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EMPLOYMENT

Research Scientist/Post-Doc, 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"

Dissertation committee: Lauren Jones, Tansel Yilmazer, Dean Lillard

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 Lauren Jones and Tansel Yilmazer)

The Effect of Informal Caregiving on Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Medicaid Aging Waivers (with Lauren Jones and Tansel Yilmazer)

The Effect of Medicaid Aging Waivers on Mortality and Morbidity (with Lauren Jones and Tansel Yilmazer)

Racial/Ethnic Differences in the Distribution of Wealth in the United States (with Sherman Hanna and Kyoung Kim)

Individual Differences and Saving Behavior Among Low-Income Individuals (with Caezilia Loibl)

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Fourth IESR-GLO Joint Conference Program, Jinan University/Global Labor Organization, 2021
Graduate Student Conference, Bowling Green State University/the Ohio State University, 2020
Department of Human Sciences Seminar, the Ohio State University, 2020
American Council on Consumer Interests, 2019
College of Education and Human Ecology Student Research Forum, the Ohio State University, 2019
Graduate Women in Economics Workshop, 2019
College of Education and Human Ecology Student Research Forum, the Ohio State University, 2018
American Council on Consumer Interests, 2018
North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association, Urban Economics Association, 2017

HONORS & AWARDS

Small Grants Award, Retirement and Disability Research Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020-2021 (\$5,000)
Hua Meng Scholarship of Young Scholars in Economics, Education Development Foundation, Shanghai, China, 2017-2020 (\$20,000)
Jean S. Bowers/Fern E. Hunt Fellowship, College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University, 2020-2021 (\$6,000)
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
Graduate Student Professional Travel Awards, College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University, 2017-2019

TEACHING

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)

SERVICE

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

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

Urban Economics Association (UEA) (2017–present)

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

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

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

Center for Women’s Health, The Ohio State University

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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