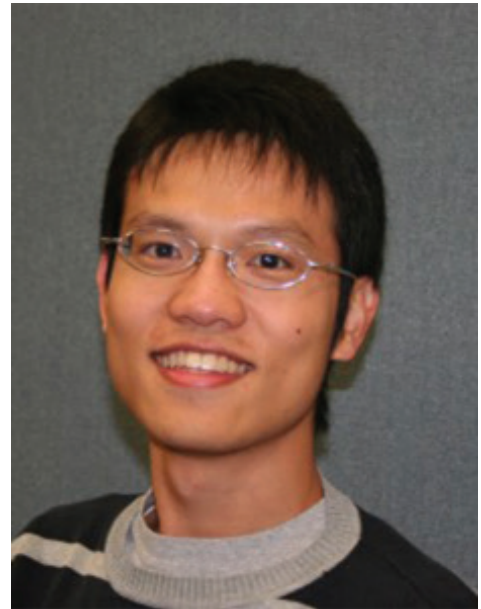


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Degree: PhD, Educational Psychology

Graduation Date: August 2015

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Research; Texas A&M-Commerce*

Position: Postdoc; tenure-track assistant professor

What do you do in your current position?

Research, data analysis, and manuscript writing.

How did you find your position?

The co-principal investigator of my project assistant (PA) position got another grant and asked me if I'd like to be involved since I was not successful in landing a faculty job a year ago.

Which career services did you find helpful at UW-Madison?

The School of Education's career center is quite helpful. I also attended several seminars on faculty job hunting. These led to my next position as a tenure-track assistant professor in psychology.

Other than your degree, what skills or experience made you competitive in the US job market?

Doing quantitative research is definitely a plus. When I was a PA, my project worked with several technical colleges in Wisconsin, which I did not foresee when taking the job. It turned out to be a great networking experience and it helped me learn more about the post-secondary education landscape of the States. This experience played a big role in my faculty job search, which was successful this time.

What advice do you have for current international students?

“Start a year earlier than the ‘application’ season.”

For a faculty job search, I'd say start early, locate the right resources and people, and practice. Things get hectic when you are finalizing your degree, and job hunting adds even more of a burden on you. Start a year earlier than the “application” season (not the on-board time!), which will give you more time to work on documents. There are lots of resources on campus: writing center, career center, faculty, senior grad students (who are now faculty), professional development workshops, etc. Also, always check with ISS for any visa issue early so that they have time to help you out. Finally, practice speaking, interviewing, etc. You can find someone to do mock interviews, and I highly recommend that you record yourself and listen to it. You'll be surprised!