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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

PhD in Economics

Cambridge, MA
Sep. 2024 – June 2030

Peking University

Bachelor of Laws, Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) Major

Beijing, China
Sep. 2017 – June 2021

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Harvard University

Predoctoral research fellow

Cambridge, MA
Aug. 2021 – Present

University of Chicago

Part-time research assistant

Chicago, IL
Sep. 2019 – Aug. 2021

WORKING PAPERS

“Emigration during Turbulent Times”, with Benjamin Olken and David Yang

Latest version: Apr. 2025

“Laboratory of autocracy: landscape of central-local dynamics in China’s policy universe”, with Shaoda Wang and David Yang

Latest version: Oct. 2025

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Trash”

Slides available upon request

“Demand for Data: the Economic Consequences of Political Censorship”

Slides available upon request

“Non-linear technology”

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIP

- Institute of Humane Studies Grant 2025
- Castle Krob International Fellowship 2024, 2025
- Outstanding College Graduate (~Summa Cum Laude, 1%) 2021
- Tsinghua-Chicago EPIC-China fellowship 2020-2022
- Yuanpei College Scholarship for International Studies 2019
- Peking University Scholarship 2019
- Lee-Wai-Wing Scholarship 2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

- China Economic Summer Institute (2025);
- UofT-BoC Annual Conference on Chinese Economy (2025)

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant: Applied Econometrics

Proseminar

Peking University

2020

Teaching Assistant: Political Thoughts on Modern States

Freshman seminar

Peking University

2018

LANGUAGE

- English (native), Mandarin (native), French (A2)