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Ph.D. Economics, University of Nevada-Reno, USA, 09/2020-Expected 05/2026  
MSc Economics, University of Edinburgh, UK, 09/2018-06/2019  
BSc Public Finance, Shandong University of Finance and Economics, China, 09/2014-06/2018

## FIELDS

Labor Economics, Economics of Entrepreneurship, Public Economics, Health Economics

## REFERENCES

### Frank M. Fossen

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### Robert W. Fairlie

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Affiliation U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status (2025.05-)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

2023 **Lyu, Ke.** (2023). Social capital and self-employment dynamics in China.  
The Chinese Economy, 56(6), 459–485. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10971475.2023.2227028>

## WORKING PAPERS

**Lyu, Ke,** Song, S., & Zhang, M. (2025). Evaluating the impact of China's targeted poverty alleviation program on unincorporated businesses [Under review at China Economic Review]

- Can, E., **Lyu, Ke**, Pham, H., & Yang, J. (2025). The effect of the Kansas tax reform on self-employment hours worked [Under review at Applied Economic Letters]
- Lyu, Ke**. (2025). From vice to venture: Evaluating the impact of smoking and drinking on self-employment in China [Under review at Contemporary Economic Policy]
- Flanigan, R. M., Fossen, F. M., & **Lyu, Ke**. (2025). Local credit supply shocks discourage startups from loan applications [Reject and resubmit at Journal of Banking & Finance]
- Fairlie, R., Fossen, F. M., & **Lyu, Ke**. (2025). A tale of two startups: The loss and gain of startups in the U.S. economy in the pandemic [Under review at PNAS Nexus]

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Lyu, Ke** & Fossen, F. (n.d.). How do minimum wages affect nonemployer business establishments and transitions in the United States?
- Fairlie, R., Fossen, F., Johnston, A., & **Lyu, Ke**. (n.d.). The effect of policy on entrepreneurship: Evidence from the universe of U.S. startups

## RESEARCH CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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| 2025 | Selected Participant, NBER Innovation Research Boot Camp, Cambridge, MA, USA   |
| 2025 | The 6th Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada   |
| 2025 | The 100th Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, USA   |
| 2025 | The 45th Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference, Wellesley, MA, USA   |
| 2025 | The 5th Winter UCLA Price Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA, USA  |
| 2024 | The 3rd SBEJ Online Conference for Young Researchers   |
| 2024 | Selected Participant, CSWEP Mentoring Workshop for 3rd-Year and Beyond Women & Non-Binary Econ PhD Students, SEA, Washington D.C., USA |
| 2024 | The 94th SEA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., USA  |
| 2024 | The 2nd REGIS Summer School, Madrid, Spain   |
| 2023 | The 98th Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, USA  |

## AWARDS

### Awards and Honors

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| 2025 | Outstanding Graduate Student Award, University of Nevada, Reno                  |
| 2024 | Jack Boland Endowed Scholarship in Economics, University of Nevada, Reno        |
| 2023 | Professor Emeritus Endowed Scholarship in Economics, University of Nevada, Reno |

2023	Graduate Student Association Travel Award, University of Nevada, Reno
2022	Department of Economics Best Second Year Paper Award, University of Nevada, Reno
2022	Nominated for Graduate Dean's Merit Scholarships, University of Nevada, Reno
2020	Ph.D. Graduate Assistantship, University of Nevada, Reno

## TEACHING

### Lecturer

Summer 2025	Department Math Camp (for 1 <sup>st</sup> year Ph.D. and Masters)
Summer 2025	ECON 303 Intermediate Macroeconomics
Summer 2023	ECON 261 Principles of Statistics (Overall Score: 3.5/4)
Summer 2023	Department Math Camp (for 1 <sup>st</sup> year Ph.D. and Masters)
Spring 2023	ECON 103 Principles of Macroeconomics (Overall Score: 3.3/4)
Fall 2022	ECON 261 Principles of Statistics
Summer 2022	Department Math Camp (for 1 <sup>st</sup> year Ph.D. and Masters)

### Teaching Assistant

Fall 2024	ECON 743 Applied Microeconometric Methods
Spring 2022	ECON 365 Labor Economics
Fall 2021	ECON 702 Advanced Microeconomics
Fall 2021	ECON 261 Principles of Statistics

## REVIEWING

Applied Economics, Asian Economic Journal, Applied Economics Letters, Journal of Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economics, Sustainable Cities and Society

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND ASSISTANTSHIP

04/2020-06/2021	Research Assistant in Southern University of Science and Technology, China
09/2019-03/2020	Research Assistant in Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China

## CERTIFICATES

2018	Strategic Professional Certificate, The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
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## SKILLS

Programming	Stata, Python, R, LaTeX
Languages	English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native), Korean (Basic)