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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, 2024 (expected)
- M.A. Economics, University of Maryland, 2021
- B.A. Economics & B.S. Mathematics, Wuhan University, 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy, Chinese Economy

RESEARCH

PUBLICATION

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. "Learn to Abstain: The Effect of Education on Voter Turnout in China's Grassroots Elections"
5. "Exposure to Violence and Occupational Outcomes: Evidence from Children of the Cultural Revolution"

WORK IN PROGRESS

6. "Anti-Corruption and Political Trust: Evidence from China", with Ming Fang
7. International Trade and Elections
8. Long-Run Impacts of Taiping Rebellion, with Colin Xu

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

PRESENTATIONS (* = COAUTHOR PRESENTED)

2022: University of Queensland

2021: GLO & Renmin University Joint Conference

Pre-Ph.D.: Chinese Economists Society Meeting* (2018, 2019)

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 (for the 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