

Mun Sim Lai

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EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2006

MA in Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2002

MBA in Finance, Hawaii Pacific University, 2000 (with honor)

Bachelor of Accounting, National University of Malaysia, Malaysia, 1998 (with honor)

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- 2006 - present **Assistant Professor (tenure-track)**, Department of Economics, Business School, California State University at Bakersfield
- instruct *Managerial Economics, Money and Banking, Human Resources Economics, Microeconomics, and Macroeconomics*
 - serve as academic advisor for economics students
 - serve as committee member on Faculty Hearing Committee, and Gender and Diversity Committee
- 2003-2006 **Researcher**, Population and Health, East West Center, Honolulu
- perform intensive empirical research using national family and household surveys
 - develop empirical methodologies in analyzing individual consumption, individual public transfers and familial transfers
- Spring 2006 **Lecturer**, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- *Economics of Tourism*
- Co-Lecturer**, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- *Demography Methods*
- 2003-2005 **Lecturer**, Hawaii Tokai International College, Honolulu
- *Economics of Tourism*
- Summer 2003 **Lecturer**, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- *Intermediate Macroeconomics*
- 2001 **Vice President's Intern**, Merrill Lynch, Honolulu
- analyze and prepare clients' financial portfolio analysis and reports
- 1999-2000 **Consultant**, Actuaries of America, Honolulu
- analyze employee data and perform actuarial valuations of various benefit programs
- 1998 **Consultant**, KPMG Peak Marwick, Kuala Lumpur
- perform financial analysis for corporate mergers and financial restructuring

RESEACH FIELDS

Human Resources Economics
Public Economics
Finance

PUBLICATIONS

“Long Term Effects of Teacher Quality on Asian American Students' Earnings”, with Meechai Orsuwan, *Asian American Policy Review*, Volume XVII, Spring 2008.

“Population Aging and Intergenerational Transfers: Introducing Age into National Transfer Account”, with Andrew Mason, Ronald Lee, An-Chi Tung, and Tim Miller. In David Wise: Development in the Population of Aging, NBER and University of Chicago Press (Forthcoming 2008).

“Financial Support Systems in Nuclear versus Extended Households: A Case Study on Taiwan”, with Andrew Mason and An-Chi Tung. (Forthcoming in *Handbook of National Transfer Accounts* 2008).

“Population Aging and Intergenerational Transfers: Introducing Age into National Transfer Accounts”, with Andrew Mason, Ronald Lee, An-Chi Tung, and Tim Miller. *National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Working Paper 12770* (2006).

“Is Your Portfolio Overweighed? Know When to Say When,” with Michael Seiler. *The Journal of Wealth Management*, Spring, 3(4): 19-28, (2001).

WORKING PAPERS IN PROGRESS

The Rising Cost of Childrearing and Fertility Decline (in progress)

Do Governmental Programs Increase Welfare of Elderly Without Health Coverage (*under review, World Development*)

RECENT GRANTS

Research Council of University, 2007, California State University, research projects \$4,000
For research projects, \$4,000

Teaching Innovation Grants, 2007, California State University
For incorporating new teaching materials into economic classes, \$300

ACTIVITY AND AWARD

Hawaii Business Plan Competition, 2003
Finished in the top five finalists of over five hundred competing teams

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2001-2005	East West Center Fellowship
1999-2000	MBA Scholarship, Hawaii Pacific University
1996-1998	OCBC Bank (Singapore) Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS

“Do Governmental Transfers Displace Supports from Adult Children to their Elderly Parents?”

The 83rd Annual Conference of Western Economic Association International, Honolulu, July 2008

“National Transfer Accounts: Case Study on Taiwan”

The 5th National Transfer Accounts Annual Meeting, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea, November 2007

“Financial Support Systems in Nuclear versus Extended Households”

International Conference on Asia’s Dependency Transition: Intergenerational Transfers, Economic Growth, and Public Policy, Nihon University Population Research Institute, Tokyo, November 2007

“Fertility Transitions and Returns to Childrearing”

Population Association of America Annual Conference, Los Angeles, March 2006

“Asset Income and Reallocation: A Case Study on Taiwan”

The 4th National Transfer Accounts Annual Meeting, University of California, Berkeley, January 2006

“Population Aging and Intergenerational Transfers: Introducing Age into National Transfer Accounts”

Population Association of America Annual Conference, Philadelphia, March 2005

“Cost of Childrearing and Fertility Decline”

The 2nd National Transfer Accounts Annual Meeting, East West Center, January 2005

“Individual Consumption and Labor Income: Lessons from Taiwan”

The 1st National Transfer Accounts Annual Meeting, University of California, Berkeley, January 2004

“Estimating Private Transfers”

The 35th Summer Seminar, East West Center, Hawaii, June 2004

LANGUAGES

Speak and write fluently in English, Chinese, Malay

COMPUTER SKILLS

Excellent in performing empirical analysis using STATA, GAUSS, SHAZAM, SAS, Microsoft Office (Excel, Power Point, Access, Word)

REFERENCES

Dr. Andrew Mason (Primary Advisor)

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