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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

University of California, Berkeley
Visiting undergraduate student

Berkeley, CA
Aug. 2019 – May 2020

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Harvard University
Predocutorial 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
Submitted @ Quarterly Journal of Economics, Apr. 2025

“The Origin and Diffusion of Policy Ideas”, with Shaoda Wang and David Yang
Draft available upon request

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Demand for Data: the Economic Consequences of Political Censorship”
Slides available upon request

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIP

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

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)