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## EDUCATION

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<b>The Graduate Center at City University of New York</b> PhD candidate in Economics Approved field exams: Public Finance and Macroeconomics.	<i>Aug 2016 - present</i>
<b>State University of New York at Binghamton</b> M.A. in Economics	<i>Aug 2014 - May 2016</i>
<b>Northwest University, China</b> B.A. in Economics	<i>Sep 2010 - May 2014</i>

## FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Essays on Federalism and Local Finance in China.

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**Primary:** Public Economics, Urban Economics  
**Secondary:** Macroeconomics, Development Economics, Chinese Economy

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Rent-tax substitution and its impact on firms: Evidence from housing purchase limits policy in China”, with Renjie Zhao. (Revise and Resubmit, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*)

“The effect of population aging on pension enforcement: Do firms bear the burden?”, with Renjie Zhao. (Revise and Resubmit, *Economic Inquiry*)

“Do Direct-administered municipalities work? Evidence from Chongqing municipality in China”, with Meng-Ting Chen.

“Judicial Independence and Corporate Investment: Evidence from Judicial De-localization Reform in China”, with Renjie Zhao, (Revise and Resubmit, *China Economic Quarterly* (in Chinese))

“Economic Growth, Fiscal Inequality, and Fiscal Decentralization: Evidence from China”.

“Local Fiscal Competition and Deficits in China”, with Timothy Goodspeed.

“Does Elite Capture Matter? Local Political Elites and the Targeted Poverty Alleviation Strategy in China”, with Jie Tang, Xia Li.

“The VAT distortion and tax avoidance: Evidence from China”, with Renjie Zhao.

## WORKING IN PROGRESS

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“Government Expenditure and Fertility Willingness of second child: Evidence from the Chinese General Social Survey (CGSS) data”, with Jie Tang, Xia Li.

“Fiscal centralization versus decentralization: Growth, inequality, and welfare effects of spillovers and capital mobility”.

“How does land policy affects the migration?”, with Meng-Ting Chen.

## OLDER PAPERS

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“Financial integration and firm performance: Evidence from foreign capital entry in China”, 2018

“Research on Dynamic Characteristics of Economics, Energy and Environment in Shaanxi”, Modern Economics (in Chinese), 2015

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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### **Adjunct Instructor at Hunter College (2021 - Present)**

Econ 31500 Public Finance Fall 2021

### **Adjunct Instructor at Brooklyn College (2018 - Present)**

Econ 2200 Elementary Microeconomics Spring 2018 - Fall 2021

Econ 7020X Econometrics (master level) Spring 2020 - Fall 2021

Econ 7021X Advanced Econometrics (master level) Fall 2018 - Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Econ 2100 Elementary Macroeconomics Summer 2020

Econ 3400 Statistics for Business and Economics Fall 2018

### **Adjunct Instructor at Fordham University (2020 - 2021)**

Econ 2142 Statistical Decision Making Fall 2020

Econ 2140 Statistics I Spring 2021

## SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Southern Economic Association 91th Annual Meeting (scheduled) November 2021

MVEA 58th Annual Meeting, October 2021

77th Annual Congress of the IIPF August 2021

The Virtual 96th Annual Conference (WEAI) March 2021

The MEA's 85th Virtual Annual Meeting March 2021

The Virtual International Conference (WEAI) March 2021

Southern Economic Association 90th Annual Meeting November 2020

15th Economics Graduate Student Conference November 2020

MVEA 57th Annual Meeting October 2020

76th Annual Congress of the IIPF August 2020

## WORK EXPERIENCE (RESEARCH):

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**Research Assistant:** New York, NY, USA  
*Prof. Lilia Maliar, Graduate Center, CUNY* March, 2021- May, 2021

**Visiting Student** New York, NY  
*National Bureau of Economic Research* 2019-present

**Sallie Mae Fellow & Contributor** New York, NY, USA  
*Economics Studies Group, The Graduate Center, CUNY* 2018-2019

**Research Assistant:** New York, NY, USA  
*Prof. Timothy Goodspeed, Hunter College, CUNY* 2017-2018

**Research Assistant:** Xi'an, Shaanxi, China  
*Prof. Aiping He, Northwest University* 2012-2014

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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**The Graduate Center**

*Sallie Mae Fellowship*

NY, USA

*2018-2019*

**Northwest University**

*First-class Scholarship*

Shaanxi, China

*2013-2014*

## RELEVANT COURSES

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### Core Courses

Macroeconomics I & II

Microeconomics I & II

Econometrics I & II

Public Finance

Applied Macroeconomics

Applied Microeconomics

### Other Courses

Computational Economics

Welfare Economics

International Trade

International Macroeconomics

Labor Economics (NYU)

Public Economics & Development (Columbia)

## SKILLS

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Computer Skills: Stata, R, Matlab, Python, ArcGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Maple

Language: English (fluent) and Chinese (native)

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