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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

2nd Place for Economics Poster Competition, University of Maryland, 2023
2nd Place for 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: English, Chinese (native)