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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The University of Osaka, Japan Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Economics	Sep 2024 - Present
The Ohio State University Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Economics	Jun 2023 - Jun 2024

RESEARCH FIELDS

Health Economics, Family and Children

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Brown University ◊ Dissertation: “Essays in Health Economics” ◊ Committee: Anna Aizer (chair), Andrew Foster, Neil Thakral	2023
A.M., Economics, Brown University	2018
M.A., Public Finance, National Chengchi University, Taiwan	2015
B.A., Public Finance (Minor: Japanese Literature), National Chengchi University, Taiwan	2013

WORKING PAPERS

Prenatal Care Productivity and Infant Health: Causal Evidence from the SARS Outbreak in Taiwan
(with *Shin-Yi Chou* and *Hsien-Ming Lien*)

See You at Night: Unintended Consequences of Raising Reimbursements for Nighttime Emergency Care
(with *Hsien-Ming Lien*)

The Impact of Home Pregnancy Testing on Fertility and Women’s Later-Life Outcomes

HONORS AND GRANTS

MEXT/JSPS KAKENHI Grant Number 25K16665	2025 - 2030
Conference Travel Fund, Brown University	2022, 2023
Taubman Center Graduate Research Fellowship Award, Brown University	2022
Population Studies and Training Center Fellowship (NICHD T32), Brown University	2021 - 2022
Doctoral Research Travel Grant, Brown University	2019
Government Fellowship for Studying Abroad, Ministry of Education, Taiwan ◊ \$42,000 per year for four years	2017 - 2020
Thesis of the Year Award in Education and Health Economics, Taiwan Economics Association	2015

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025

International Health Economics Association (IHEA) Congress; Joint Economics Symposium of 4 Leading Universities in Taiwan and Japan; National Chengchi University, Department of Public Finance

2024

American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)

2023

Population Association of America (PAA); Western Economic Association International (WEAI) 2022

American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon); Applied Micro Lunch Seminar, Brown; Applied Young Economist Webinar, Monash University; Data Science Initiative Fair, Brown; Guttmacher Institute Research Brownbag Session; Population Association of America (PAA)

TEACHING

Applied Research Methods	Fall, 2025
Door to Academia: Topics in the Economics of Children and Families	Spring, 2025
The Economics of Children’s Health and Wellbeing	Fall 2024, 2025
Applied Econometrics II	Spring, 2025

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS

Trainee, Population Studies and Training Center (PSTC), Brown University	2021 - 2023
Research Assistant to Professor Anna Aizer, Brown University	2018 - 2020
Full-time Research Assistant, National Health Insurance Administration, Taiwan	2016

OTHER INFORMATION

- Female; Taiwanese Citizen
- Languages:
- ◊ Mandarin Chinese (native), Taiwanese Hokkien (native), English (fluent), Japanese (intermediate)

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