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Research Interests

Political Economy, Labor Economics, Development Economics
Applied Machine Learning, Economic History

Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Economics   Sep. 2018 – Present
UC Riverside   Riverside, CA

M.A., History   Sep. 2015 – Jun. 2018
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)   Beijing, China

B.A., Business Administration   Sep. 2011 – Jun. 2015
Hunan University   Changsha, China

Working paper

Cost of Zero-Covid: Effects of Anti-contagious Policy on Labor Market Outcomes in China   *submitted*
[Nomination For The Best Paper Award, 1st International Workshop on the Chinese Development Mode, 2022]
with Andong Yan and Jialin Yu
this paper study the effect of the zero-Covid policy on labor outcomes in China, and further explore spillover effects and heterogeneous effects across different groups.

Formation and Evolution of Beliefs: Famine Experience and Trust in Neighbors
with Zhian Hu and Chuanchuan Zhang
This paper examines how a traumatic experience across differential cultural configurations, can shed light on norms of risk sharing and community cultural persistence, in the context of Great Chinese Famine (1959-1961).

COVID Risk Level Dataset and Zero Covid Policy in China
with Zhuocheng Shang, Andong Yan and Qi Zhang
In this project, we constructed a database of risk level indicators of China by scraping from the website of the State Council of PRC at daily frequency and street level (covers all the counties and prefectures in China). To the best of our knowledge, this is the most comprehensive and unique dataset regarding China's zero-COVID policy.

Work in progress

Politicians, Media and COVID: A NLP Approach   (Job Market Paper)
This paper focuses on how politician's public opinions, provided by local media, shape people's belief and behavior related to COVID. To be specific, We will use natural language processing (NLP) algorithm such as LDA and sIBP to categorized information provision and use trained LASSO model, pre-trained COVID-Bert and Crowdbreaks Streamer to get measures of opinion toward COVID.

Awards & Honors

Dean's Distinguished Fellowship, UC Riverside	2018 - present
Student Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association, UC Riverside	2022
Travel Grant, Department of Economics, UC Riverside	2022

Talks

2022
Southern Economic Association 92th Annual Meeting; "The Impacts of Social Media on the Health of Individuals, Communities and Society" Workshop at CS Department UC Riverside; 1st International Workshop on the Chinese Development Model; Western Economic Association International 97th Annual Conference; The Chinese Economists Society 2022 Annual Conference

2021
Applied Graduate Student Brownbag

2017
Seminar in China Economy at Harvard University

Research Assistant

China Gazetteer Project
Mentor: Richard B. Freeman, Harvard University   Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017
Interviewed with gazetteer compilers and conducted qualitative research in the China's statistic criteria at county level.
Established a database of population and agriculture policies in China from 1949 to 2000.

Human Capital Transfers and Rural Enterprise Development
Mentor: Jie Bai, Harvard Kennedy School   Oct. 2017 – Jan. 2018
Studied urban-rural migration shock during the Chinese sent-down movement between 1968 to 1976. A 2sls model is used to explore the impact on on rural human capital and local firm performance.

Teaching Experience	**Instructor**	UC Riverside
	Econ 143: Environmental Economics	Summer B 2022
	Econ153: Labor Economics	Summmer A 2021
	Teaching Assistant	UC Riverside
	Econ101: Statistics for Economics	Fall 2020, Winter 2022, Spring 2022
	Econ107: Introductory Econometrics	Winter 2021, Fall 2021
	Econ 104B: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	Spring 2021
	Econ 105B: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	Spring 2020
	Econ103: Intermediate Macroeconomics for Business	Fall 2019, Winter 2020
	Econ135: The Stock Market	Fall 2019, Fall 2022

Skills & Personal

Programming Skills and Software

STATA,   Python,   R,   ArcGIS,   LATEX

Languages

English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native),

Citizenship

China, F-1 Visa