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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, 2019–now
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland, 2021
B.S. Mathematics, Wuhan University, 2019
B.A. Economics, Wuhan University, 2019

RESEARCH AREAS

Political Economy, Economic History, Labor Economics

RESEARCH

Publications

- 2022 “Role of Professionalism in the Policy Response to COVID-19: Does a Public Health or Medical Background Help?” (with Xun Li, Qianqian Wan, Xi Chen)
China Economic Review, Vol. 71, February 2022
- 2021 “Housing Market Regulations and Strategic Divorce Propensity in China” (with James Alm, Xun Li)
Journal of Population Economics, forthcoming

Working Papers

- 2022 “China’s Anti-Corruption Campaign and Civil Servant Fever” (with Xun Li)
Journal of Law and Economics, R&R
- 2022 “Learn to Abstain: How Education Can Lower Voter Turnout in China’s Grassroots Elections”
submitted
- In progress “The Legacy of Cultural Revolution on Occupational Choice”
“Trade and Elections: Evidence from Taiwan”
“Anti-Corruption and Trust in Government” (with Ming Fang)

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Conferences (* = coauthor presented)

- 2021 Journal of Population Economics Special Session, 4th Global Labor Organization-Renmin University
Joint Conference (invited talk), online, December 12

2019* Chinese Economists Society Meeting, Dalian, China
2018* Chinese Economists Society Meeting, Hefei, China

Referee

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

Research Assistant

2022 Research Assistant to Dr. Colin Xu (World Bank)
2017–2019 Research Assistant to Prof. Xun Li (Wuhan University) and Prof. Wei Huang (Chinese University of
Hong Kong)

TEACHING

University of Maryland

Spring 2022 Teaching Assistant, Econ 624: Econometrics (1st-year Ph.D.)

AWARDS

2019– Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland
2019 Distinguished Graduate, Wuhan University
2015–2019 Scholarship for Outstanding Students, Wuhan University

SKILLS

Language English, Chinese (native)
Software Stata, R, Matlab

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