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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

2023–Present Assistant Professor, Nanjing Audit University, Joint Research Institute
2019–2023 Assistant Professor, Nanjing Audit University, School of 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>
6. Cheng Chen, Ying-Min Kuo, and Wangyang Zhao, 2023. "Family size, labor supply, and job prestige: Evidence from three decennial censuses in China," *China Economic Review* 80: 101986. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chieco.2023.101986>
7. 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," *American Journal of Health Economics*, forthcoming. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1086/724216>

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

1. 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*.
2. Cheng Chen and Ying-Min Kuo, "Home ownership, family size, and college enrollment: Evidence from the housing cycle in the United States," Under Review, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3979699>.
3. 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, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4097271>.

WORKING PAPERS

1. "Inhalable particulate matter and fetal health: New insights from dust storm invasions," with Shin-Yi Chou, Hsien-Ming Lien, and Muzhe Yang.
2. "Sibling gender composition and child development: Evidence from households with premarriage-age children in rural China," with Ying-Min Kuo.
3. "The effects of housing price change on marriage and fertility: Evidence from the housing booms during the 2000s in the United States," with Ying-Min Kuo.

PRESENTATIONS AT SELECTED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

“Sharing benefits not risks? Estimating household sharing behaviors using two quasi-natural experiments in China”

- The International Conference on The Chinese Economy, Beijing, December 2023.

“Home ownership, family size, and college enrollment: Evidence from the housing cycle in the United States”

- International Workshop on Regional, Urban, and Spatial Economics in China, Beijing, July 2023.

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

- Chinese Economist Society Annual Meeting, Wuhan, June 2023.
- International Symposium on Human Capital and Labor Markets (Virtual), December 2022.
- 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, 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, 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, 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.

“Inhalable particulate matter and fetal health: New insights from dust storm invasions”

- 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

- A Short History of Chinese Philosophy (Introductory Course): Fall 2023
- Thinking, Fast and Slow (Introductory Course): Fall 2020, 2021; Spring 2021, 2022
- The Wealth of Nations (Introductory Course): Fall 2020–2023; 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

- Thesis Advising, 2023–2024: Undergraduate ($\times 3$)
- Research Secretary, School of Economics, Fall 2022
- Search Committee Member for Faculty Hiring, School of 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

2022–Present	Runze Scholarship, Nanjing Audit University
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), L ^A T _E X(advanced), ArcGis (intermediate), HTML (intermediate), Maple (intermediate), R (basic), SAS (basic), Matlab (basic)
Language	Mandarin (native), English (proficient)