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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Health Economics, Labor Economics, Development Economics
Secondary: Public Health, Urban Economics, Family Economics

EDUCATION

2009–2014 Ph.D., Economics, Lehigh University, Pennsylvania, USA
Advisor: [Shin-Yi Chou](#)
2005–2009 B.A., International Economics, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China
2006–2009 B.S., Automation, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China
2007–2008 Exchange Program, Business Administration, Euromed Marseille Ecole de Management, Marseille, France

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

2019–Present Assistant Professor, Nanjing Audit University, Institute of Politics and Economics
2014–2019 Assistant Professor, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, School of Economics
2013–2014 Adjunct Professor, Lehigh University, Department of Economics
2011–2012 Research Assistant, Lehigh University, Department of Economics
2010–2013 Teaching Assistant, Lehigh University, Department of Economics

RESEARCH PAPERS

JOURNAL ARTICLES, PEER-REVIEWED

1. [Cheng Chen](#), [Shin-Yi Chou](#), and Robert J. Thornton, 2015. “The effect of household technology on weight and health outcomes among Chinese adults: Evidence from China’s home appliances going to the countryside policy,” *Journal of Human Capital* 9(3): 364–401. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1086/683055>

2. Cheng Chen, Shin-Yi Chou, Cheng Wang, and Wangyang Zhao, 2020. “The effect of the second child on the anthropometric outcomes and nutrition intake of the first child: Evidence from the relaxation of the one-child policy in rural China,” *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 20(1): 20180340. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/bejeap-2018-0340>
3. Cheng Chen, Shin-Yi Chou, Lea Gimenez Duarte, and Jin-Tan Liu, 2020. “The quantity of education and son’s preference: Evidence from Taiwan’s compulsory education reform,” *China Economic Review* 59: 101369. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chieco.2019.101369>
4. Cheng Chen, Sabrina Terrizzi, Shin-Yi Chou, and Hsien-Ming Lien, 2021. “The effect of sibship size on educational attainment of the first born: Evidence from three decennial censuses of Taiwan,” *Empirical Economics* 61: 2173–2204. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00181-020-01930-3>
5. Cheng Chen, Wangyang Zhao, Shin-Yi Chou, and Hsien-Ming Lien, 2021. “The effect of family size on parents’ labor supply and occupational prestige: Evidence from Taiwan and Mainland China,” *China Economic Review* 66: 101596. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chieco.2021.101596>

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

1. Cheng Chen, Shin-Yi Chou, Hsien-Ming Lien, and Jin-Tan Liu, “The long-term health effects of early-life malaria exposure: Evidence from Taiwan’s malaria eradication in the 1950s,” Conditionally Accepted at *American Journal of Health Economics*.
2. Wei Fu, Shin-Yi Chou, and Cheng Chen, “Sharing benefits not risks? Estimating household sharing behaviors using two quasi-natural experiments in China,” R&R at *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
3. Cheng Chen and Ying-Min Kuo, “Is owning a house always better than renting? New evidence of the quantity-quality trade-off from the United States,” Under Review at *Southern Economic Journal*, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3979699>.
4. Wei Fu, Ying-Min Kuo, Cheng Chen, and Yuanting Wu, “Culture, policy obedience, and virus spread: Evidence from the anti-COVID efforts in the United States,” Under Review at *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4097271>.
5. Cheng Chen, Ying-Min Kuo, and Wangyang Zhao, “How grandparent co-residence affects the relationship between fertility and parents’ labor market choices: Evidence from China,” Under Review at *World Development*.

WORKING PAPERS

1. “The effect of *in utero* PM₁₀ exposure on infant health: Evidence from dust storm events in Taipei, Taiwan,” with Shin-Yi Chou, Hsien-Ming Lien, and Muzhe Yang.
2. “Wildfires and infant health at birth: Evidence from New Jersey,” with Li Zeng and Shin-Yi Chou.
3. “Why are some people more sensitive to unfavorable news of COVID-19 vaccine? Evidence from the Johnson & Johnson vaccine suspension,” with Wei Fu and Ying-Min Kuo.

PRESENTATIONS AT SELECTED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

“Culture, policy obedience, and virus spread: Evidence from the anti-COVID efforts in the United States”

- Chinese Economist Society Annual Meeting (Virtual), June 2022.

“The long-term health effects of early-life malaria exposure: Evidence from Taiwan’s malaria eradication in the 1950s”

- Economics Seminar, International Business School, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, Shanghai, December 2018.
- Conference on Health and Development, Taipei, June 2017.
- American Society of Health Economists Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, June 2016.
- International Health Economics Association Congress, Milan, July 2015.
- China Meeting of Econometric Society, Beijing, China, June 2013.
- Chinese Economist Society Annual Meeting, Chengdu, June 2013.
- Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New York, May 2013.

“The effect of household technology on weight and health outcomes among Chinese adults: Evidence from China’s home appliances going to the countryside policy”

- AAEA & CAES Joint Annual Meeting, Washington DC, August 2013.
- China Meeting of Econometric Society, Beijing, China, June 2013.
- Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New York, May 2013.
- Chinese Economist Society Annual Meeting, Kaifeng, June 2012.
- American Society of Health Economists Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, June 2012.
- Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Boston, March 2012.
- Lunch Seminar, Department of Economics, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, March 2012.

“The quantity of education and preference for sons: Evidence from Taiwan’s compulsory education reform”

- International Symposium on Human Capital and Labor Markets in Beijing, December 2018.
- Chinese Economist Society North America Conference, West Lafayette, April 2013.

“The effect of sibship size on educational attainment of the first born: Evidence from three decennial censuses of Taiwan”

- China Labor Economists Forum, Hohhot, August 2018.
- International Symposium on Human Capital and Labor Markets, Beijing, December 2016.

“The effect of *in utero* PM₁₀ exposure on infant health: Evidence from dust storm events in Taipei, Taiwan”

- Chinese Economist Society Conference in Hefei, June 2018.
- American Society of Health Economists Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, June 2016.

“Family size and parents’ labor supply and occupational prestige: Evidence from Taiwan and Mainland China”

- International Symposium on Human Capital and Labor Markets, Beijing, December 2017.
- International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics, Guangzhou, December 2017.
- International Health Economics Association Congress, Boston, July 2017.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH ADVISING

COURSES TAUGHT AT NANJING AUDIT UNIVERSITY

- Thinking, Fast and Slow (Undergraduate): Fall 2020, 2021; Spring 2021, 2022
- The Wealth of Nations (Undergraduate): Fall 2020, 2021; Spring 2022
- Health Economics (Undergraduate): Fall 2021

COURSES TAUGHT AT SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

- Labor Economics II (Ph.D.): Spring 2017–2019
- Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate): Spring 2015–2018; Summer 2015–2018

COURSES TAUGHT AT LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

- Statistical Methods (Undergraduate and Graduate Mixed): Fall 2013; Spring 2014
- Money, Banking and Financial Markets (Undergraduate): Summer 2013

PH.D. DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

- Wangyang Zhao, 2020, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics; First Placement: Senior Analyst, WPP Health Practice, China

PH.D. DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Li Zeng, 2018, Lehigh University; First Placement: Risk Modeling Analyst, Huntington National Bank, USA

SERVICE

SERVICE AT NANJING AUDIT UNIVERSITY

- Search Committee for Faculty Hiring, Institute of Politics and Economics, Fall 2019

SERVICE AT SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

- Thesis Advising, 2016–2018: Undergraduate ($\times 12$), Graduate ($\times 4$)
- High-Quality Course Development, 2016: [Intermediate Microeconomics](#)

REFEREEING FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

- *Review of Economics of the Household* ($\times 2$), *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Frontiers of Economics in China* ($\times 2$), *Journal of Labor Research*, *Pacific Economic Review*

HONORS AND AWARDS

2014	Elizabeth Stout Dissertation Award , Lehigh University
2009–2010	Presidential Fellowship, Lehigh University
2005–2009	Excellent Academic Scholarship, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

SKILLS

Software	Stata (advanced), \LaTeX (advanced), ArcGis (intermediate), R (basic), SAS (basic), Matlab (basic), HTML (basic)
Language	Mandarin (native), English (proficient)