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EMPLOYMENT

Research Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany, 2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Consumer Sciences (Economics Track), The Ohio State University, Columbus, U.S., 2021

Dissertation: "Essays on Medicaid Aging Waivers and Informal Caregiving for the Elderly"

M.A. Economics, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 2017

B.A. Economics, *Summa Cum Laude*, Jilin University, Changchun, China, 2014

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Economics of Aging, Health Economics

Secondary: Education Economics, Urban Economics, Household Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Chan, J., X. Fang, Z. Wang, X. Zai, Q. Zhang (2020). [Valuing Primary Schools in Urban China](#). *Journal of Urban Economics*, Volume 115

WORKING PAPERS

[The Unintended Effect of Medicaid Aging Waivers on Informal Caregiving](#) (with Yinan Liu)

[The Benefits of Medicaid Home and Community- Based Services on Health](#) (with Yinan Liu)

[The Effect of the Partnership Long-Term Care Insurance Program on Private Insurance and Employment](#) (with Yinan Liu)

WORK IN PROCESS

The Effect of Grandparenting on Health (with Peter Eibich)

The Power of Public Insurance for the Poor: Evidence from China's New Medical Cooperative Scheme (with Lin Lin)

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, European Population Conference (EPC), American Causal Inference Conference (ACIC), Paris School of Economics (PSE) Summer School, 2nd IZA/CINCH/AHIL Workshop on the Economics of Long-Term Care and Healthy Aging, Network for Data-Intensive Research on Aging (NDIRA) workshop at University of Minnesota, 29th European Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics (EWEHE) (discussant, declined), IESR seminar at Jinan University (C), Nanjing University (C), Renmin University of China (C)
(C: Coauthor presentation)
- 2021 Jinan University/Global Labor Organization IESR-GLO Joint Conference, Bowling Green State University/the Ohio State University, MPIDR Pandemic Babies Conference, EBES/GLO Conference, IMPRS/MPIDR Life Course Analysis Workshop
- 2020 Bowling Green State University/the Ohio State University, the Ohio State University
- 2019 American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) Annual Conference, the Ohio State University, Graduate Women in Economics (GWIE) Workshop
- 2018 American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) Annual Conference, the Ohio State University
- 2017 North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association (NARSC)/Urban Economics Association (UEA)

HONORS & AWARDS

- Small Grants Award, Retirement and Disability Research Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020-2021
- Jean S. Bowers/Fern E. Hunt Fellowship, College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University, 2020-2021
- Career Development Grant, Council of Graduate Students, The Ohio State University, 2020-2021
- Scholar of Junior Scholar Intensive Training Program, Retirement and Disability Research Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020
- ACCI Student Professional Conference Scholarship, 2018, 2019
- Hua Meng Scholarship of Young Scholars in Economics, Education Development Foundation, Shanghai, China, 2017-2020
- Graduate Student Professional Travel Awards, College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University, 2017-2019

TEACHING

- Instructor – IMPRS-PHDS (Aging and Health) (2021)
- Co-instructor – CFFS 5250 Retirement Planning and Employee Benefits (Graduate) (Spring 2021)
- Co-instructor – CFFS 4270 Retirement Planning and Employee Benefits (Autumn 2020)
- Teaching Assistant – CONSCI 2910 Consumer Problems and Perspectives (2017-2019)
- Teaching Assistant – CONSCI 3940 Consumer Information (2017-2019)

SERVICES

Co-founder, [Graduate Women in Economics Association at OSU](#) (2019–present)

Assistant, Midwest Health Economics Conference (2018)

Proposal Review Committee member, EHE Student Research Forum (2018)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Global Labor Organization (GLO) affiliate (2019-present)

Association for American Council of Consumer Interests (ACCI) (2017-2019)

Urban Economics Association (UEA) (2017–2020)

North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association (NARSC) (2017–2020)

Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan (HRS)

Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University (2017–2021)

Center for Women’s Health, The Ohio State University (2017–2020)

MISCELLANEOUS

Programming Languages: L^AT_EX, Python, Stata, SAS, R, Mathematica, ArcGIS

Spoken Languages: English (fluent), Chinese (native), Japanese (basic)