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## EDUCATION

*Ph.D. Economics*, University of Maryland, 2025 (expected)

*M.A. Economics*, University of Maryland, 2021

*B.A. Economics & B.S. Mathematics*, Wuhan University, 2019

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy, Chinese Economy

## RESEARCH

### PUBLICATIONS

1. [“Housing Market Regulations and Strategic Divorce Propensity in China”](#), with James Alm and Xun Li, *Journal of Population Economics*, Vol. 35, July 2022
2. [“Role of Professionalism in the Policy Response to COVID-19: Does a Public Health or Medical Background Help?”](#), with Xun Li, Qianqian Wan, and Xi Chen, *China Economic Review*, Vol.71, February 2022

### WORKING PAPERS

3. “China’s Anti-Corruption Campaign and Civil Servant Fever”, with Xun Li, r&r at *Journal of Law and Economics*
4. “The Effect of Education on Voter Turnout in China’s Grassroots Elections”
5. “Anti-Corruption and Political Trust: Evidence from China”, with Ming Fang and Coling Xia
6. “The Impacts of Economic Statecraft: The Case of Taiwan”
7. “Exposure to Violence and Occupational Choice: Evidence from Children of the Cultural Revolution”

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

### PRESENTATIONS

2022: University of Queensland

2021: GLO & Renmin University Joint Conference  
Pre-Ph.D.: Chinese Economists Society Meeting\* (2018, 2019)

(\* = coauthor presented)

#### REFEREE SERVICE

*Agribusiness: An International Journal* • *British Medical Journal: Leader* • *China: An International Journal* • *Journal of Population Economics*

#### RESEARCH ASSISTANT

RA for Dr. Colin Xu (World Bank), 2022

#### TEACHING

TA for 1st-year Ph.D. Econometrics

TA for 1st-year Ph.D. Summer Probability & Statistics Course

#### AWARDS

Best 3rd-Year Paper Prize, University of Maryland, 2022

Melville Ulmer Prize (Best 2nd-Year Paper), University of Maryland, 2022

Distinguished Graduate, Wuhan University, 2019

Scholarship for Outstanding Students, Wuhan University, 2015–2019

#### SKILLS

Software: Stata, Matlab, R

Language: Chinese (native), English