Development Planning Commission; PRC Finance Ministry; Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

#### LANGUAGE ABILITY

Proficient in spoken and written Mandarin; Chinese Name: 魏凯

#### TEXTBOOK PROJECT

The experience of teaching macroeconomics to students from all over Asia at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore convinced me that the standard western textbooks now used pervasively in the region are inappropriate. The emerging economies of East Asia differ fundamentally from the mature market economies in ways critical to macroeconomic analysis and policy: they are for the most part highly open and make use of managed exchange rates; sustainability of fiscal and external positions is a concern; and financial systems are typically bank dominated and fragile. To be relevant, a textbook aimed at an Asian audience must lay foundations in exchange rates and the balance of payments at the outset and place the domestic economy within a global context. The text must further take account of limitations in the emerging market setting on public sector financing and access to global capital markets, and must accordingly address vulnerability to crisis and how to cope with it. While commonalities among the emerging economies of East Asia are such that a single text can be broadly applicable, the diversity of experience within the region calls for a treatment that is rich in case studies and empirical comparison. My co-author in this project is Charles Adams of the LKY School.

#### WORKING PAPER

"The Saving Story behind China's Trade Imbalance",  
[http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/wp/wp08\\_08.pdf](http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/wp/wp08_08.pdf), under revision with co-author Carl Bonham.

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### EDITED VOLUME

with CAO Heping, *Asian Economic Cooperation in the New Millennium: China's Economic Presence* (Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co.), 2004.

##### REFEREED ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

with LU Mai, "An End to China's Agriculture Tax," *China: An International Journal*, 3(2), September 2005: 320-330.

"Introduction: China's Economic Presence," in Calla WIEMER and Heping CAO, eds, *Asian Economic Cooperation in the New Millennium: China's Economic Presence* (Singapore: World Scientific Publishers), 2004: 1-18.

"The Xinjiang Economy," Chapter 6 in Frederick STARR, ed., *Xinjiang: China's Muslim Borderland* (New York: M.E. Sharpe), 2004: 163-189.

"'One Household / Two Systems' and the Transition to Private Employment in China," *Pacific Economic Review* 7(1), Feb. 2002: 199-219.

with TIAN Xiuhua, "The Measurement of Small-Scale Industry for China's GDP Accounts," *China Economic Review*, 12(4), Jan. 2001: 317-322.

"State Policy and Rural Resource Allocation in China as Seen through a Hebei Province Township, 1970-1985," *World Development* 22(6), June 1994: 935-947.

with LU Mai, "Prices: The Two-Tier Transition Process," in Walter GALENSON, ed., *China's Economic Reform* (San Francisco: The 1990 Institute), 1993. Published in Chinese by Social Science Documents Publishers (Beijing: Shehui Kexue Wenxian Chubanshe).

"Price Reform and Structural Change: Distributional Impediments to Allocative Gains," *Modern China* 18, April 1992: 171-196.

with ZHAO Xinghan, "Closing the Price Scissors: Reform and the Interface between Agriculture and Industry," in ZHANG Zhongli, Jan DUTTA, YAO Tinggang, and Gary JEFFERSON (eds.), *Retrospect and Prospect: American and Chinese Economists' Views on the Chinese Economy* (Shanghai: Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences), 1991. In Chinese, English translation available.

with LIU Xiaoxuan, "Price Reform in China: The Transition to Rationality," in M. Jan DUTTA and ZHANG Zhongli (eds.), *China's Economic Reform, 1978-1988* (Greenwich, CT: Jai Press), 1991.

"Price Reform Stalled: An Inherent Obstacle, A Missed Opportunity," *Journal of Asian Economics* 1, Fall 1990: 345-358.

"Sources of Output Growth in Rural China, the 1970s and Beyond," in M. Jan DUTTA, Pei-Kang CHANG, and Shao-Kung LIN (eds.), *China's Modernization and Open Economic Policy* (Greenwich, CT: Jai Press), 1990.

"A Framework for Assessing Productivity Loss from Schistosomiasis," *Journal of Human Resources* 23(3), Summer 1988: 320-41.

"Optimal Disease Control through Combined Use of Preventive and Curative Measures," *Journal of Development Economics* 25, April 1987: 301-19.

with Fred HUNG, "The Course of China's Economic Reforms, 1978-1985," *Journal of Oriental Studies*, XXIII(1), 1985: 63-81.

## **BRIEFS & COMMENTARY**

"Don't Revalue the Yuan Yet," *Wall Street Journal Asia*, 7 January 2010.  
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"The Big Savers: Households and Government," *China Economic Quarterly*, Quarter 4, 2009 (Vol. 13, Issue 4): 20-25.

"Economic Corridors for the Greater Mekong Subregion," *EAI Background Brief No. 479*, 15 September 2009 (Singapore: East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore).  
<http://www.eai.nus.edu.sg/BB479.pdf>

"Explaining China's High Saving," *EAI Background Brief No. 476*, 10 September 2009, (Singapore: East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore).  
<http://www.eai.nus.edu.sg/BB476.pdf>

"Geithner's Wrong on the Yuan," *Wall Street Journal Asia*, 29 January 2009.  
[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123315935151324573.html?mod=todays\\_asia\\_opinion](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123315935151324573.html?mod=todays_asia_opinion)

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"Don't Bet on the Yuan", *Far Eastern Economic Review*, Vol. 171, No. 7 (Sept 2008): 23-26.

with LU Mai, "Social Equity in China," *Development Outreach* (Washington DC: World Bank), February 2006. <http://www1.worldbank.org/devoutreach/article.asp?id=354>

with Judith BANISTER, "Labour Demographics: Long Boom, Slow Bust," *China Economic Quarterly*, Quarter 3, 2005 (Vol. 9, Issue 3): 20-22.

with Judith BANISTER, "China's Demographic Window: The Boom and Bust in Prime-Age Workers," *EAI Background Brief No. 249*, 18 July 2005 (Singapore: East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore).

"The Currency: A Tisket, a Tasket, a Band Not a Basket," *China Economic Quarterly*, Quarter 2, 2005 (Vol. 9, Issue 2): 42-46.

"Making a Graceful Exit from a Currency Peg," *Asian Wall Street Journal*, 11 May 2005.

"China's Path to Exchange Rate Flexibility," *EAI Background Brief No. 236*, 4 April 2005 (Singapore: East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore).

with LU Mai, "Putting Farmers First: An End to China's Agriculture Tax," *EAI Background Brief No. 231*, 9 March 2005 (Singapore: East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore).

"Keep China's Currency Peg," *Asian Wall Street Journal*, 8 February 2005.

"China's Currency Peg: Firm in the Eye of the Storm," *EAI Background Brief No. 223*, 19 January 2005 (Singapore: East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore).

"China's Economic Presence in Asia and Its Peaceful Rise," *EAI Bulletin*, Vol. 6, Issue 2, November 2004 (Singapore: East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore).

with ZHANG Jikang, "From Capital Flight to Speculative Influx: The Tidal Shift in China's Balance of Payments," *EAI Background Brief No. 210*, 30 September 2004 (Singapore: East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore).

with ZHANG Jikang, "Tracking Hot Money Flows into China," *EAI Background Brief No. 211*, 30 September 2004 (Singapore: East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore).

## BOOK REVIEWS

LIN, Justin Yifu, CAI Fang, LI Zhou, *The China Miracle: Development Strategy and Economic Reform* (Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press), in *China Review International* 5(2), Fall 1998: 483-6.

NAUGHTON, Barry, *Growing out of the Plan: Chinese Economic Reform, 1978-1993* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995), in *China Review International* 4(1), Spring 1997: 219-220.

HSUEH Tien-tung, SUNG Yun-wing, and YU Jingyuan (eds.), *Studies on Economic Reforms and Development in the People's Republic of China* (Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 1993), in *Asian-Pacific Economic Literature* 8(2), Nov. 1994: 79-80.

## TRANSLATION

LIU Guoguang, "China's Current Economic Development Situation and Prospects," *Journal of Asian Economics* 4, Fall 1993: 249-54.

## CONSULTING

- Project:** Greater Mekong Subregion: Development Study of GMS Economic Corridors 5/08-7/09
- Client:** Asian Development Bank (RETA 6310 REG)
- Description:** Advised on economic corridor development with respect to institutional mechanisms to facilitate networking across borders; wrote case studies of corridor experiences elsewhere in the world drawing lessons for the GMS.
- Product:** "Three Cases of Cross-Border Economic Corridor Development with Lessons for the Greater Mekong Subregion" (available on request)
- Supervisor:** Ronnie Butiong, [rabutiong@adb.org](mailto:rabutiong@adb.org)
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- Project:** Performance-Based Management: Concepts for Application to Vietnam's Education System 11/06-12/06
- Client:** Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam
- Description:** Prepared a draft manual on performance-based management for use in Vietnam's education system
- Product:** Draft manual
- Co-Author:** VU Minh Khuong

**Project:** *China Human Development Report, 2005* 4/05-12/05  
**Client:** China Development Research Foundation  
**Description:** Translated and edited drafts of the *China Human Development Report, 2005*.  
**Product:** Draft manuscripts  
**Supervisor:** LU Mai, [lumai@drc.gov.cn](mailto:lumai@drc.gov.cn)

**Project:** PRC Finance Ministry Economic Reports 6/02-5/03  
**Client:** Ford Foundation  
**Executor:** Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute for Quantitative and Technical Economics  
**Description:** Assisted in preparation of semi-annual reports on the Chinese economy for PRC Finance Ministry submission to APEC.  
**Product:** Two reports on the Chinese economy.  
**Supervisor:** Sarah COOK, [s.cook@fordfound.org](mailto:s.cook@fordfound.org)

**Project:** Establishing an Enterprise Sample Survey System 5/01-6/02  
**Client:** Asian Development Bank (TA 3503-PRC)  
**Executor:** PRC National Bureau of Statistics, Enterprise Survey Organization  
**Description:** Developed a sample survey methodology for measuring small-scale industrial activity for the GDP accounts; conducted a pilot survey for Jiangsu Province; analyzed data and generated statistical results.  
**Product:** Survey operations report; sample survey forms and supporting documents.  
**Supervisor:** Dalisay MALIGALIG, [dmaligalig@adb.org](mailto:dmaligalig@adb.org)

**Project:** Central Asian Economic Cooperation 3/00-9/00  
**Client:** Asian Development Bank (RETA 5818, extension)  
**Executor:** PRC State Development Planning Commission  
**Description:** Facilitated negotiations between China's State Development Planning Commission and Central Asian counterparts to organize a multilateral conference, in Urumqi, Xinjiang, PRC, on economic cooperation in Central Asia to be attended by trade ministers and other government officials from Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the People's Republic of China, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. A proposal to establish a permanent international body to foster improved economic relations to be considered.  
**Product:** work report  
**Supervisor:** David J. GREEN, [djgreen2009@gmail.com](mailto:djgreen2009@gmail.com)

- Project:** Study of PRC Benefits from Trade with Central Asia 3/99-12/99  
**Client:** Asian Development Bank (RETA 5818)  
**Executor:** PRC State Development Planning Commission  
**Description:** Conducted a study of the benefits to China from trade with Central Asia with the assistance of two local consultants from the PRC; this and a counterpart study on the Central Asian side served as the cornerstone for a multilateral trade conference.  
**Product:** Internal report to ADB, "PRC Trade with Central Asia"  
**Supervisor:** David J. GREEN, [djgreen2009@gmail.com](mailto:djgreen2009@gmail.com)
- Project:** PRC-Kazakhstan Trade Workshops 2/98-4/98  
**Client:** Asian Development Bank (RETA 5760)  
**Executor:** PRC State Development Planning Commission  
**Description:** Organized workshop in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China to solicit views on PRC-Kazakhstan trade impediments and participated in counterpart workshop in Almaty, Kazakhstan; prepared report offering recommendations for ADB projects to facilitate trade.  
**Product:** Internal report to ADB, "The Third and Fourth Workshops on Economic Cooperation in Central Asia: Issues in Cross-Border Trade— A Summary Record," co-authored with Gregory Gleason  
**Supervisor:** David J. GREEN, [djgreen2009@gmail.com](mailto:djgreen2009@gmail.com)
- Project:** Study of Income Distribution in Urban China 5/96-6/96  
**Client:** World Bank  
**Description:** Analyzed patterns of income disparity in connection with employment and demographic characteristics of individuals and households using survey data from 2500 households in five large Chinese cities.  
**Product:** Background material used as reference for *Sharing Rising Incomes: Disparities in China* (Washington, DC: The World Bank, 1997)  
**Supervisor:** Tamar MANUELYAN ATINC, [tmanuelyanatinc@worldbank.org](mailto:tmanuelyanatinc@worldbank.org).
- Project:** Salary Survey for Foreign-Invested Firms in Beijing 7-9/95; 7-9/96  
**Client:** American Chamber of Commerce in Beijing  
**Description:** Analyzed survey data on employment practices and employee compensation for local employees of foreign-invested firms in Beijing.  
**Product:** *1995 Survey of Local Employee Compensation & Benefits;*  
*1996 Survey of Local Employee Compensation & Benefits*  
**Supervisor:** David HOFMANN