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## EDUCATION

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### **The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

*October 2019 – August 2020*

*Master of Arts in Social Sciences - Economics*

- Phoenix Research Award
- Director's Scholarship

### **The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH**

*August 2015 – May 2019*

*Bachelor of Science in Economics*

*Bachelor of Science in Mathematics - Theoretical*

- GPA: 3.92/4.0 - 8 terms Dean's List
- Summa Cum Laude with Research Distinction in Economics

## TECHNICAL SKILLS AND RESEARCH INTEREST

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- Data Analytics and Econometrics: Stata, R, PostgreSQL, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- Languages: Fluent in English, Taiwanese, and Taiwanese Mandarin
- Interests: Public Economics, Economics of Inequality, Economics of Education, Urban Economics

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY**

*September 2020 – Present*

*Researcher Associate – Center for Policy Research*

- Supervising Professor: Amy Ellen Schwartz
- Statistical Analysis with multiple projects using student-level longitudinal data from New York City Department of Education and partnering organizations

### **The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

*October 2019 – August 2020*

*Graduate Student Researcher, MA Thesis Project*

- "Moving To Inclusion: The Migration Effects of Sanctuary City Policies"
- Handling proposal, research design, data collection, statistical analysis, and writing
- Conduct analysis at both the micro and the macro level, building on the random utility model and the Schelling Tipping point model

### **The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH**

*May 2017 – May 2019*

*Undergraduate Student Researcher, BA Thesis Project*

- "Fact Checking: An empirical analysis of the effect of sanctuary city policy"
- Cleaned and prepared raw data directly from the American Community Survey (ACS)
- Used city-year fixed-effect regressions under the *event studies* framework to analyze the city-level effect of sanctuary city policies in the United States

### **Data Fest at The Ohio State University**

*April 2019*

*Research Team Member*

- Cleaned and prepared raw data from Canada Women's Sevens (rugby team) for analysis
- Collected data set from individual players over 32 games for every  $\frac{1}{10}$  second (GPS tracking and 3D force vectors)
- Created a new metric to track real-time physical toll in game to increase player output based on exertion and monitor injury risks
- Received Honorable Mention. Judges Choice

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY**  
*Research Associate, Center for Policy Research*

*September 2020 – Present*

**The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**  
*Teaching Assistant, ECON 100/200/201*

*October 2019 – June 2020*

- Instruct materials on basic microeconomic theory including: choice theory, elementary price theory.

## PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

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**W. Chen**, August 2020. *Moving To Inclusion: The Migration Effects of Sanctuary City Policies* Master's Thesis, S. Durlauf (advisor), Harris School of Public Policy, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (manuscript in progress)

**W. Chen**, May 2019. *Fact Checking: An empirical analysis of the effect of sanctuary city policy* Undergraduate Thesis, J. Chen (advisor), Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Developmental Economics, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. (unpublished thesis)

**W. Chen**, April 2019. *Why College Football needs a 6-team playoff: Evidence from AP rankings and team strength*, Presented poster at the Sports and Society Initiative Undergraduate Research Fair, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH.

**W. Chen**, February 2019. *Fact Checking: An empirical analysis of the effect of sanctuary city policy*, Presented poster at the Denman Research Forum, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

**W. Chen**, June 2018. *How to reach students in assessment surveys*, Keynote Speaker, Student Affairs Assessment Research Conference, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH.

## REFERENCES

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